

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 7, 2015

Administration

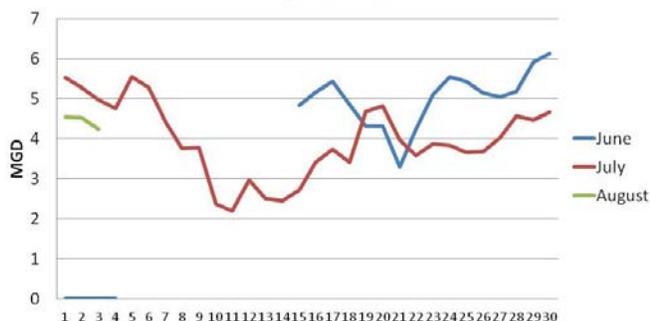
Community night out was well attended this year with almost 800 Baker City citizens enjoying a meal and visiting with vendors in the park on Tuesday evening. One of the most popular attractions was a dunk tank supporting the local wrestling team. To the right, Police Chief Wyn Lohner takes a dip to support the local wrestlers.



Changes continue in the Building Department as we go forward in attempting to fill the building official vacancy. Currently we are using personnel from the State Building Codes Division to fill in for two days a week. We are keeping up with inspections and our local contractors have been very patient. We have received a couple of applications and will move forward to fill the vacancy.

Water Usage 2015

Daily Water Use



The City continues to use over four million gallons of water per day even though the goal was to use less than that. This chart shows the water usage in the City since June 15th. We continue to ask water users to only irrigate every other day. If you have an even address water on even dates, if your address is an odd number water on the odd days of the week.

If the goal cannot be achieved through voluntary compliance the City will enact a mandatory irrigation schedule. We all need to work together in order to conserve this valuable resource.

City Council

August 11th

Agenda Items:

- *Third reading of Ordinance # 3340
Removal of Property from Rural Fire Protection
- *Third Reading of Ordinance # 3341
Development Code
- *Second Reading of Ordinance # 3342
Prohibiting Marijuana Sales
- *Third Reading of Ordinance # 3343
Vacating a Portion of E Street
- *Bid Award for Mini Excavator
- *Bid Award for Cured in Place Pipe
- *Kennel Permit Application





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

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

No new commercial permits were issued for projects this week.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

Issued one new permit for 2209 Cherry Street – 23x34, 2-story addition

Issued one new permit for 18903 Greenridge Drive – 30x40 garage

Issued one new permit for Whitetail Lane – 4385 square foot new residence

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	6	3	8
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	3	8	3	9
MECHANICAL	4	4	3	0
PLUMBING	1	1	2	2
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	10	19	11	19

Other:

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

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.



Finance Department

Utilities:

- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today which includes 468 residential and 18 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 103 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 26 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 30 customers disconnected service from July 31st thru August 6th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ 36 late notices were sent August 4th.

Planning Department

Development Code Update

The third and final hearing for an Ordinance to update the Development Code is scheduled for August 11th, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Planning Commission

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

Projects and Approvals

On August 11th, 2015 at 7:00pm the City Council will hear a petition to vacate a dead-end, undeveloped portion of E Street near its intersection with East Street. The City Council approved the first and second readings of the petition request at the July 28th meeting, and the petition is scheduled to be heard for the third and final time at the August 11th meeting.

The Planning Department held a pre-application conference with a representative of Verizon Wireless, who is proposing to submit two Conditional Use Permit applications to construct two wireless transmission towers in Baker City. The Conditional Use Permits are tentatively scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting on September 16.

Planning staff will hold a pre-application conference next week 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 submitted this week. This application is currently under review, and a request for comments on the proposal has been sent to impacted departments.

Public Arts Commission Vacancy

The Public Arts Commission is still looking for someone to join their team to improve art within the community. The Public Arts Commission works 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. You can apply online at: <http://bakercity.com/boardscommissions-volunteer-form>





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 **36** emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	1

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	1
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- ◆ Valley St.—Smoke Investigation-false alarm

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	32
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	25
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 35

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



TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **37** hours of in-house training during the week.

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

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Fire prevention inspections.
- Fire prevention presentation to 30 children



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



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 **249 incidents** and opened **37 new cases**. One case involved the arrest of a woman for punching her live-in boyfriend in the presence of their minor children. She was charged with Assault IV Domestic Violence in the Presence of Minors.

★ BCPD provided traffic control assistance during the Shrine Parade and additional security during the East vs. West Shrine Football Game.

★ Chief Lohner acted as MC during the Annual National Night Out event held at the Geiser-Pollman Park. This event, organized by Baker City Events, featured live music, food, raffle items, vendor booths and public safety personnel. Many thanks to the Lions for cooking the food, YoungLife and the COPs (Citizens On Patrol) for assisting with cleanup and tear down, Frank Carlson for the music and a host of other community sponsors who either donated to this event or came out to represent their individual businesses and services.



