

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update April 10, 2015

### Administration

On Monday the bandstand committee held an official groundbreaking for the new bandstand in Geiser-Pollman Park. The event marked the beginning of work on the site of the new bandstand.

This week Baker City hosted a small convention of fire trainers from around the state. About 75 trainers from around the State visited Baker City this week.



### Finance Department

**Finance Director-**As of April 2<sup>nd</sup> the City has received current year property taxes of \$2,788,087 and prior year taxes of \$88,437.

**Accounts Payable-**The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated today.

**Accounts Receivable-**Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent today. The billings were as follows:

#### Utilities

- ◆ 23 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 15 customers disconnected service from April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today, which includes 481 residential and 55 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 82 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 35 late notices were sent April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Cemetery	\$7,662
Wastewater Maintenance and Incidental Sale	\$2,968
Lien Searches	\$1,080
Ambulance	\$268,445
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$1,832
Property & Weed Abatement	\$2,519
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$4,868
Streets Cuts and Misc.	\$2,161
Miscellaneous	\$15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$291,550</b>

### City Council

#### Agenda Items April 14th

- \*Resolution #3744 City Fees
- \*Appoint Volunteers to Tree Board
- \*Adoption of Council Goals
- \*Annexation & Rural Fire District Information
- \*Resolution 3746 Police Inventory Policy
- \*Resolution 3745 Sidewalk Utility Fee Allocations 2015
- \*Resolution 3747 Budget Appropriations
- \*Liquor License Application
- \*Fund Exchange



# 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](http://www.bakercity.com/departments/building)



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

### **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**

No commercial projects were issued this week.

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

Issued a permit to build a master bedroom/bath addition (38' x 25') at 18003 Old Auburn Lane, Baker City.

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS CONTD.:**

Issued a permit to build a free standing garage (24' x 32') at 718 Ashlee Way, Baker City.

Issued a permit to add a laundry room to an existing home at 3095 2nd Street, Baker City.



### Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	2	8	1	1
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	1	0	0
ELECTRICAL	7	N/A	2	N/A
MECHANICAL	0	2	1	2
PLUMBING	3	5	1	2
FENCE	2	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

### 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**

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 will be accepted by staff in writing until 5:00 pm on the date of the hearing, or can be presented to the Planning Commission at the hearing. The staff report is now available, and was sent to the Planning Commission this week.

The Planning Department approved an application from Wes Pennington Construction, LLC to construct a single family dwelling at 213 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The Planning Department approved an application for a Temporary Use Permit to site a camp trailer as a temporary residence at 1305 11<sup>th</sup> Street. The camp trailer will provide temporary housing until the occupant obtains tenancy at a local apartment complex.

A Kennel Buffer Map and mailing list were provided to the Baker City Police Department for 2416 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Baker City.

Baker City is working with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Baker County to create an Interchange Area Management Plan for I-84 exits 302 and 306. The second public house was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and provided an opportunity for landowners to discuss proposals and ideas with agency staff and the consultants preparing the plans. More information and project documents are available at <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.

The Planning Department has updated and streamlined the application form for Land Use Reviews, which are used for most new single-family dwellings, garages, outbuildings and additions. The new form is shorter and is designed to shorten the review time needed for these projects. The new form is available in the Planning Department office, or on our website <http://www.bakercity.com/departments/planning>.



### **City Hydrants Being Flushed Beginning April 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Baker City Public Works Department will be flushing a number of fire hydrants throughout town beginning April 14, 2015. It is expected that City crews will be undertaking this task for approximately two to three days.

Through this flushing process small silt-like particles may become “stirred up” in the water lines. These are particles which have settled in less active water lines. Water may appear yellow or cloudy as a result of this flushing process. If your water has this appearance, please run your faucet full force for five minutes. After such time, the water should again run clear. If your water continues to be cloudy you may contact the Baker City Public Works at (541) 524-2063.





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 23 emergency alarms.**

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	7	Out of Town Transfers	1
City Calls	14	Airport Transfers	0
Patient Transported	12	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
No Patient Trip	9	Simultaneous Calls	0
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>21</b>	Triple Calls	0

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	2
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>2</b>

- Car fire – Pocahontas St.
- Investigation – A St.

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 70 hours of in-house training during the week.

