

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 27, 2015

Administration

The Baker City Airport Commission met last week at the Baker City Airport. The Commission talked about upcoming airport projects and the challenges with funding those projects. The Commission also attended a presentation by John Stevens, who is the zone manager for the Unmanned Aircraft System Range in Pendleton Oregon. The group talked about all of the possible opportunities for Baker City to take advantage of the range and possible missions that may originate from Baker County

The City Manager attended a meeting with a group of Baker County citizens that oppose the citing of the Boardman to Hemingway Project. The group is very interested in making sure that the City of Baker City comment to the BLM prior to March 19th. This will give Baker City standing in the process.

Finance Department

Finance Director -January's financial summary is now available at <http://www.bakercity.com/government/reports-a-statistics#Finance>.

The budget committee will meet March 3rd for an interim budget meeting to discuss training, the 2013-14 audit results and current year to date revenue expenditures compared to budget. The training presentation is available online at www.bakercity.com under the budget committee tab.

Accounts Payable- The second of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated February 23rd.

Payroll Seventy-six employees were paid today including thirteen paid "volunteer firefighters". Of those 76 employees 67 or 88% are signed up for direct deposit.

Utilities

- ◆ 12 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 9 customers disconnected service from February 20th through February 26th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today, which includes 451 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 71 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 77 late notices were sent February 24th.
- ◆ 2 residential customers (Zone 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) and one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

Agenda Items March 10th

- *Executive Session:*
 - Real Estate*
 - *YMCA Update*
 - *Business License Ordinance*
 - *Information on Development Moratorium*





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

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

A permit was issued for a new shop at 3180 Elm Street.

A permit for an addition was issued for 885 F Street.

A permit for a new single family home was issued for 1760 Church Street.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS CONTD.:

A permit for a carport was issued for 1515 3rd Street in Haines.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

No new commercial permits were issued this week.



Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING*	3	0	1	0
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	0
ELECTRICAL	5	N/A	3	N/A
MECHANICAL	1	0	0	0
PLUMBING	1	0	0	0
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	10	0	5	0

Historic District Design Review Commission

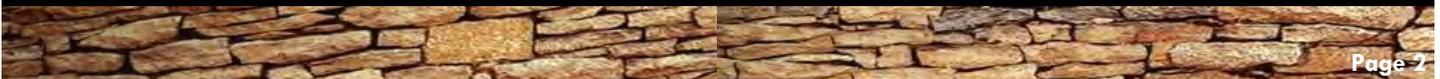
No new information this week.

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Other:

No new information this week.

