

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update April 3, 2015

Administration

The Baker City Lions Club will be completing another project along the pathway. They plan to purchase several pieces of exercise equipment and build a station along the pathway near Kirkway Street. They plan to have the project completed by the middle of June. Photo courtesy of Base Camp Baker.



The Baker City/County Planning Department is hosting a planner's conference this week in Baker City. Over seventy planners from around the state will be enjoying Baker City.

Finance Department

Accounts Payable - The second of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated March 30th.

Utilities



- ◆ 25 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 19 customers disconnected service from March 27th through April 2nd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today, which includes 457 residential and 18 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 94 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 82 late notices were sent March 31st.
- ◆ 1 residential customer (Zone 4) was scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) but was not actually turned off.

City Council

Agenda Items April 14th

**Resolution #3744
City Fees*

**Appoint Volunteers
to Boards &
Commissions*

**Adoption of Council
Goals*

**Removal from
Rural Fire District
Information*

**Police Inventory
Policy*





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical on new and remodel construction within Baker County. For more information please visit: www.bakercity.com/departments/building



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

Issued a permit to remodel an existing home at 1730 Campbell Street, Baker City.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

Issued a permit to install a classroom modular at 1350 Washington Avenue, Baker City.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS CONTD.:

Issued a permit to install a classroom modular at 400 School Street, Haines

Issued a permit to update sprinkler heads for a building and hooking up existing lines at 2200 Resort Street, Baker City



Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	3	8	1	4
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	N/A	7	N/A
MECHANICAL	3	0	3	1
PLUMBING	1	1	0	1
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	13	9	11	6

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Other:

No new information this week.

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.





Planning Department

A regional Planners Network Meeting was hosted in Baker City April 2nd and 3rd. The meeting provided training opportunities for Planners and Planning Commissioners from across Northeast Oregon on topics that included floodplain development and the National Flood Insurance Program, planning program updates, and economic development.

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15th, 2015, in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, to consider a request for a Conditional **Use Permit to construct a 32' x 54' accessory structure totaling ±1,728 square feet at 2203 Colorado Place** in the high-density residential (R-HD) Zone. More information is available from the Planning Department, and comments may be submitted to staff in writing until 5:00 pm on the date of the hearing, or may be presented to the Planning Commission at the hearing. A site visit was conducted on Monday.

The Planning Department reviewed and approved an application for a new wall sign for D & B Supply at 3515 Pocahontas Road. The sign is proposed for the north facing wall.



An application to construct a new dwelling at 930 Quail Ridge Lane was approved on March 31. The single family house is being constructed by J. Petry General Contractors.

A partition plat for Landmar Construction was approved by the Planning Director on March 31.

The Planning Department received an application from Wes Pennington Construction, LLC to construct a single story, single family dwelling at 213 2nd Street.

Interchange Area Management Plan Public Workshop #2

★ **Tuesday**, April 7th, 4-6pm at the Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall 1250 Hughes Lane

Please join the City, County and Oregon Department of Transportation to:



- Learn more about the work that has been completed to date
- Help the project team identify potential long-term transportation concepts



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Last week the Fire Department responded to a total of 40 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	4	Out of Town Transfers	2
City Calls	32	Airport Transfers	0
Patient Transported	30	Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
No Patient Trip	6	Simultaneous Calls	4
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	36	Triple Calls	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4

- Structure fire – 13th St. / General alarm working fire
- Structure fire – 17th St.
- Investigation – Cedar
- Structure fire – 17th St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 21 hours of in-house training during the week.

- EMS – Medication review
- Fire – Firefighter 1 task performance and equipment operations
- Fire investigation

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

55 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Hose maintenance and inventory

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on April 7th.



"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."

POLICE



BCPD handled over 160 incidents this past week, opening 32 new cases.



- ★ BCPD removed another 20 pounds of prescription medication from the Police Department's "Drug Take Back" bin. This program provides an opportunity for citizens to properly remove un-needed prescription drugs from their homes.
- ★ Chief Lohner spoke to the Baker City Rotary Club about the community's new Ordinance #3336 regulating dispensaries and discussed other marijuana related topics.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.
- ★ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.

