

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update February 6, 2015*

**Administration:** The City Manager attended the legislative hotline at the Extension Office this week. The hotline is organized by the Baker County Chamber of Commerce, giving citizens the opportunity to speak with Representative Bentz and Senator Ferrioli. The meeting was attended by only half a dozen people. The schedule for the upcoming meetings is listed below.

- Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am (PST)
- Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 am (PST)
- Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am (PST)
- Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 am (PST)

There is still one vacancy on the Historic District Design and Review Commission. Applications are available by visiting: <http://bakercity.com/government/boards-a-commissions> or by contacting the City Recorder, Luke Yeaton at (541) 524-2033 or [lyeaton@bakercity.com](mailto:lyeaton@bakercity.com).

## **Finance Department**

**A Message from the Finance Director:** As of February 3<sup>rd</sup> the City has received \$2,681,378 in current year property taxes and \$69,848 in prior year property taxes.

### **Utilities**

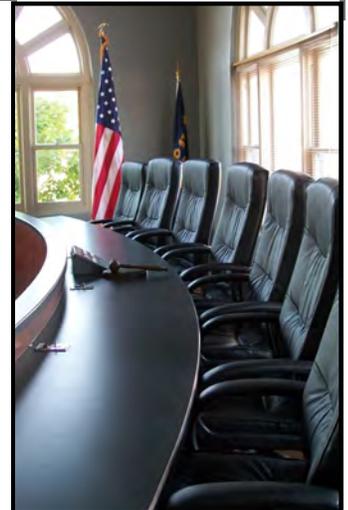


- 17 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 16 customers disconnected service from January 30<sup>th</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 5 was billed today which includes 455 residential and 18 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 96 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- 2 residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due); one of those was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

## **City Council**

### **Agenda Items February 10th**

- \*Revitalize Main Street Act
- \*Report to Council Bandstand Project
- \*Report to Council Leo Adler Memorial Parkway Trailhead
- \*Ordinance #3336 Regulating Commercial Marijuana





# 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

## **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

A permit for a new shop was issued for parcel #10S37E03C00101

A permit was issued for a covered deck at 44465 First Creek Road

A permit was issued to relocate the man door of a garage at 1015 Washington Avenue

## **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**

No new commercial projects were issued this week.

### Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING*	1	4	2	4
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	1	N/A	0	N/A
MECHANICAL	1	2	2	2
PLUMBING	5	3	0	1
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

### Historic District Design Review Commission

The next HDDRC will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Building Department or Council Chambers (if needed).

### Other:

No new information.

### Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.



## Planning Department

The next Baker City Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Baker City Hall. The agenda will include:

- A Conditional Use Permit application requesting approval to build a bandstand in Geiser-Pollman Park, submitted by Bandstand Committee chair David Hunsaker. The park is located at the corner of Campbell and Grove Streets.
- A Conditional Use Permit application requesting approval to build a trailhead and parking area for an extension of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway. The trailhead is proposed to be located at 945 Resort Street.
- Election of the Planning Commission Chair and Vice-chair.



Leo Adler Memorial Parkway area

- An application to partition one parcel into two parcels was submitted by Mark Landavazo. The parcel is currently vacant and adjoins 1340 D Street. Comments on the request are due by February 7, 2015.
- A Floodplain Development Permit (FDP) was issued on January 30<sup>th</sup> to Union Pacific Railroad for the replacement of an existing bridge which crosses the Powder River within Baker City limits, near Indiana Avenue. Building must begin within 180 days of the permit being issued.
- A Sign Permit Application was approved for Thatcher’s ACE Hardware. The sign permit included three new wall signs and replacement of the face of one freestanding sign at the business’ future location at 2200 Resort Street.
- The Planning Director met with new Planning Commissioner Brandy Bruce to provide Planning Commissioner orientation and training.



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 **29** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	10	Out of Town Transfers	5
City Calls	16	Airport Transfers	3
Patient Transported	21	Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
No Patient Trip	5	Simultaneous Calls	1
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>26</b>	Triple Calls	1

## FIRE REPORTS

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



- ❑ False Alarm—Cedar
- ❑ False Alarm—Campbell
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## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 70.5 hours of in-house training during the week.

- ❑ Chart reviews.
- ❑ EMS – Diabetic emergencies, advanced airway
- ❑ Fire-Incident Command

## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

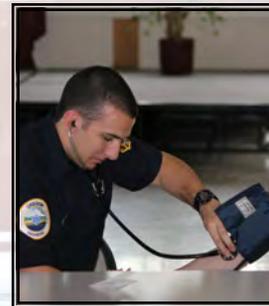
63 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- ❑ Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance including:
- ❑ Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- ❑ Station maintenance
- ❑ SCBA flow testing
- ❑ SCBA fit testing
- ❑ Engine 2431 inventory

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ❑ BP checks at senior center.
- ❑ Provided fire extinguisher training for 21 Public Works employees



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on February 10<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 DEPARTMENT**



**BCPD handled over 170 incidents this past week, opening 36 new cases. A few of those cases included were:**



- ★ Three of these cases resulted in narcotics related arrests.
- ★ One of these cases resulted in the discovery of items typically used to make Methamphetamine. An ongoing investigation has since ensued.

