

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 2, 2015

Administratio

Happy New Year!

2014 ended with encouraging news that will help our community as we move into 2015. The City of Baker City was awarded two separate grants to assist with the heating and dehumidification system improvements needed at Sam-O Swim center. The Leo Adler Community Fund provided a generous grant of \$25,000 and The Ash Grove Charitable Foundation awarded \$10,000 for the project. Thank you to both organizations.

In addition the City received notice that it was awarded just over \$108,000 from the Oregon State Parks Recreational Trails program to help fund a Leo Adler Memorial Parkway expansion project adjacent to Wade Williams field. Look for more information about this project soon.

Finance Department

Payroll:

Seventy-eight employees were paid December 26th including twelve paid **“volunteer firefighters” and one part time police laborer.** Of those 78 employees 67 or 86% are signed up for direct deposit.

Utilities



- ◆ 9 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 17 customers disconnected service from December 18th thru December 31st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed December 26th which includes 452 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 69 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 81 late notices were sent December 23rd and 89 late notices were sent December 30th.
- ◆ Last week 2 residential customers (Zone 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay and one of those was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid. **This week**, 6 residential customers (Zone 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Four of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

Agenda Items January 13th

- *2014 Watershed Management Plan Approval
- *Appointing New City Council & Mayor
- *Water Facility Plan Contract Award





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, 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:

No new residential permits were issued this week.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

A permit was issued for an interior remodel at 1217 Campbell Street.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS CONTD.:

A permit was issued for additional antennas on an existing cell tower at parcel 12S43E00300.

A permit was issued for additional antennas on an existing cell tower at 28684 Langley Road.

A permit was issued for additional antennas on an existing cell tower at 26321 Malheur Line Lane.

Permits

Inspections

Permits issued for...	CITY	COUNTY
BUILDING	1	3
ELECTRICAL	1	0
MECHANICAL	5	1
PLUMBING	1	0
FENCE	0	0
TOTAL	8	4

Last week, 5 inspections (plumbing, building, and mechanical) were completed within Baker County.

Historic District Design Review

The next meeting is scheduled for January 7th at 8am in the Building Department.

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Other - No new information this week.



Planning Department

Planning Actions:

- *The Planning Director approved a final partition plat submitted by Mark Landavazo to divide a parcel at 1340 D Street into three separate parcels. The partition plat was recorded into the records of the Baker County Clerk this week.
- *An accessory building was approved for Bryce Kamerdula at 3180 Elm Street.
- *A home occupation permit was approved for Erica Vaughn at 2175 14th Street.
- *A final reminder letter was sent to the YMCA about marking a pedestrian/bicycle walkway from Pocahontas Road to the building entry of the Fitness Center.
- *A reminder letter was sent to O'Reilly Auto Parts at 1540 Campbell Street about replacing landscaping that has failed to survive in order to continue to comply with the conditions of the approval for building the store.
- *Noticing lists and buffer maps were created to assist the Police Department with two kennel applications.

Updates:

- *The Bureau of Land Management released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Boardman to Hemmingway 500kV transmission line project on December 19, 2014. The comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is open until March 19, 2015. More information can be found on the project website, boardmantohemmingway.com

Quail Ridge Golf Course:

Quail Ridge will be hosting the National Championship Party on January 12th to watch Oregon take on Ohio State. The bar will open at 4pm, kick off is at 5:30. There will be bar snacks provided and everyone is welcome to bring food to share.





The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

This week the Fire Department responded to a total of 34 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	12
City Calls	19
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	10
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	31

Out of Town Transfers	1
Airport Transfers	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7
Simultaneous Calls	2
Triple Calls	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3

- ❑ Burn complaint- Kathryn St.
- ❑ Structure fire- 1st St.
- ❑ Good intent- Auburn St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 42 hours of in-house training during the week.

- ❑ Airway Interventions
- ❑ Chest tubes and catheters.
- ❑ Fire department procedures
- ❑ Strategy and tactics

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- ❑ Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance including:
- ❑ Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance.
- ❑ Replace emergency lights on vehicle 2422.
- ❑ Change furnace filters.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ❑ BP checks at senior center.

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on January 6th.





"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 300 incidents from December 17th to December 31st, opening 60 new cases which resulted in multiple arrests.



- One case involved a woman attempting to hire someone to murder her ex-boyfriend. This resulted in an arrest of the suspect following a conversation she had with an undercover BCPD detective regarding the murder-for-hire of her ex-boyfriend.
BCPD staff concluded eight warrant arrests, one probation violation arrest, one post-prison violation and detainers for three individuals.
One case involved an intoxicated driver who had failed to yield to a police vehicle utilizing lights and sirens. The driver also had an open container of alcohol in the cab of the vehicle.

- Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel met with ODOT Traffic Safety Coordinator, Billie Jo Deal regarding grant funding received by the BCPD to provide low-income families with car seats, ensuring children have access to a safe, age-appropriate, non-expired or recalled seat.
Volunteers from Salvation Army picked up Angel Tree presents for children in need within our community. This year, generous donations filled 24 angel tree tags.
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.

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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT
Property Maintenance
Followed up on 5 old cases
Started 2 new cases
Closed out 3 cases
Animal complaint
Followed up on 3 complaints
Dog License
Started 2 new no dog license cases
Parking Violations
Followed up on 5 parking complaints
Temporary Use Permit
Followed up on 1 old case
Dangerous Dog
Followed up on 1 case
Livestock Permit
Cited 1 for no permit



Water Department

The basketball court near Sam-O Swim Center, 580 Baker St. was flooded last week, in hopes that the chilly weather would create a smooth ice-skating rink. The end result was quite successful and turned into perfect ice for ice skating.



This week there was a main line leak. A citizen called in this leak at Court Street, between 5th and 6th St. on Wednesday December 31st. This is an old 6 inch cast iron line that has caused problems with in the past, most likely a joint leak. These leaks can go for a long time before surfacing and are usually not too severe. This one is leaking approximately 5 GPM (Gallons Per Minute) with the water draining into a nearby storm catch basin. A crew was scheduled to work on this leak Friday.





PUBLIC WORKS

Wastewater

Karl cleaned a line on Auburn Ave. that had backed up. A build up of cooking grease was found in this section of line and caused a blockage. Even after the line had been cleaned some solidified grease remained. Cooking grease, butter and any animal fat should be disposed of in the garbage, never poured down the drain.



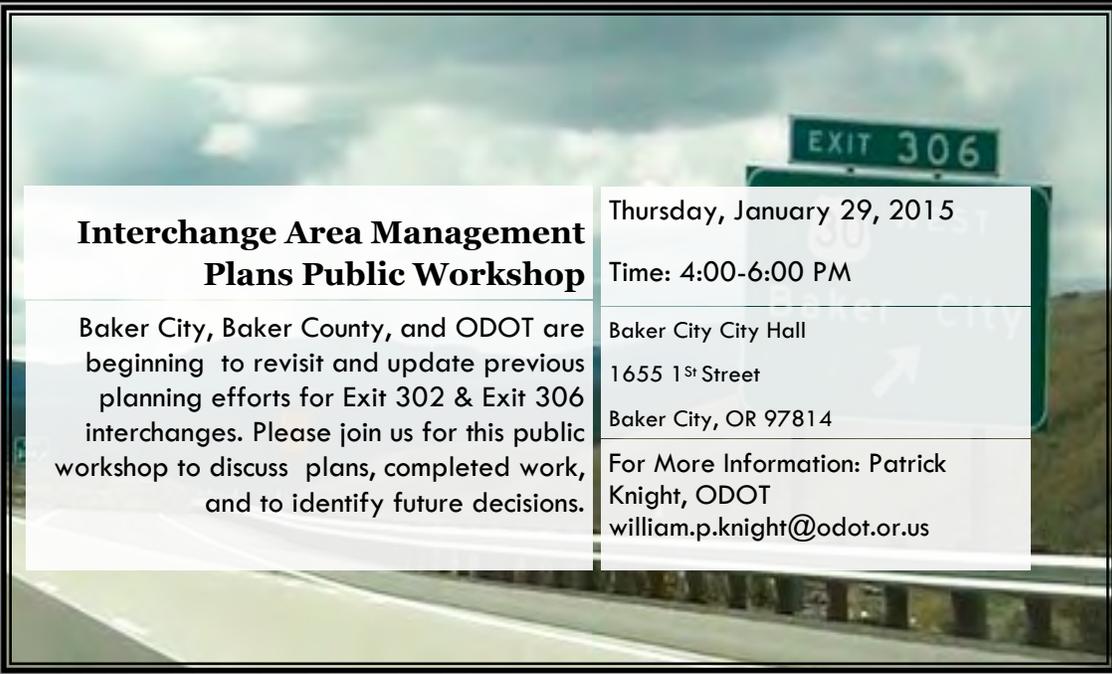
To the left, Karl is pictured working with the drain cleaner (under the house) to insert a tracing line into the wastewater lateral. An electronic current was then introduced into the line so its location could be traced for repair work.

Both pumps at the “H” Street Lift Station continue to have problems pumping. One of the public works portable pumps was used to by-pass wastewater from the wet well into the outfall piping.





