

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update April 17, 2015

### Administration

Several of Baker City's emergency responders, fixed base operators (FBO) employees, friends and family welcomed home Wayne Chastain this week at the Baker City Airport. Wayne, who is a Baker City Police Officer, has spent the last eighteen months deployed to Afghanistan. Welcome home Wayne!



### Finance Department

**LID Billings**-LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 1.5%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

- Five 2006 Elm Street LIDs were billed April 10<sup>th</sup>. The original assessment in 2006 for Elm Street improvements included 21 property owners for a total of \$252,888. The remaining balance outstanding is \$36,395.
- Seven 2002 Indiana Avenue LIDS were billed April 13<sup>th</sup>. The original assessment in 2002 for Indiana Avenue improvements included 111 property owners for a total of \$378,860. The remaining balance outstanding is \$10,495.

### Utilities

- ◆ 7 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 9 customers disconnected service from April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today, which includes 542 residential and 27 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 92 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 85 late notices were sent April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ 6 residential customers (Zone 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and all were turned off until their past due balance was paid.

### City Council

Agenda Items  
April 28th

\*Poppy Day  
Proclamation

\*Tree Board Report

\*Budget Resolution  
for General Fund-  
Legal

\*Arbor Day  
Presentation

\*ASR Well Report

\*Discussion of  
Mission Statement

\*Economic  
Development  
Presentation

\*Herbicide  
Discussion





# 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:**

Issued a permit to install individually illuminated pan channel letters and non-illuminated accent bands to building wall at 315 Pocahontas Road, Baker City.

Issued a permit to install new doors at 810 Front Street, Haines.

Issued a permit to install entry doors at 2200 Resort Street, Baker City.

Issued a permit for a concrete landing & ramp on north side of building into the garden area at 2200 Resort Street, Baker City.

Issued a permit to install 6 X 3 cam signs and 3 individual letters at 2200 Resort Street, Baker City.

### **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS CONTD:**

Issued a permit to install 1/2" ISO and 20 year TPO membrane at 2122 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Baker City.

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

Issued a permit to build a new single family dwelling at 930 Quail Ridge Lane, Baker City.

Issued a permit to build a new single family dwelling at 213 2nd Street, Baker City.

Issued a permit to build a new single family dwelling at the Heather Glen Subdivision (address yet to be determined), Baker City.

### Permits

|                       | Permits Issued City | Inspections City | Permits Issued County | Inspections County |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| BUILDING              | 7                   | 7                | 2                     | 6                  |
| MANUFACTURED DWELLING | 0                   | 0                | 0                     | 0                  |
| ELECTRICAL            | 7                   | N/A              | 4                     | N/A                |
| MECHANICAL            | 4                   | 5                | 0                     | 7                  |
| PLUMBING              | 3                   | 3                | 0                     | 1                  |
| FENCE                 | 1                   | N/A              | 0                     | N/A                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>22</b>           | <b>15</b>        | <b>6</b>              | <b>14</b>          |

### Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

### Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



## Planning Department

The Baker City Planning Commission held 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, and a variance requesting the rear setback for the building be reduced to 5 feet, at 2203 Colorado Place in the High Density Residential zone. The application was approved by the Planning Commission.

An application for a Tesla electric car charging station at 1 Sunridge Lane was approved through a Land Use Review. The charging station will include eight (8) charging posts, four (4) supercharger cabinets, and one (1) switchgear assembly surrounded by a secured wooden fence and one (1) utility transformer on a concrete pad. The property is in the General Commercial zone.

An application to construct a ±2,916 square foot single-family dwelling at 825 G Street was approved through a Land Use Review. The property is in the Low Density Residential zone.

An application to construct a 996 square foot detached garage at 3115 Cedar Street was approved through a Land Use Review. The property is in the High Density Residential zone.

An application was approved for a Property Line Adjustment between parcels at 2855 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 2895 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The properties are in the High Density Residential zone.

An application for remodel of an existing carport at 42171 Chico Road was approved through a Land Use Review. The property is in the General Commercial zone.

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 BMCC Small Business Development Center will be hosting a Pub Talk on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at **Lefty's Tap House**. The talk is scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm. The subject of the Pub Talk will be economic development in Baker County.

### Volunteer with the Public Arts Commission!



The Public Arts Commission was created to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of Baker City by actively pursuing the placement of public art in public spaces within Baker City limits while also serving to preserve and develop public access to the arts. This is a three year term that would expire in April of 2018. The vacancy will be advertised until filled.

Anyone interested in volunteering for appointment to the above Commission may contact Luke Yeaton at City Hall, 541-524-2033 or [lyeaton@bakercity.com](mailto:lyeaton@bakercity.com). Applications may be submitted electronically through [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com).



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 37 emergency alarms.**

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

|                              |           |                         |   |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---|
| Rural Calls                  | 8         | Out of Town Transfers   | 2 |
| City Calls                   | 26        | Airport Transfers       | 3 |
| Patient Transported          | 28        | Motor Vehicle Accidents | 2 |
| No Patient Trip              | 6         | Simultaneous Calls      | 6 |
| <b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b> | <b>34</b> | Triple Calls            | 0 |

## FIRE REPORTS

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| General Alarms              | 0        |
| Still Alarms                | 3        |
| <b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b> | <b>3</b> |



- Misc. fire – 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- False alarm – 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- Rescue – Interstate 84

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 19 hours of in-house training during the week.