The Baker City Police Department is seeking to add several members to its service of Reserve Police Officers. Reserve Officers ride with full time Officers in patrol assignments, assist with special events, and may assist with the service of search warrants, scene or person security, and investigations of various types. The selection process includes application, written test, interview, and background investigation. A physical agility test will be included during the Reserve Academy scheduled in January of 2016. Eligible candidates may begin service prior to the academy and upon completion of department provided training can begin patrol assignments with Officers. Applicants with prior full time or reserve law enforcement experience may have some training requirements waived.

Applications are available at the Baker City Police Department, 1768 Auburn Ave, Monday-Friday from 10 AM-4 PM. If you need further information or have questions please call 541 524 2014 and leave a message for Reserve Commander Jerry Boyd. He will return your call.

Prescription Drug Drop Box

Since December 2013, a prescription drug drop box has been installed in the lobby at the Baker City Police Department, allowing citizens to drop off outdated or unneeded prescription drugs at any time. This new option is in addition to the BCPD bi-annual prescription drug take back program, initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 9 old cases
Closed out 4 cases

Dog at Large

1 dog at large returned to owner (no citation)
1 citation issued for dog at large

Parking Violations

Followed up on 7 parking violations
Issued 8 parking citations

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 old case

Dog Bite

Followed up on 1 case

Animal Complaint

Followed up on 1 complaint



Public Works—Tree Board

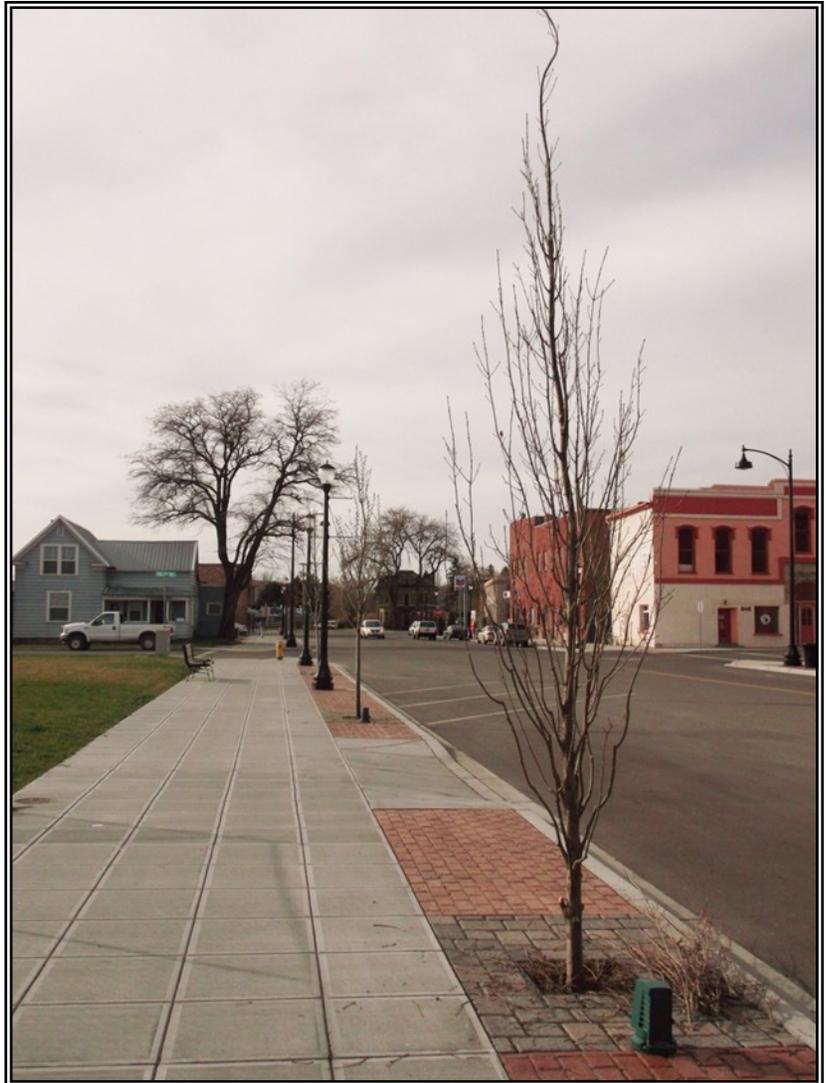
Sixty-five street trees along Resort Street recently received their first structural pruning from Tree Board members Clair Button, Dan Story and Mike Clark. These volunteers invested a total of 25 hours to accomplish this very important task.