Public Works



<p>Interchange Area Management Plans Public Workshop</p>	<p>Thursday, January 29, 2015 Time: 4:00-6:00 PM</p>
<p>Baker City, Baker County, and ODOT are beginning to revisit and update previous planning efforts for Exit 302 & Exit 306 interchanges. Please join us for this public workshop to discuss plans, completed work, and to identify future decisions.</p>	<p>Baker City City Hall 1655 1st Street Baker City, OR 97814</p>
	<p>For More Information: Patrick Knight, ODOT william.p.knight@odot.or.us</p>

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department

This week crews were busy spreading sanding rock for vehicle and pedestrian safety on Baker City streets on Christmas Day, over the weekend and the last several days.

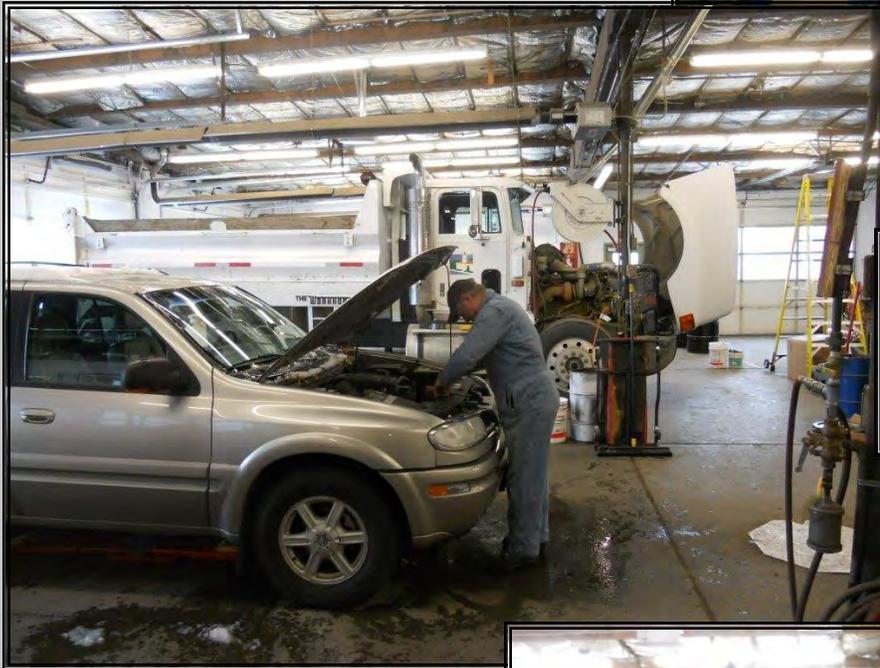
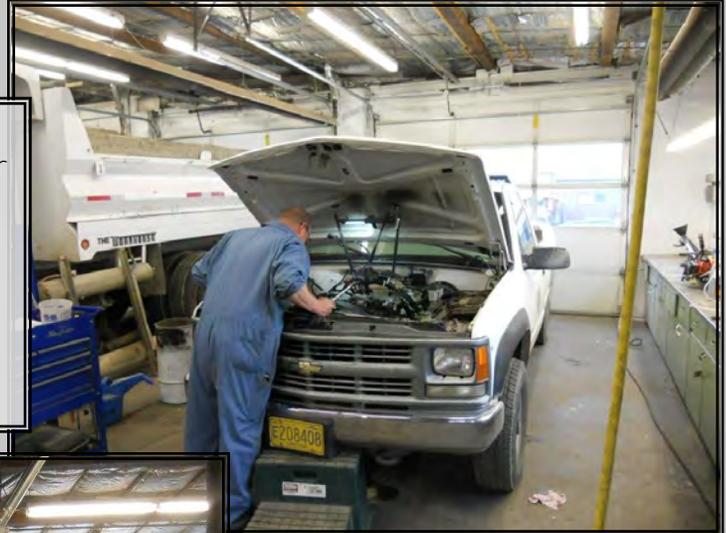


With the change in the weather there were 15 street lights which need to be repaired this week. Normally both photo cells and bulbs are replaced when a street light fails to work properly. Above, Tiny is pictured repairing the light at the intersection of Court and Balm Streets. Unfortunately, the light at the intersection refused to work; the entire light fixture is scheduled to be replaced next week.



PUBLIC WORKS *City Shop*

One of the service trucks was experiencing some overheating problems and upon further testing it was discovered that the intake gasket was bad and allowed antifreeze to run directly into the oil pan. Wes is pictured servicing the truck; the top end of the engine was removed and the gasket replaced. The truck is now back in service.



Doug is pictured performing a routine service and safety check one of the City Hall vehicles.

Doug is pictured working on a 4 inch pump the City uses for various duties, the pump needed to be checked over and the battery replaced before it could be used for its next task at the Wastewater Department.





SNOW PLOW ROUTES 2014-2015

