

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 16, 2015

Administration: At the January 13th City Council meeting the City Council elected Kim Mosier as the new Mayor, and Mike Downing as Acting Mayor. Also at the meeting four new City Councilors were sworn in. City Recorder Luke Yeaton led the new Councilors as they took their oath of office. The Councilors from left to right are Rosemary Abell, Ben Merrill, Jim Thomas, and Mack Augenfeld.



City Council

Agenda Items January 27th

*Executive
Session

*Audit Report

*Boards &



Also during the meeting, Mayor Mosier presented two of the four outgoing Councilors in attendance with plaques of appreciation and gratitude, former Mayor Button and Councilor Johnson. Mayor Mosier thanked Councilors Dorrah and Coles for their service. There are still two vacancies open: Planning Commission and the Historic District Design and Review Commission.



Finance Department

Payroll: Draw checks were issued January 15th.



Utilities

- ◆ 11 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 9 customers disconnected service from January 9th through January 15th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed today which includes 488 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 62 or 13% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 99 late notices were sent January 13th.
- ◆ 2 residential customers (Zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) 1 of those was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



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 structural permits were issued this week.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

No new commercial structural permits were issued this week.

Permits

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

Inspections

Last week, 13 inspections (plumbing, building, and mechanical) were completed within Baker County.

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Historic District Design Review

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21st at 8am in the Council Chambers.



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 36 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	7
City Calls	27
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	11
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	35

Out of Town Transfers	1
Airport Transfers	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6
Simultaneous Calls	4
Triple Calls	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	1
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	1

- ☐ Authorized burn – 14th St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 11 hours of in-house training during the week.

- ☐ Chart reviews.
- ☐ Company officer development

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

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 - ☐ Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
 - ☐ Monthly drug inventory

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ☐ BP checks at senior center.
- ☐ Investigation of Campbell Street fire
- ☐ Met with Public Works Director regarding water supply and access for new development.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on January 20th.



"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

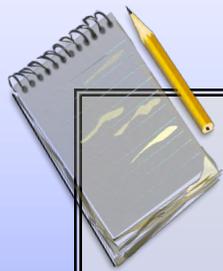


BCPD handled over 150 incidents this past week, opening 30 new cases which resulted in multiple arrests.



- ★ Six of these cases were arrests for outstanding warrants.
- ★ Four cases were initiated for reports of Criminal Mischief.
- ★ Three cases were reports of 4th degree Assaults.

- ★ Chief Lohner spoke to a group of senior care givers at Community Connection of North Eastern Oregon, outlining the new Senior Citizen Welfare Check program we have instituted with the use of our volunteers.
- ★ Chief Lohner and Lt. McCormick participated in the quarterly Major Crime Team meeting.
- ★ 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 7 old cases
Started 1 new case
Cited 3 cases
- Animal complaint
Followed up on 1 complaint
- Dog License
Started 4 new no dog license cases
Followed up on 2 old cases
- Parking Violations
Followed up on 8 parking complaints
Issued 1 parking citation
- Dog at Large
2 dogs at large returned to owners
- Dangerous Dog
Followed up on 1 case
- Kennel Permit
Followed up on 2 permits
Issued 1 new permit

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.



Planning Department

Planning Actions:

A pre-application meeting was held on January 16 for impacted departments and utilities to discuss the logistics of a partition request submitted by Mark Landavazo to divide a parcel at 1340 D Street into two separate parcels.

A home occupation permit was issued by the Planning Department for Eric Arntz at 1918 18th Street.

An application to site accessory buildings was completed and approved for Tod Chandler at 41298 Chico Road.

A land use review was completed and approved for Albert Thibodeau at 3505 Auburn Avenue.