Proper structural pruning plays a key role in a tree’s health and maintenance. Structural pruning done correctly in a tree’s early years encourages the branch structure to grow in a manner to avoid possible conflicts with adjacent structures, etc. in the future.

Speaking of tree health, a Public Works crew recently placed Tregators (water bags) around the base of each Resort Street tree. These 20- gallon bags will assist property owners in providing a steady source of water to the young trees.

Although Public Works crews watered all of these trees on a consistent basis last year to ensure the trees received the best start possible in their new environment, the task of watering the trees from this point forward will be the responsibility of the adjacent property owners.

There are a handful of trees that did not survive their first year. Replacement options are currently being looked into for those trees.



Volunteer

*Lend a hand...make a difference!
There is still one position vacant on the Tree Board. Contact Luke Yeaton at 524-2033 or lyeaton@bakercity.com for more information.*



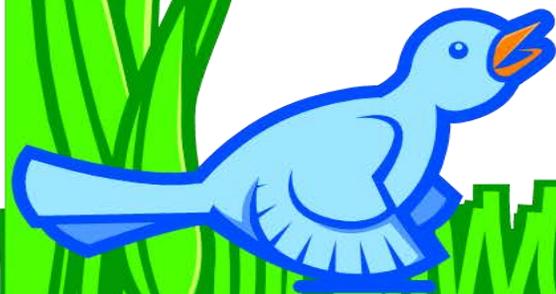


Public Works-Cemetery

**2015
Annual
Mt. Hope
Cemetery
Cleanup
April 6 - April 24**

**Please remove all
decorative items
during this time. Items
may be placed on
grave sites again
beginning April 25th.**

**Thank you for
your cooperation.**





PUBLIC WORKS

Preliminary construction work has begun on the L.A.M.P. expansion project. Earlier this week Larry (pictured to the right) and Tom staked the centerline of the pathway route.

Below, Leo is using highly accurate GPS equipment to mark the east edge of the platted street right of way .



Several members of the tree board met with the City at the parkway site to evaluate tree health. Numerous cottonwood trees were found to have the majority of their limbs to be dead and were determined to be at the end of their prime, therefore required removal. One large cottonwood tree was completely dead, being void of any new growth. There were several trees that were healthy and will receive pruning to reduce the hazard of falling dead limbs.





PUBLIC WORKS

A sediment interceptor basin was successfully installed at the intersection of Auburn and Pear Streets this week. Its purpose is to intercept the mud which flows from the adjacent hillside during surface water runoff events (heavy rains and/or snow melt). Most of the silt will settle out in the basin allowing the less dirty water to flow out from under the curb and down the street.

To the right, Justin excavated the area in preparation for the installation of the 7' x 9' x 7' concrete vault.

Below, the 60,000 pound Cat loader had enough lifting power to handle the 20,000+ pound vault. As the vault was lowered into position - Blain kept close watch on the clearance between the vault edge and an exposed wastewater lateral.



Below pictured are Blain, Tim and Tom pouring the partition wall on the sediment basin.





PUBLIC WORKS Wastewater Dept.

At the intersection of Resort and Campbell Street Keith and Karl used the duct hunter and electronic locator to trace a buried sewer line. The line was found to go northeast from the manhole to the east side of Resort Street on the north side of Campbell.



Keith video inspected a lateral connection near the intersection of 11th and Campbell. There was no obstruction seen at the main line. The resident was contacted and informed that the blockage was between the house and the city mainline.



A developer is constructing a dwelling on Failing Ave. in South Baker. The existing lateral for this building site was examined and **it's condition reported to the developer.**



PUBLIC WORKS City Shop

Spring is here and with no plans for sanding streets again until next year, Doug and Wes removed the sand spreader and placed it into storage for the summer months.



There was a crack on the side of the boom on our cat backhoe, after consulting with the manufacturer it was determined that we would be able to perform the necessary repairs here in our shop. Wes is shown doing these repairs, the crack was ground out and re-welded.

This week Doug replaced the water spray bar pump. The spray bar and pump is used to water the streets while sweeping and keeping the dust down to a minimum. Doug also continued work on the same sweeper, changing the oil, filters and checking things over while performing an equipment service.