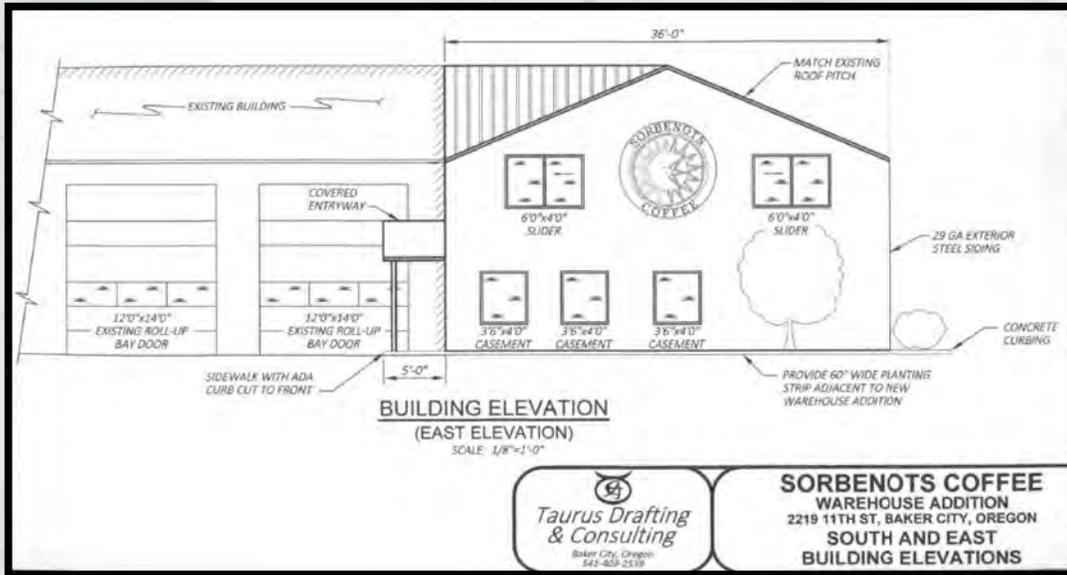




Planning Department

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Pre-notice signs were posted at 2219 11th Street for the proposed expansion of an existing warehouse, owned by Northwest Properties and operating as Sorbenot's Coffee Company. The proposed extension measures ±2,160ft² and will be used primarily for the manufacturing of baked goods and the processing of coffee beans. Mailed notices were sent to property owners within 100 feet of the property boundary. The public comment period on this application will close Tuesday, March 10th at 5:00pm.



The Planning Department has tentatively approved an application to partition one parcel into two parcels submitted by Mark Landavazo. The parcel is currently vacant and adjoins 1340 D Street. Notices of this decision were sent on February 13th. Appeals of the decision must be submitted by Monday, March 2nd at 5:00pm.

An application to install a portable carport at 1028 Resort Street was approved.

Blue Mountain Oil submitted a land use review application to install a cardlock distribution system at their bulk plant location at 2885 13th Street following a pre-application conference two weeks prior. This application is currently under review, and a decision will likely be issued next week.

The Planning Department has reviewed Temporary Use Permit applications for the temporary siting and occupancy of RV's on 2315 Indiana Ave and 1188 Washington Ave. The applications did not meet the criteria that would allow granting a Temporary Use Permit, so the applicants have been given 60 days bring the situations into compliance with the Development Code.

The Planning Department assisted several people with flood elevation information this week. The Planning Department maintains a file of base flood elevation data for developments within the City, which can provide valuable information for anyone planning to develop property within a flood zone.



What the **Tree Board** has been up to this month:

Selecting this year's tree projects to be accomplished through the Tony Silvers' Street Tree Fund. Projects will include:

1. Working with downtown merchants to plant four street trees fronting the Basche Sage building (Main St. and Broadway St.). These trees will replace four flowering plum trees that were recently removed due to their poor health. Staff applied for a grant through the Oregon Community Tree program to assist with funding this project;
2. Replacing eight street trees along Resort St. (Auburn Ave. to Campbell St.);
3. Teaming up with the Parks and Recreation Board to plant three trees in South Baker Park; and
4. Opening discussions with business owners on Campbell Street near the freeway in hopes of creating a street tree plan to enhance the area in the near future.

- Meeting with courthouse staff to assist with creating a tree maintenance plan for the courthouse property.
- Assisting the Parks Department by assessing the condition of locusts trees along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway.

Currently, the Tree Board also has one vacancy if you or someone you know is interested in volunteering (this board is a 3-year term commitment). The Tree Board has many duties:

- To study, review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding the urban forestry program. The urban forest consists of vegetation within public parks and land as well as within the public right-of-way area.
- Upon request of City Council shall consider, investigate, make findings and report upon any special matter or question within the board's scope.

To apply please contact Luke Yeaton at lyeaton@bakercity.com, (541)524-2033 or by visiting bakercity.com/government/boards-a-commissions



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 **32** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	3	Out of Town Transfers	0
City Calls	26	Airport Transfers	0
Patient Transported	21	Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
No Patient Trip	8	Simultaneous Calls	1
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	29	Triple Calls	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3

- Grass fire-
- False alarm – 7th St
- False alarm – 4th St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **58** hours of in-house training during the week.