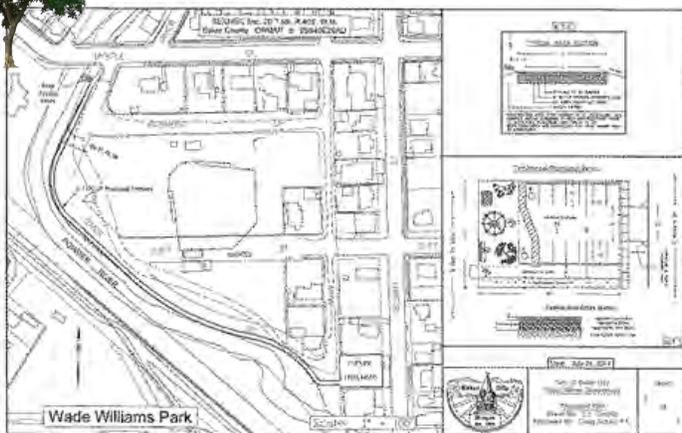
Updates:

Alan Blair, Ken Rockwell, and Ned Ratterman were re-appointed to the Planning Commission by the City Council. There is currently one vacancy on the Planning Commission; those interested in applying can contact City Recorder Luke Yeaton for more information.

Representatives from Baker City, Baker County, the Department of Land Conservation and Development, Department of Environmental Quality, City of Halfway, City of Sumpter and the City of Unity met to discuss challenges in land use planning for our area, potential solutions, ideas for efficiencies and cost savings, and opportunities for joint training.

Public Works: Parks and Recreation

The Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be meeting January 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in room 205 at Baker City Hall. Agenda items for this meeting include Leo Adler Memorial Pathway (LAMP) trail head and pathway construction, Court Plaza, and Parks Master Plan information update and discussion.





Water Department

A City crew spent this week insulating, sheeting and repairing some siding on the Valve Building, which is located to the South of the hydro plant. The Valve Building houses two large water valves that are over 100 years old. The valves are no longer used, and have not been operated in many decades. The small building has been neglected for many years and was in need of some tender loving care. The exterior of the building is scheduled to be painted this spring.



Jake and Jason checked blow off and air release valves along the Goodrich Water Transmission Line to insure they are in good working condition.

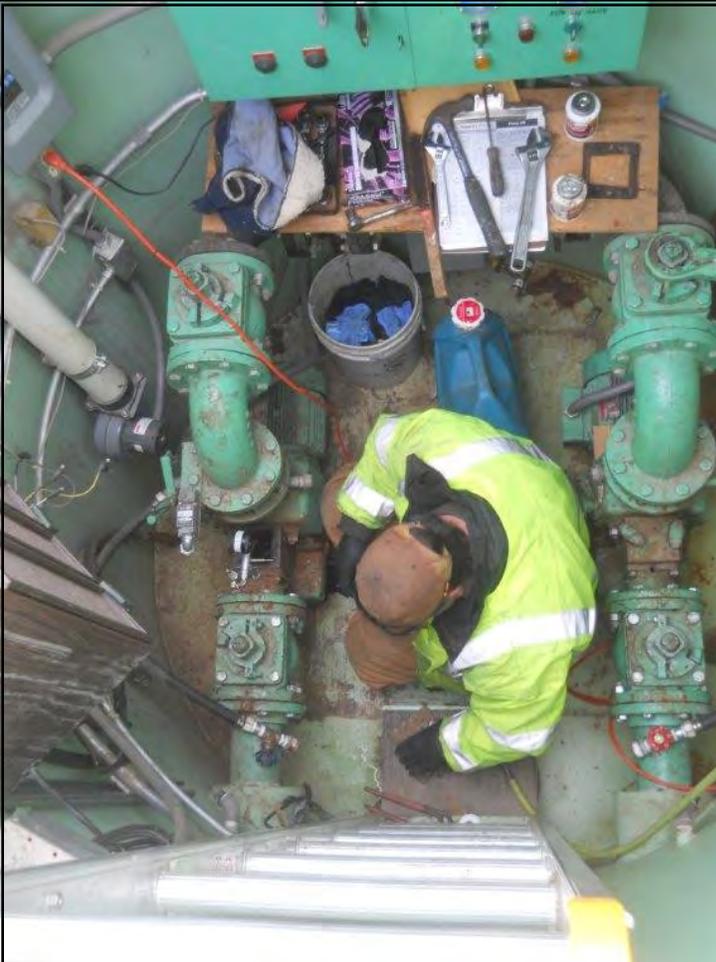
A view of Goodrich Creek.