- ★ Chief Lohner received a complaint from a local couple, who were concerned about the volume of people on the Leo Adler Pathway who fail to keep their dogs leashed. BCPD would like to remind all pet owners that they are required to keep their dogs on a leash when they are on public property. BCPD will begin conducting random foot patrols on the pathway in an attempt to contact pet owners in violation.
- ★ 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 4 old cases

Closed out 1 case

Cited 1 case

Started 1 new case

**Animal complaints**

Follow up on 2 complaints

**Dog License**

Started 4 new no dog license cases

Followed up on 4 old case

**Dog at Large**

2 Dogs at large returned to owner

1 Dog impounded

**Dog Bite**

1 new dog bite case

**Parking Violations**

Followed up on 9 parking violations

Issued 7 parking citations

**Kennel Permit**

Followed up on 4 permits

**Livestock permit**

Followed up on 1 new case

**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

**Water Department:** A two man crew continues to exercise water valves regularly each week. To the right, Jake is performing maintenance on the generator at the Hydro Plant this week.



**Stormwater Department:** This week crews continued to clean the catchbasins. To the right, Tommy and Jason cleaned one of the catchbasins at the intersection of 14th Street and Campbell Street.



The catchbasin at the southeast corner of 14th and Campbell is filling with debris from behind the curb. An underground utility locate was requested for the area and the catchbasin base will be repaired next week.





## PUBLIC WORKS

**Wastewater Department:** This week crew inspected manholes and lines throughout town. To the right, Keith and Rick cleaned a private line within the old “New Tribes” facility. Below, Keith is pictured inspecting the line after it was cleaned.



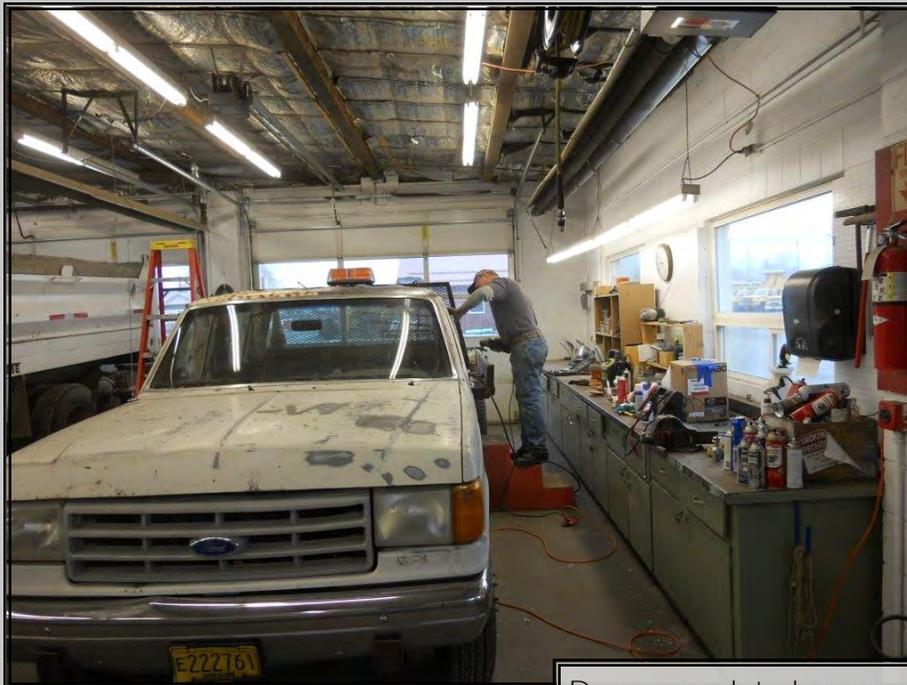
Manholes were also located and rated this week as well. It is important that manholes be visible and accessible for cleaning when emergencies arise. Below, a magnetometer was used to locate a buried manhole in Kirkway Park. After a little digging the manhole was exposed. A tapered concrete lift ring will be built next week so the lid can be raised to the ground surface and match the slope of the grass.





## **PUBLIC WORKS** *City Shop*

Wes is pictured to the right working on a portable air compressor that the City uses. The crew was busy adding airline lubricators that add oil to the air lines which in turn power the jackhammers.



Doug completed preparation work for an upcoming paint job on one of the older pickups; this truck is used mostly by the summer employees.