

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update August 14, 2015*

## Administration

This week two major fires started out in Baker County, the Windy Ridge Fire and the Cornet Fire. As a result of the Governor signing a fire conflagration order, resources from around the State arrived in Baker to assist in the firefighting efforts. Several vehicles from the Portland Fire Bureau arrived for a briefing at the Baker Fire Department on Thursday.

Questions regarding evacuations can be directed to the Baker County EOC at (541) 523-2905.

For more information about locations and sizes of wildfires in the United States <http://wildfiretrack.com/> is a great tool to check.



To the left, Cornet Fire at Stice's Gulch Thursday afternoon.

Below, Cornet Fire Wednesday afternoon from Beavercreek area.



## *City Council*

*August 25<sup>h</sup>  
Agenda Items:*

*\*Third Reading of  
Ordinance # 3342  
Prohibiting Marijuana  
Sales*

*\*FAA Grant Assistance  
Program*

*\*Sam- O- Swim Pool  
Committee Update*





# 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:**

3715 Pocahontas – inside conversion of space to a restroom at YMCA

1205 Campbell – installation of additional sprinkler heads inside SAFEWAY



## **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

Issued one new permit for 35369 Snake River Road – pole barn addition.

Issued one new permit for 1002 Market Road, Sumpter – pole barn addition.

## Permits

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	2	6	2	16
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	1
ELECTRICAL	5	1	3	5
MECHANICAL	0	1	0	1
PLUMBING	2	2	0	0
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>

## Other:

The “electrical” component was included this week as we have kept current on inspection results.

Demo permit issued – 1440 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Safety Investigation – 804 Auburn

Safety Investigation – 2920 Elm

## Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



## **City/County Planning Department**

The Baker County Planning Department is here to serve you with property services, technical assistance and information. The Planning Department is responsible for implementing Baker County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance as well as Oregon Revised Statutes and Administrative Rules when considering proposals to use or develop property.



### **Development Code Update**

The third and final hearing for an Ordinance to update the Development Code was heard by City Council on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm and adopted. The next step will be to wait for approval from the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

### **Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to hear a Conditional Use Permit application for a new shop at 1500 Vista Heights Drive. The proposed shop is approximately 2,500 sq. ft. and approximately 23 ft. in height. Notifications of the application appeared in the Baker City Herald on Monday.

### **Projects and Approvals**

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm the City Council approved the third and final reading of a request for a vacation of a dead-end, undeveloped portion of E Street near its intersection with East Street.

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. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website, <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.

The Planning Department received two applications from Acom Consulting, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, for two Conditional Use Permits to install two 100 feet high transmission towers in the Industrial Zone in Baker City. The Conditional Use Permit hearings are scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting on September 16.

Planning staff held a pre-application conference to discuss a proposal to change the use of a house on the corner of Main and Campbell from residence to office. The Conditional Use Permit hearing is tentatively scheduled to be heard at the regular Planning Commission meeting on September 16.

A land use review application to build a new storage building for an existing auto repair business at 41466 Highway 30 was approved.

A floodplain development permit to install a garage at 2215 Ohio Ave was approved. Planning Staff is currently reviewing a land use review application for the project.

An application to adjust a common property line between houses on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> was submitted to the Planning Department and is under Department review.



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 **28** emergency alarms.

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3

<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>3</b>
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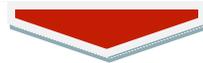


- ◆ Trash fire (3)

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	20
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	14
No Patient Trip	11

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 25



Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	4
Triple Calls	0



## TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **38** hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire - Fire behavior, flow paths, ventilation techniques
- EMS – PT Assessments

## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Medication refill

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Fire prevention inspections.



**The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on August 18<sup>th</sup>.**



# **POLICE** **DEPARTMENT**

*"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."*



★ This past week BCPD handled over **170** incidents and opened **53** new cases. Five of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants. There were four motor vehicle crashes and two arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

★ Chief Lohner participated in and audited a Suicide Intervention training, which will be offered to various organizations in our region.