- EMS – Chart review, pharmacology
- Fire – Hose operations, attic fires, strategy and tactics
- Traffic incident management class

## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

48 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.
- Station tour.



**The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

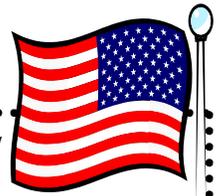


"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."

**POLICE**



**BCPD handled over 150 incidents this past week, opening 24 new cases.**



- ★ BCPD arrested a 19 year-old Ontario man who had four felony warrants and was also the suspect in a stabbing that had occurred in Ontario.
- ★ Sergeant Newman and Officer Pelayo attended a drug investigation school in Boise.
- ★ 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

**Property Maintenance**

Followed up on 5 old cases

Closed out 2 cases

Started 2 new cases

**Parking Violations**

Followed up on 8 parking violations

Issued 3 parking citations

Followed up on 2 parking complaints

**Dangerous Dog**

Followed up on 1 old case

**Animal Complaint**

Completed 1 animal welfare check

**Found Item**

One found bicycle

One found key chain and keys

**Kennel Permit**

Followed up on 3 kennel permits

Denied 1 application for a kennel permit

Started 1 new case

**Offensive littering**

Followed up on 2 complaints

**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.

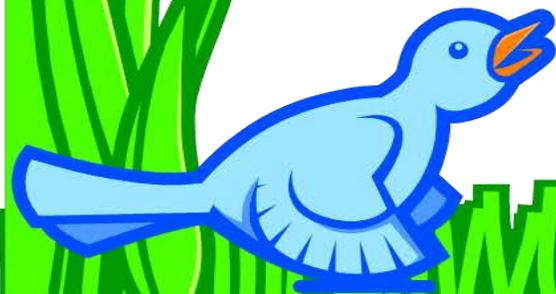


**Public Works-Cemetery**

**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.**





**SAM-O-SWIM Participation:**

**Private Swim Lessons: 12 per week**

**Water Aerobics: 50 adults per week**

**Aqua Zumba: 20 adults per week**

**Lap Swimmers: 44 children and adults daily**

**Open Swim (during spring break): 140 children weekly**

**Swim Lessons Parent and Toddler: 2 children**

**Barracudas Swim Team: 24 children**

**Birthday Party Rentals: 38 children and adults**

**School Rentals: 145 children**

**School Swim Lessons: 100 children (1st, 2nd and 3rd graders)**

**Harvest Christian School Swim Lessons: 37 children**



The Powder Basin Watershed Council will be hosting another litter cleanup along the Leo Adler Pathway for the SOLVE IT Earth Day event. It will be held on Saturday, April 18th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The group will meet at Geiser-Pollman Park in the covered picnic area at 10 a.m. You may register online at the solve website: <http://www.solveoregon.org/getinvolved/events/leo-adler-pathway-cleanup>. You may also register in person on the morning of the cleanup.





### PUBLIC WORKS

A City crew repaired an 8” water line located just south of the Indiana Ave. fill at the golf course. A riser in a steel section of the 8” fill line to the golf course sprang several leaks which, due to its location, required immediate attention. Had the leak not been noticed, the fill dirt could have saturated the street embankment to the point of failure. **The 8” line was constructed prior to the Indiana Ave. improvements, but unfortunately was not relocated, resulting in 10’ of overburden, 20’ horizontally into the fill.**



The crew found that the PVC pipeline had a section of steel pipe that crosses under a large culvert pipe. A riser connected to the steel pipe was found to have several holes in it, which was the source of the leak. The riser section of steel main line was replaced with ductile iron pipe and tapped with **a 1” copper line to provide for a drain**, as this is also the low point in the line.

A City crew began placing fabric and **3”-0” quarry rock along the grubbed alignment of the Wade Williams section of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway this week.**





# PUBLIC WORKS



A dilapidated alley approach on 5th Street was excavated and reconstructed with 6" thick, high strength concrete this week. To the left, Blain and Tim are removing the broken concrete and gravel from the site.

The sides of the approach were formed and braced and fresh concrete placed. To the right, Blain and Tim are finishing the surface of the concrete.



An old rusty water pipe was discovered on the bank of the Powder River. It was a danger to river floaters. Tommy and Rick used a backhoe to remove the hazard from the river bank and disposed of it properly.