- EMS – Pediatric airway, bleeding control and splinting
- Fire – Incident Command, Accountability, Command Strategy and Tactics
- Equipment Operations

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

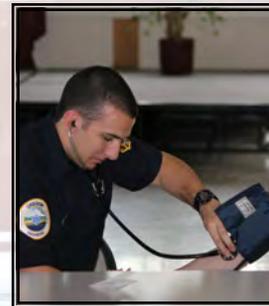
59 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Station tour-cub scouts



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on February 24th.





"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 160 incidents this past week, opening 29 new cases. One of these arrests followed a drug related search warrant the netted over 7 pounds of Marijuana.



- ✪ BCPD led a several hour search for a cougar that was spotted in South Baker. Numerous resources were used in the search, to include the use of a local dog handler and his hounds.
- ✪ Chief Lohner had a follow up meeting with safety representatives at St. Alphonsus Medical Center, regarding facility security measures.
- ✪ Sergeant Regan attended a patrol rifle "Armorer's Course" in Boise, which will certify him to conduct inspections of our department's patrol rifles.
- ✪ Sergeant Newman and Officer Pelayo attended a Drug Recognition Expert seminar, which is required to maintain their certifications and better enable them to evaluate impaired drivers who do not have a blood alcohol concentration above a .08%.
- ✪ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various Officer Safety topics.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 7 old cases
Closed out 3 cases
Started 2 new cases

Animal complaints

Followed up on 3 complaints
1 barking dog complaint

Dog License

Started 1 new no dog license cases
Followed up on 2 old cases
Issued 2 citations for absence of dog license

Dog at Large

1 dog at large returned to owner
2 dogs impounded
Issued 3 citations for dog at large

Parking Violations

Followed up on 3 parking violations
Issued 1 parking citation

Temporary Use Permit

Followed up on 1 old case

Kennel Permit

Followed up on 2 old cases

Found Bicycle

One found bicycle

City Permission Required

Issued one citation

Animal Abandonment

Investigated and served citation for 1 Animal Abandonment 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.

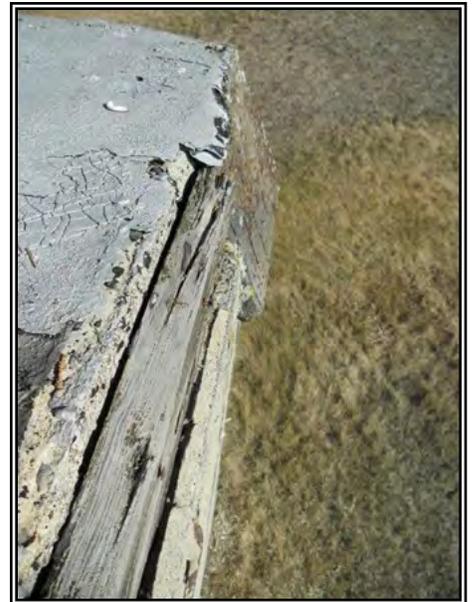


Mt. Hope Cemetery



The Mt. Hope Abbey Mausoleum was one of six constructed by the Portland Mausoleum Company between 1910 and 1919, and is on the Oregon Historic Sites list.

During a recent facility inspection, staff discovered considerable deterioration of the roof on the Mausoleum at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Several holes were discovered in the existing roof as well as considerable deterioration of the wood that the roof attaches to. Surfaces of the marble floor inside show that there may be water entering the building. This may be due to the roof deterioration. It may also be attributed to the condition of the existing windows. The roof was most recently patched and sealed in October of 2012. Staff were not able to verify when or if the roof was last replaced, and will be requesting estimates for replacement. A grant application is being prepared to assist with the cost of window renovation through the Oregon Commission of Historic Cemeteries. In consulting with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, it was determined that the historic integrity of the structure must be preserved in order to remain eligible for future grant funding.