- EMS – Case review
- Fire – Pump operations, rapid intervention teams, forcible entry
- Traffic incident management class

## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Hose testing
- Small tool maintenance

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Fire prevention checks



**The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on April 21<sup>st</sup>.**

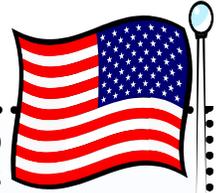


"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."

**POLICE**



**BCPD handled over 232 incidents this past week, opening 38 new cases.**



- One case involved the arrest of three persons during a traffic stop. Two individuals were arrested for outstanding warrants and one individual was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- Lieutenant McCormick was honored for his many years of service to this department during a retirement party held at City Hall. Lieutenant McCormick is relocating to Scotland, South Dakota as the newly-hired Chief of Police. We wish him and his wife, Bonnie the best of luck in this new adventure.
- Officer Rand Weaver attended *The Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques* training in Boise, Idaho.
- 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.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

**Property Maintenance**

Followed up on 6 old cases  
Closed out 1 case  
Started 1 new case

Issued 2 citations for non-compliance

**Parking Violations**

Followed up on 8 parking violations  
Issued 7 parking citations

**Dangerous Dog**

Closed out 1 old case

**Animal Complaint**

Followed up on 2 barking dog complaints

**Found Item**

One found bicycle  
One found ring

**Kennel Permit**

Followed up on 1 kennel permit complaint

**Street Cleanup**

Assisted with cleanup of fallen tree at 3rd and Place St.

**Temporary Use Permit**

Followed up on 1 permit

**Stolen Vehicle**

Assisted with 1 stolen vehicle case

**Problem Pet Owner**

One problem pet owner hearing

**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.

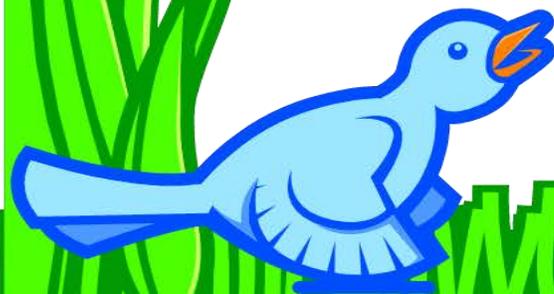


**Public Works-Cemetery**

**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.**





## UPCOMING TREE WORKSHOP

### Basics of Tree Care & Maintenance Workshop

When: Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Ace Nursery, 39103 Pocahontas Road

Cost: **FREE**

Register by calling 541.523.6595

*Sponsored by: The Master Gardeners and Ace Nursery*

### Basics of Tree Pruning

When: Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Where: Details provided by sponsor

Cost: Details provided by sponsor

Register by calling 541.523.6418

*Sponsored by: The OSU Extension Office*

## Sidewalk Construction Season is Almost Upon Us!

Grant dollars are **available until  
June 30<sup>th</sup>** through the 2014/2015  
**Sidewalk Replacement Grant.**

**\$771** in grant funding still available!

**4,159 sq. ft.** of new sidewalks have been constructed just through the 2014 grant!

**2,315 sq. ft.** of pending sidewalk improvement projects are still anticipated to be accomplished by June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year through this grant!

**Questions?** Please contact Jennifer at (541) 524-2063 or via email at [jmurphy@bakercity.com](mailto:jmurphy@bakercity.com).

Grant applications are available at the City website at [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) or in the Public Works Department in City Hall.



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Water Dept.**

Monday a breach was discovered in the 18" diameter concrete waterline which runs between Salmon and Little Salmon Creek. A huge boulder approximately 12 feet long and 10 feet wide rolled off the steep hillside approximately 200 yards above the pipeline road, knocked over numerous trees (without a wood cutting permit) hit the pipeline road, making a small crater there, and then smashed the concrete pipe. The boulder didn't stop there. The boulder continued to roll downhill approximately 1/4 mile, leaving behind a path of destruction.



To the right is the crater in the middle of the Pipeline Road. Water is bubbling up from the broken pipe. Jake immediately diverted the flow of water to go down the Intertie Line and bypass the broken pipe portion of the Mountain Line.





# PUBLIC WORKS



Keith and Tom did some exploratory work on the exterior of the Heilner Building at the Baker City Airport. Keith is pictured removing some of the loose concrete from the east face of the building. The surface is scheduled to be cleaned of loose debris and repaired using a specialized concrete repair product.



Final work on the sediment basin was completed this week. Blain and Tim placed additional concrete between the driveway approach and the vault. Concrete ecology blocks were placed to stabilize the embankment and a grate was fabricated and attached to the outlet to prevent small children and animals from entering.



Excellent progress was made this week on Leo Adler Memorial Parkway Project. To the right, Justin is operating a rented trackhoe to smooth the subgrade and spread the base rock along the new pathway route. The new pathway is being constructed between the existing hand placed rock wall and close to the Powder River Bank where possible.



# PUBLIC WORKS City Shop

Doug is doing some work for the Water Department. The access covers on the large water tank were in need of some modifications. Doug is pictured to the right welding some strips on one cover, the strips will help keep rain water from entering the tank.



The rear muffler hanger on one of the shop pickups broke recently. We replaced the rubber hanger so the tail pipe wouldn't drag on the ground.

Doug completed a vehicle service on one of the 5 yard dump trucks. This includes changing the oil, filters, greasing and checking things over.