★ Chief Lohner met with HBC President Abell, to discuss a comprehensive survey that will be distributed to downtown merchants, regarding the motorcycle rally.

★ Chief Lohner participated in a Chamber of Commerce and Employer Council meeting, where Marijuana laws and regulations were discussed.

★ 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.



### **Weekly Code Enforcement Activity:**

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 4 old cases  
Started 1 new case

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 case  
Attended 1 hearing

Animal Complaints

Followed up on 1 barking dog complaint  
Followed up on 2 Animal neglect complaints  
Impounded 1 dog in custody

Parking Violations

Issued 5 parking citations  
Followed up on 4 parking complaints

Weed Complaint

Followed up on 6 weed complaints

Found Item

1 found item  
1 stolen item returned to owner

Kennel Permit

Followed up on 1 application

Graffiti

Followed up on 1 complaint

Transient Merchant License

Followed up on 2 complaints  
Issued 1 citation for non-compliance



## Turbo Retirement Fund

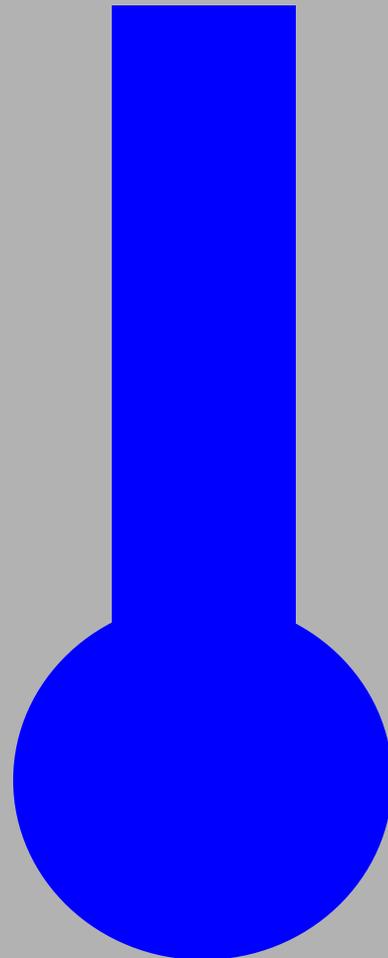


The Baker City Police Department is pleased to announce the following businesses who have recently donated towards the purchase of Turbo's replacement! With your support, we have exceeded our goal of \$10,000! This funding will provide for the purchase of a trained dog, training for the new dog's handler, airfare and other costs associated with the purchase and training. Additional donations are welcome! These donations will be used to offset costs associated with ongoing veterinary care of the K9 and maintenance of the program.

### *Thank you to our generous sponsors:*

- Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally
- Best Western Sunridge Inn
- Superior Towing Inc.
- High Desert Harley-Davidson
- LA Enterprises Inc.
- Lavish Salon and Day Spa
- Chelsea C. Blatchford  
(Brown Road Photography)
- Richard D. Johnson
- Kimberly A. Ham
- P&E Distributing Company
- Murrit Davis and Lorry Juteau-Davis
- Anonymous Donation
- Baker City Bronc & Bull Riding, Inc.
- Shawna and Carl Patton
- Leland R. and Roberta McCall
- Black Distributing, Inc.
- Marlene and Keith Rogers
- Daniel and Michelle Batchelor

# \$11,460!!



## *Thank you!*



## Golf Course Update

As water curtailment continues the Quail Ridge Golf Course is also making serious cutbacks to contribute to voluntary curtailment. The Quail Ridge Golf Course is reducing their usage by shutting off the water to the rough. Next week they will reduce usage even more by watering tees and greens every other day. We appreciate their sense of community.

We ask all Baker City residents to please conserve water when possible and water lawns on even or odd days based on address.



## Public Works - Water

To the right is Goodrich Reservoir pictured on Tuesday, with approximately 170 MG left. The City has been very frugal with the stored water so far, and will continue to do so, as this supply needs to last well into September.



