

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

Weekly Update July 17, 2015

Administration

On Monday, the Baker City Fire Department was busy attempting to save a residence on Valley Ave. Two firefighters are pictured using the ladder truck in the middle of the heavy smoke.



The Baker City Police Department assisted County and State law enforcement by disposing of explosives, including the detonation cord shown to the left, found in a Baker City home this week.

Finance Department

Payroll - Draw checks were issued July 15th.

Utilities:

- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which includes 494 residential and 51 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 86 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 4 residential customers (Zone 2) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due); three were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.
- ◆ 26 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 24 customers disconnected service from July 10th thru July 16th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ 101 late notices were sent July 14th.

City Council

July 28th Agenda Items:

**Report on Dangerous Dog Ordinance*

**Second Reading of Ordinance No. 3340*

**Second reading of Ordinance No. 3341*

**Purchase of Police Car*

**Resolution to Create a Handicap Parking Space on Grove Street near the Museum*

**Ordinance Prohibiting Marijuana Sales*

**Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of E Street*





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:

Issued one new permit for 1600 Eldon Street – construction of privacy fence between Brookside Manor and Les Schwab



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

Issued one new residential permit for 1770 Church Street – Conversion of existing garage/utility structure to living space

Issued one new residential permit for 2704 2nd Street – Conversion of existing finished basement to bedroom space

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	3	2	4	2
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	N/A	11	N/A
MECHANICAL	2	1	3	2
PLUMBING	2	2	4	1
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	14	5	22	5

Other:

3725 Kirkway Drive – Demo permit to remove fire damaged structure.

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Development Code Update

The Baker City Planning Commission recommended a draft update of the Development Code for adoption by the City Council. The proposed changes were considered by the City Council on Tuesday, July 14th and the first reading of Ordinance 3341 was completed. The next Council hearing will be July 28th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend, and additional ideas or comments on the proposed Development Code changes are welcome.

To date, Planning Department staff has consulted with over 75 Baker City property owners who have visited or called the office about the update, and received over 6,500 views to the project website. Information about the proposed changes and a draft in PDF form are available at <http://www.bakercity.com/departments/planning/123>, or by calling the office at 541-523-8219.

Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met on July 16 at 7:00 pm to consider two matters:

A petition submitted to vacate a dead-end, undeveloped portion of E Street near its intersection with East Street.

An application for a Conditional Use Permit for a residential addition to an existing commercial/residential building at 1950 Place Street.

Projects and Approvals

A Land Use Review Application was approved for an addition to a single family dwelling at 2209 Cherry Street.

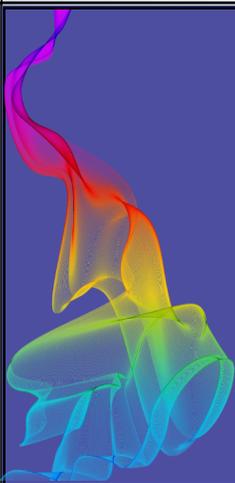
A sign permit to replace the existing Brookside Manor sign at 1600 Eldon was approved.

A Conditional Use Permit application was filed requesting an oversized accessory structure for personal storage at 1500 Vista Heights Drive. The matter will be heard by the Planning Commission at the regularly scheduled meeting on August 19th at 7:00 pm.

Baker City is working with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Baker County to create an Interchange Area Management Plan for I-84 exits 302 and 306. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website, <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.

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 **38** emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	7
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	8



- ◆ 7th St.—Fire False Alarm
- ◆ Indiana—Fire False Alarm
- ◆ 5th St—Grass Fire
- ◆ Leo Adler Parkway—Grass Fire

TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

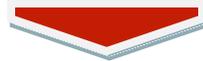
This week the BCFD completed **13** hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire - Wildland scenarios, commercial building safety
- EMS – Burns injuries

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	25
No Patient Trip	5

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 30



Out of Town Transfers	0
Airport Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Simultaneous Calls	0



- ◆ H St.—Grass Fire
- ◆ Cedar—Burn Complaint
- ◆ 14th St.—Trash Fire
- ◆ Hwy. 30—Brush Fire

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Hose maintenance

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Fire prevention inspections.
- Provided EMS Coverage at Haines Rodeo



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on July 23rd.



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."



★ BCPD handled over 200 incidents this past week, opening 44 new cases. One of these cases resulted in the arrest of a Lakeview man, for multiple felonies, after he led BCPD officers on a high speed pursuit that ended at mile post 327 on Interstate 84.