PUBLIC WORKS

Wastewater

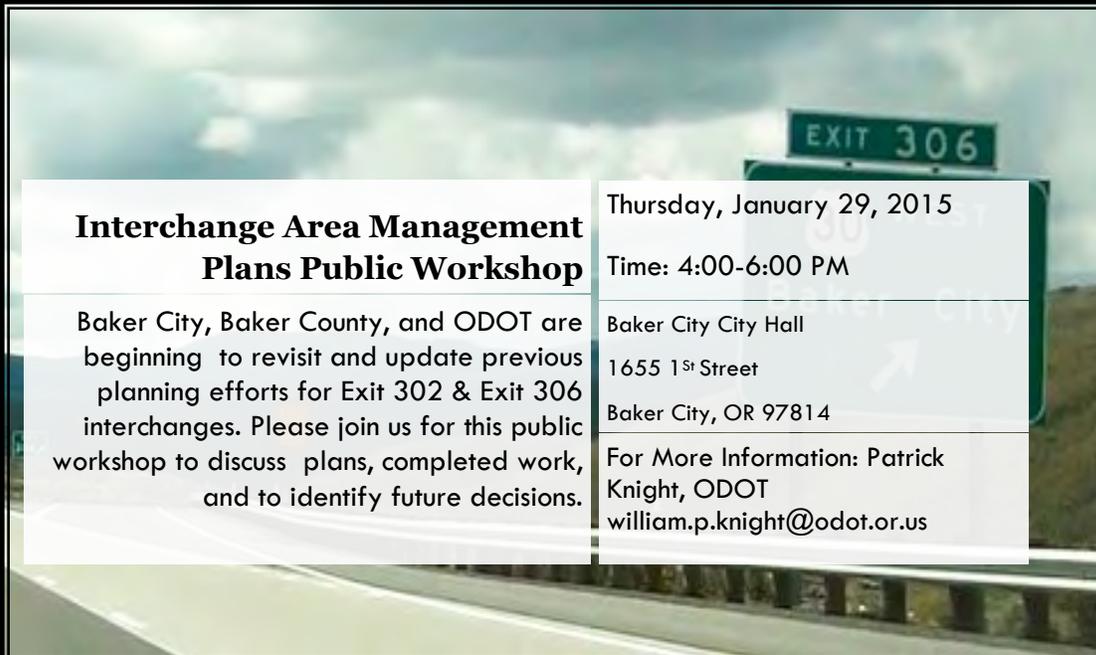
The "H" Street wastewater Lift Station is being pumped weekly using a portable pump. There is enough volume in the wet well and inlet piping so that it only needs to be pumped weekly to keep residents in service. To the right, Rick and Karl have connected the hose to the pump and are slowly backing the truck and pump toward the manhole lowering the hose into the wet well. The suction hose is very long and heavy.



In this photo Karl connected a pressure gauge to the pump plumbing to check the suction pipes for leaks. None were found. The south pump will be removed and rebuilt.



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 For More Information: Patrick Knight, ODOT william.p.knight@odot.or.us</p>

Street/Stormwater Department

On Wednesday there were two diesel spills in town. One on Cedar Street and the other on 14th Street just South of Campbell Street. In both cases a 5 gallon plastic fuel can fell off a vehicle and broke allowing diesel fuel to leak onto the street. Absorbent material was used to soak up the standing fuel. Approximately 3 gallons ran into the stormwater catch basin near the intersection of 14th and Campbell Streets. Those 3 gallons were removed from the catch basin. Residual diesel was soaked up with absorbent pads.

To the right, Craig is spreading absorbent onto the spill along the 14th Street gutter.





PUBLIC WORKS

City Shop

The vehicle hazard flasher switch went bad on one of the City's pickup trucks. We took apart a lot of the dash and steering column in order to replace the switch.



Public Works was experiencing issues with the turn signal and flasher with this backhoe. Doug is pictured starting to check the fuses and circuit breakers.



SNOW PLOW ROUTES 2014-2015

