

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

*Weekly Update July 31, 2015*

## **Administration**

This is a reminder of our wonderful volunteers in Baker City who planted these flowers along the pathway near H St. and Kirkway.

Without volunteers, many projects would not have been completed that are complete today.

Thank you to all who volunteer time to improving our great City!



## **Finance Department**

**Payroll:** Eighty-five employees were paid today including eighteen paid volunteer firefighters, four part-time summer workers and the hearings officer. Of those eighty-five employees seventy-eight or 92% are signed up for direct deposit.

### **Utilities:**

- ◆ Zone 5 will be billed next week. There are 8 zones that are each billed 6 times a year so there are 4 skip weeks in a year.
- ◆ 11 residential customers (Zone 4) 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.
- ◆ 12 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 9 customers disconnected service from July 24<sup>th</sup> thru July 30<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ 79 late notices were sent July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## *City Council*

*August 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Agenda Items:*

*\*Third reading of  
Ordinance # 3340  
Removal of Property from  
Rural Fire Protection*

*\*Third Reading of  
Ordinance # 3341  
Development Code*

*\*Second Reading of  
Ordinance # 3342  
Prohibiting Marijuana  
Sales*

*\*Third Reading of  
Ordinance # 3343  
Vacating 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](http://www.bakercity.com/departments/building)



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

## **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**

No new commercial permits were issued for projects this week.



## **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

Issued one new residential permit for 34904 Stices Gulch Road for a 24 x 32 shop

## **Permits**

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	1	9	0	1
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	1	3	0	5
MECHANICAL	3	5	4	5
PLUMBING	3	2	3	1
FENCE	0	N/A	1	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>

## **Other:**

1 – Demo Permit for 1710 Valley Avenue, 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 City Council heard a second reading of an Ordinance to approve an update to the Development Code on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The third and final hearing is scheduled for August 11, 2015 at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend and additional ideas or comments on the proposed Development Code changes are welcome. 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

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to hear a Conditional Use Permit application for a new shop at 1500 Vista Heights Drive. The shop is proposed to have approximately 2,500 sq. ft. of floor area and be approximately 23 ft. in height. Notifications of the application were mailed to property owners within 100 ft. of the property, and public notice signs were posted near the property this week.

### Projects and Approvals

At the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm, councilors heard a petition to vacate a dead-end, undeveloped portion of E Street near its intersection with East Street. The vacation request was recommended for approval by the Baker City Planning Commission. The City Council approved the first and second readings and the petition request will be heard for the third and final time on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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 **30** emergency alarms.

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	5
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>6</b>



- ◆ Valley St.—General Alarm Structure Fire
- ◆ Spring Alarm—Burn Complaint
- ◆ Valley St—Rekindle
- ◆ Resort St—Burn Complaint

## TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **78** hours of in-house training during the week.

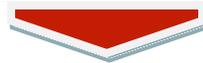
- Fire - Department policies, Valley St after action review
- EMS – Chart review

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	2
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	7

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

Out of Town Transfers	0
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5
Simultaneous Calls	0



- ◆ Resort—False Alarm
- ◆ Main St—False Alarm



## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

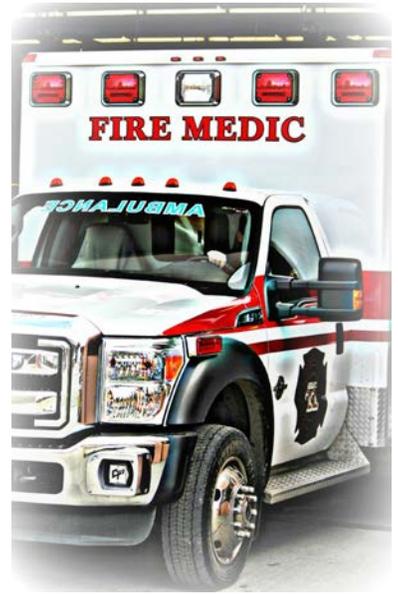
**62** hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Fire prevention inspections.
- Provided EMS coverage at **Miner's Jubilee events**



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on August 4<sup>th</sup>.