★ BCPD has received over \$10,000 in donations towards the purchase of a new K9 dog to replace Turbo, who retired earlier this summer. 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.

★ 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
Closed out 1 case (property in compliance)
Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on one case
Issued 1 citation for non-compliance
Issued 1 citation of Dangerous dog running at large

Animal Complaints

Followed up on 1 barking dog complaint

Parking Violations

Issued 6 parking citations
Followed up on 3 parking complaints

Weed Complaint

Followed up on 5 weed complaints

Found Item

1 found bicycle

Kennel Permit

Followed up on one application



Turbo Retirement Fund

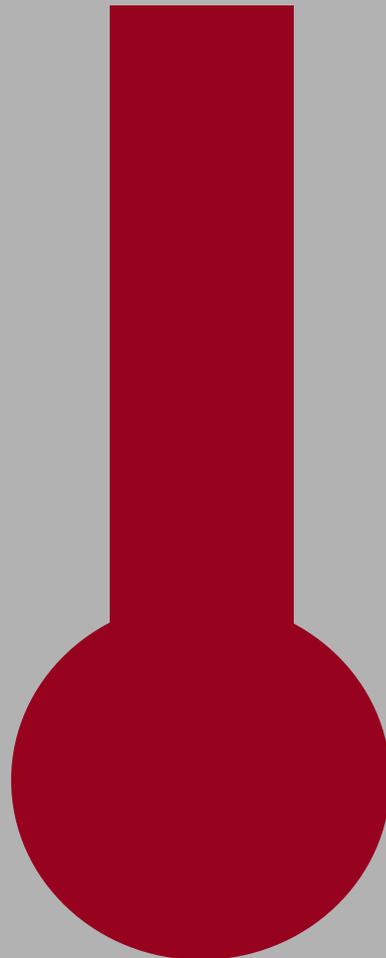


The Baker City Police Department is pleased to announce the following businesses who have recently donated towards the purchase of Turbo's replacement! With your support, we have exceeded our goal of \$10,000! This funding will provide for the purchase of a trained dog, training for the new dog's handler, 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!



PUBLIC WORKS

Watershed production remains very low, and is expected to worsen as the drought continues. The ASR Well and Goodrich Reservoir continue to supply over half of the City's water supply.



Above is Goodrich Reservoir pictured in July 2014.

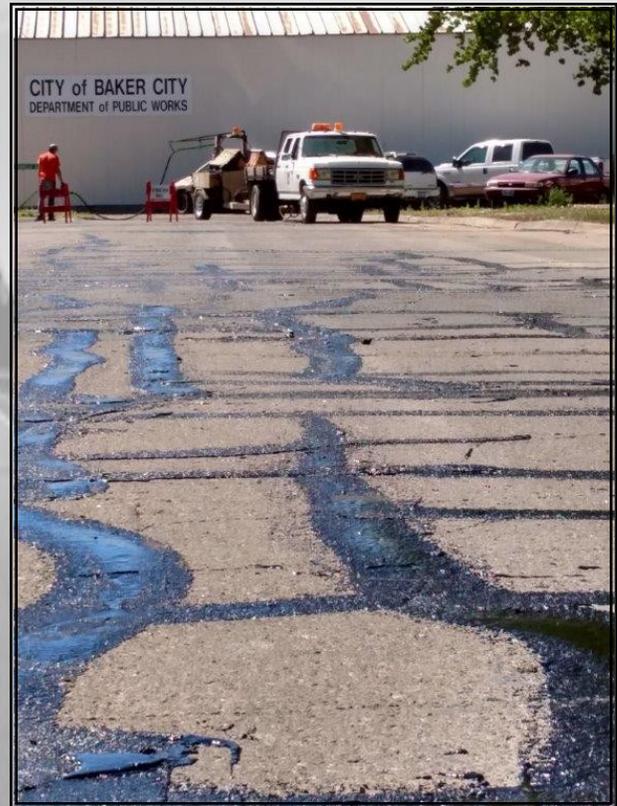


Jake has been working on sign maintenance in the watershed in preparation for the upcoming hunting seasons.



PUBLIC WORKS

To the right, the crew of Tip (Steve), Doug, (Riley and A.J.– college workers) crack-filled 7th Street.



Above, crew of Blain and Matt raised 4 Survey Monument boxes to street grade this week. Here they are working on the monument box at 5th & B. It is the responsibility of the Street Department to keep the Survey Monuments in good condition and accessible to Professional Land Surveyors and the public.



To the right: Karl, Blain and Matt are repairing the asphalt on 11th Street. Tree roots had grown under the curb created a large hump in the street where the roots were attempting to come up through the asphalt surface. Blain used a backhoe to dig deeply behind the curb and cut the roots that were growing into the street.