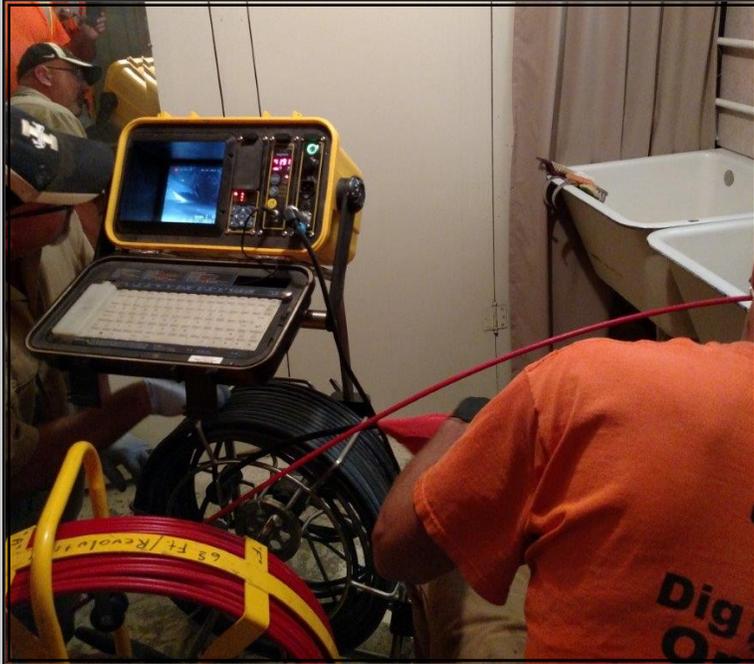


**Due to current fire restrictions, the Baker City Watershed is closed to all hunters at this time and hunting access permits are not being issued.**

The Watershed will remain closed until the fire danger is classified as **“Low”** or **“Moderate”**. Please call (541) 524-2047 if you have any questions.



# PUBLIC WORKS



Besides all the work that was done on Baker City streets this week - other duties also had to be performed. Measurements and other data had to be recorded at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and a wastewater lateral had to be inspected for a local Drain Cleaner. To the right, Karl and Tip used the Vivax Camera to inspect a lateral from a house on 1st Street. A defect was isolated in the lateral and its location marked for the property owner.

## Public Works - Cemetery

Ty Bennett Roofing began work last week on the repair and sealing of the Mt. Hope Abbey Mausoleum roof at Mt. Hope Cemetery. It is expected that the work will be completed in the next week, and will provide a weather resistant, water impermeable seal for many years to come.



This is a reminder that the City of Baker City Public Works Department plans to fog seal several streets in town on Monday, August 17th. Please be aware of street closures and utilize alternate routes as needed. Streets to be sealed include **Best Frontage Road** from Campbell to H Street, **Resort Street** from Main to Auburn, **Pocahontas Road** from the UPRR tracks to 10th Street, **E Street** from 10th to College and **L Street**.



## PUBLIC WORKS



The chipseal project was scheduled and completed August 10th - August 13th. Baker City Public Works crews along with citizens cooperation worked together to successfully complete the 2015 Chipseal Project. Over 75,000 square yards of asphalt street surface were treated with the HFE 901S Emulsion. The crew of Justin, Craig and Dennis worked to cover the oil on "B" Street. To the left, Dennis is communicating to Justin when to trigger the gates allowing the rock to cover the fresh oil at the correct time.

To the right, the crew of Justin, Craig and Dennis are spreading an even layer of 3/8" -#4 rock at a rate of approximately 21# per square yard onto the street surface over the chipseal oil which was spread at a rate of .42 gallons per square yard. Doug and Tommy used the weight of the rubber tired rollers to integrate the rock into oil forming a strong matrix surface.



**Keith operated the City's Case Loader** all four days loading rock into dump trucks. To the left, he is loading a small amount of rock into one of the **supervisor's trucks.** **This rock was used** to cover any oil which the Bearcat Chip Spreader was not able cover or where oil was seeping through the rock to the surface.



Thank you to all those working hard to keep our community safe; this community truly appreciates all that you do. Also, thank you to the people offering support for those being evacuated. Once again, we are reminded how community-oriented Baker County really is.



**“My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place; police, firefighters, and members of our armed forces.”**