PUBLIC WORKS Water Department

A two man City crew spent a couple of days working on this project and still needs to do some additional minor work when we have dry weather again. The slope prior to the rock placement was subject to erosion and due to poor soils, would only grow weeds. Rock was **exported from the City's Goodrich property** and placed on the steep slope with a retaining wall at the toe of the slope to prevent any rock from migrating.

Before:



Completed:



Sidewalk Construction Season is Almost Upon Us!

There are still grant dollars available through the 2014/2015 grant cycle.

- ✓ \$2,661 in grant funding is still available!
- ✓ 3,659 sq. ft. of new sidewalks have been constructed just through the 2014 grant!
- ✓ 2,275 sq. ft of pending sidewalk improvement projects are still anticipated to be accomplished by June 30th of this year through this grant!

Questions? Please contact Jennifer at (541) 524-2063 or via email at jmurphy@bakercity.com. Grant applications are available at the City website at www.bakercity.com or in the Public Works Department in City Hall.



PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department:

Shoulder potholes at the intersection of 17th & Auburn were filled with 1 1/2" crushed rock. Construction warning signs and flaggers were needed to control traffic for safety while the work was performed. To the right and below, Tommy and Karl set out traffic cones in preparation for closing the lane to traffic.



Also this week, street sign upgrades were completed at several locations.

Above, the additional warning paddles at the 2nd & Auburn intersection stop sign were replaced with engineered grade retro-reflective material.



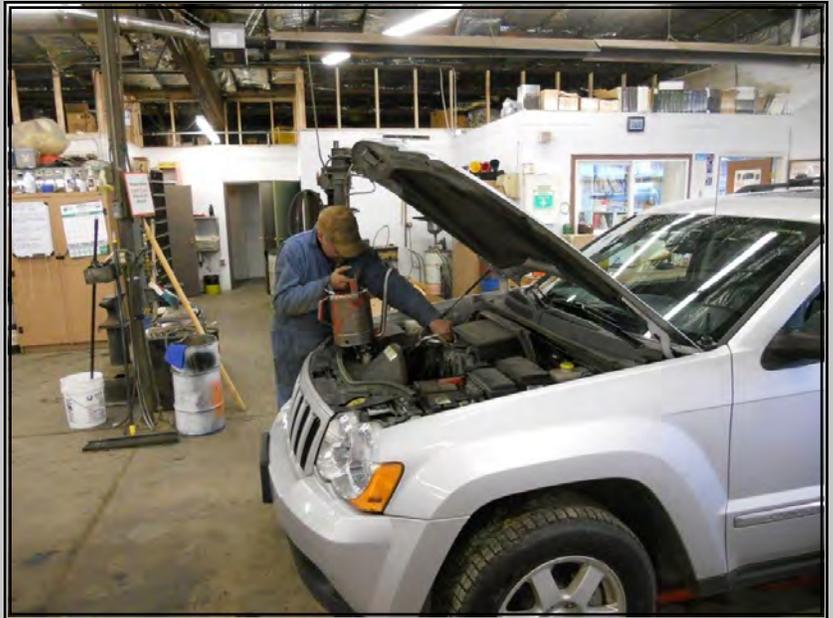
Stormwater Department: Public Works assisted O.D.O.T. cleaning the stormwater interceptors located in the underpass portion of State Highway 7. To the right, two O.D.O.T. workers and Karl are cleaning one of the stormwater catchbasins on the south side. O.D.O.T. provided all the advanced warning signage and flaggers for the maintenance project.





PUBLIC WORKS *City Shop*

To the right, Doug is performing an oil change and safety check on the City Jeep. This vehicle is used frequently to deliver water samples to Pendleton.



Wes is pictured working on a City ambulance; he is putting the final touches on the engine after installing all new fuel injectors.

To the right, Wes is cleaning one of the City pickups; crews try to wash and keep them clean as often as they can.