★ **BCPD also followed up at a local residence after a man walked into the Sheriff's Office and turned over a live grenade.** BCPD located additional munitions at the Baker City home.

★ BCPD personnel assisted with safety and security at the 2015 Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally.

★ BCPD completed the background investigation on a police officer applicant, Christopher Sells, who is a Baker High School graduate. Christopher is scheduled to begin his career as a police officer with BCPD on July 29, 2015.

★ 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 Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance
Started 1 new case
Followed up on 4 old cases
Closed out one case (property in compliance)

Animal Complaints
Issued 1 dog at large citation
2 dogs at large impounded

Dangerous Dog
Followed up on one case

Parking Violations
Issued 2 parking citations
Followed up on 3 parking complaints

Weed Complaint
Followed up on 9 weed complaints

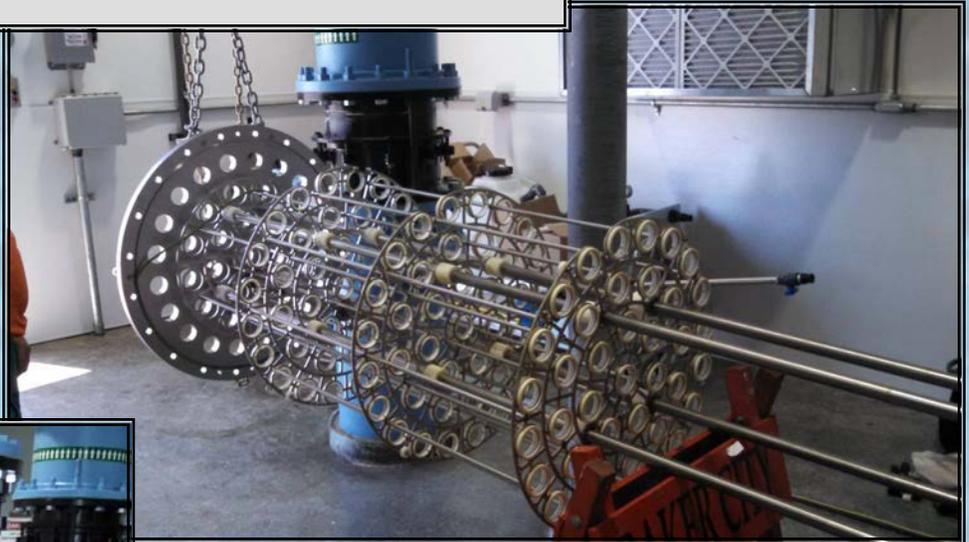
Found Item
One found item

Kennel Permit
Followed up on 2 old cases



PUBLIC WORKS

A technician from Wedeco was on-site this week to troubleshoot UV reactor #1 which recently had to be taken out of service when one of the quartz sleeves broke. Below, the entire wiper assembly (which is used to clean the lamp sleeves) has been removed from the unit for inspection. The wiper assembly was determined to be in good condition. The technician believes that a small piece of debris found inside the unit (possibly a chunk of pipe liner that broke loose upstream) became lodged under one of the wiper plates causing it to bind up and break one of the sleeves.



To the left, Jake, the water plant operator, performs a final cleaning inside of the unit. The unit was successfully reassembled and is now back in operation.



PUBLIC WORKS

This week an Oregon Trail history sign was installed in the Geiser-Pollman Park. The sign was paid for through grant funding received from the Baker County Cultural Coalition as part of the playground improvement project. The sign was designed by Lisa Jacoby and Christy Witham and built by the Oregon Sign Company.



To the left you can see a volunteer model so employees could decide if the height was appropriate.