## PUBLIC WORKS

Sand and silt deposits in Baker City's wastewater collection lines continue to be a maintenance issue. These problems are especially bad near the commercial car wash businesses. Keith cleaned the City's lines while Karl video inspected them.



Public Works assisted two plumbers on Eldon Street who were bidding to perform repairs on private lot drains. Keith cleaned the City's lines while Karl video inspected them.

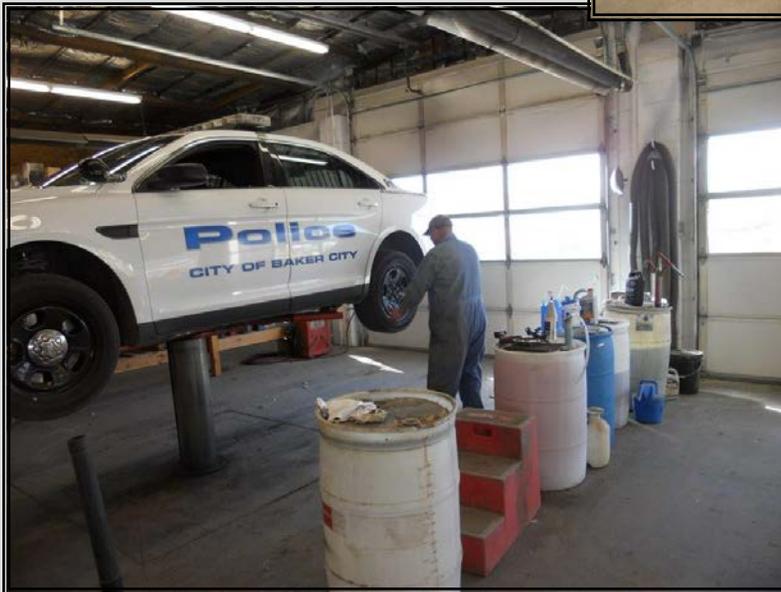
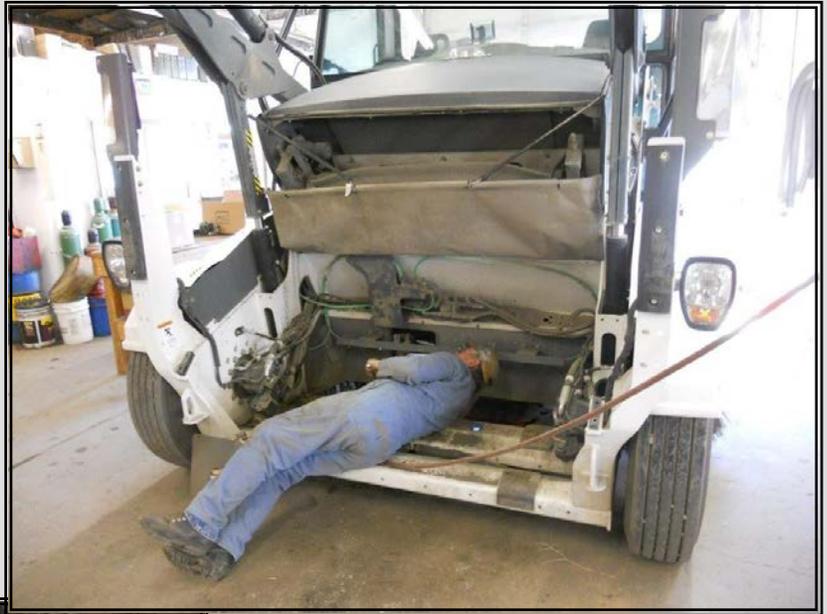


Concrete had cured sufficient enough by Thursday that the pre-cast sediment basin lid for the stormwater vault could be raised and loaded onto a trailer and transported to the Auburn and Pear Street intersection. It was successfully installed onto the open vault.



# PUBLIC WORKS City Shop

One of the Public Works trucks was having an issue with the water spray bar pump. Doug is in the process of replacing the water pump. The spray bar is there to help keep the road dust to a minimum while sweeping.



This week we changed out the rear brake rotors as the rear brakes were worn down on a patrol vehicle.

The shop crew did some remodeling in the shop by adding a wall to enclose the "attic". Doug is pictured putting on the final touches of painting the wood.