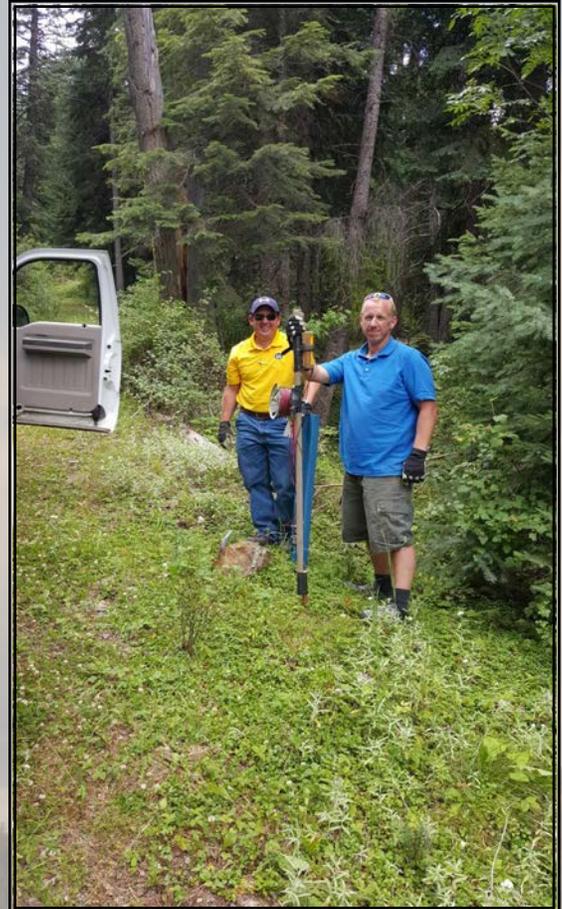
Arborist Michael Curtiss completed pruning nine trees in the Geiser-Pollman Park this week. Michael is pictured to the right within the canopy of a Siberian Elm tree.



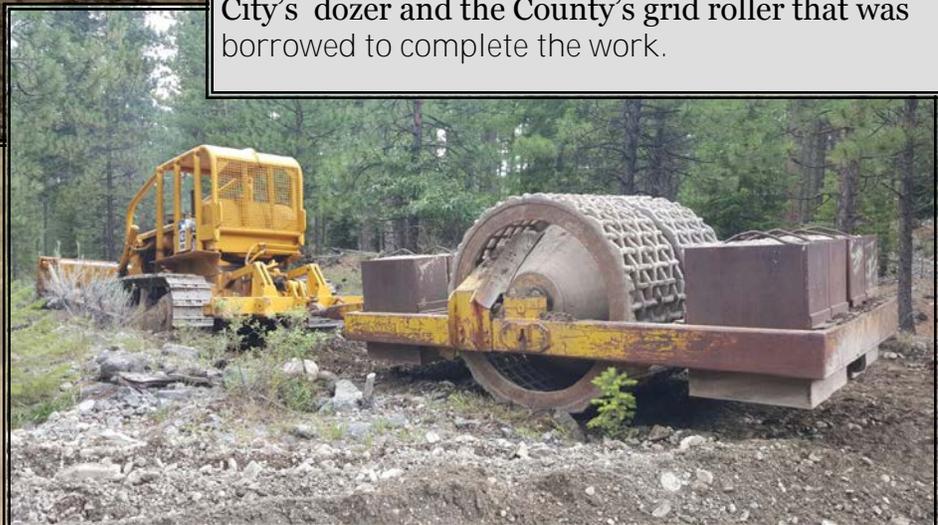


PUBLIC WORKS

The City hired L & R Cathodic Services, out of Kuna, Idaho to conduct a survey of the Goodrich and Marble Creek pipelines. The two pipelines are cathodically protected with impressed DC current, and a sacrificial anode bed, which keeps the steel pipelines from corroding. The two-man crew, Regan and Ryan, tested the ground along the 12 miles of pipeline, for what is called the pipe to electrolyte potential. The testing revealed a discontinuity near the Marble Creek Settling Shed, which City crews will fix this year.



Justin and Blain began reshaping the existing Goodrich Road through the City property this week. Over the years the road has eroded badly, with most of the runoff water flowing in the middle of the road. When done, the old road will be built up in the center and have drainage ditches on each side of it. This access road is used for travel to the Goodrich Diversion and to Goodrich Reservoir. Below is the **City's dozer and the County's grid roller that was borrowed to complete the work.**





PUBLIC WORKS

Blain and Tip performed work assisting the 5J School District with their project at Brooklyn School. To the right, they are beginning excavation for four wastewater connections for the modular classrooms.



The P.V.C. pipe has to be tapered so it will fit properly into the gasket fitting. Brute force is used to connect the pipe parts.



The City main line was cored in preparation for the new 6" connection. Water is being sprayed onto the pipe to eliminate any airborne particles.



PUBLIC WORKS



On Monday Public Works closed Valley Avenue at the request of the Fire Department.

Street maintenance crews have been crack filling streets in preparation for the chip-seal project which is scheduled to begin August 10th. To the right, Stephen & Riley (summer workers) and Tim are working on a section of Auburn Avenue.





PUBLIC WORKS



The shop crew ran the grinder (pictured to the left) to find noise coming from the gear reducer. This grinder is used at the wastewater facility.

In order to repair the grinder, Wes and Doug disassembled it and ordered the needed parts. The parts are estimated to arrive next Friday, July 24th.