# **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."*



★ This past week BCPD handled over **200 incidents** and opened **38 new cases**. One of these cases was the warrant arrest of a Predatory Sex Offender who recently moved to Baker City. The warrant was for failing to provide accurate information on his sex offender registry. BCPD also arrested a woman for Child Neglect II, after BCPD spent over two hours looking for the caretaker of a three year old girl who was found near Campbell Street at 3:30 am.

- ★ Chief Lohner facilitated a meeting regarding the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally. The meeting was attended by various community members, business owners and service providers.
- ★ BCPD completed the background investigation on a School Resource Officer applicant, who will now move forward in the process.
- ★ Chief Lohner met with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Captain who is responsible for regional training. Local training needs were discussed.
- ★ Chief Lohner participated in the quarterly meeting of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.
- ★ Chief Lohner participated in the Baker County Traffic Safety Committee 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 Weekly Activity**

#### Property Maintenance

Followed up on 2 old cases  
Closed out 1 case (property in compliance)  
Issued 4 citations for non-compliance

#### Dangerous Dog

Followed up on one case  
Issued 5 citations for non-compliance

#### Animal Complaints

1 dog at large impounded  
Issued 1 citation for dog at large (returned to owner)  
Issued 2 citations for keeping and pasturing animals violations  
Issued 2 citations for barking dog violations  
Followed up on 2 animal complaints

#### Parking Violations

Issued 1 parking citation  
Followed up on 1 parking complaint

#### Weed Complaint

Followed up on 12 weed complaints

#### Found Item

1 found key fob with keys  
1 found cell phone returned to owner

#### Kennel Permit

Denied 1 application

#### Livestock Permit

Followed up on 1 case  
Denied 1 application  
Issued 3 citations for non-compliance



## PUBLIC WORKS

Crews continue to work patching and crack filling streets in preparation for the August 10-13th chip-seal project. To the right, Blain and Karl used “D” mix to level the driving surface on Cliff St. Matt compacted a patch in the background.



**Goodrich Reservoir as of Tuesday the 28th, is 8”** below full pool. The City is now taking water from the reservoir at a rate approximately 1.5 MGD. Water usage is still higher than what the Watershed can produce so the ASR well is used to supplement the demand.

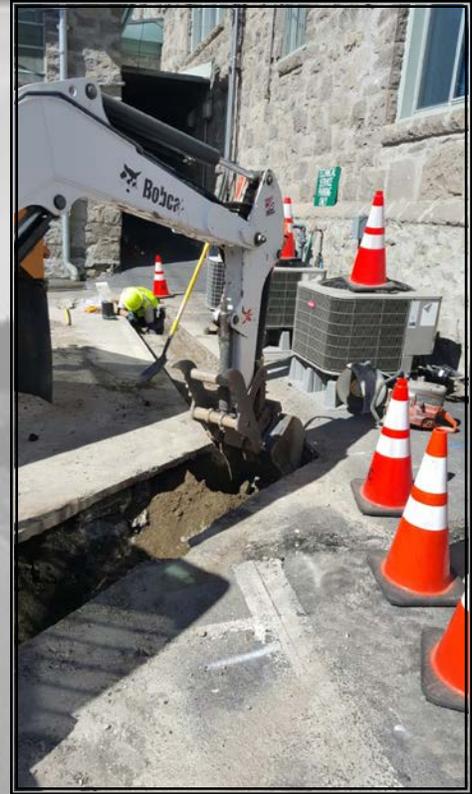


Parking lot lighting at the Leo Adler Memorial Park Trailhead was finalized on Monday when OTEC personnel ran wires and erected the light poles.



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A drain trough was installed this week to collect run-off water to eliminate a slipping hazard in the alley behind City Hall. The channel will collect water that discharges from the heating/cooling units that were causing a sheet of ice in the winter.



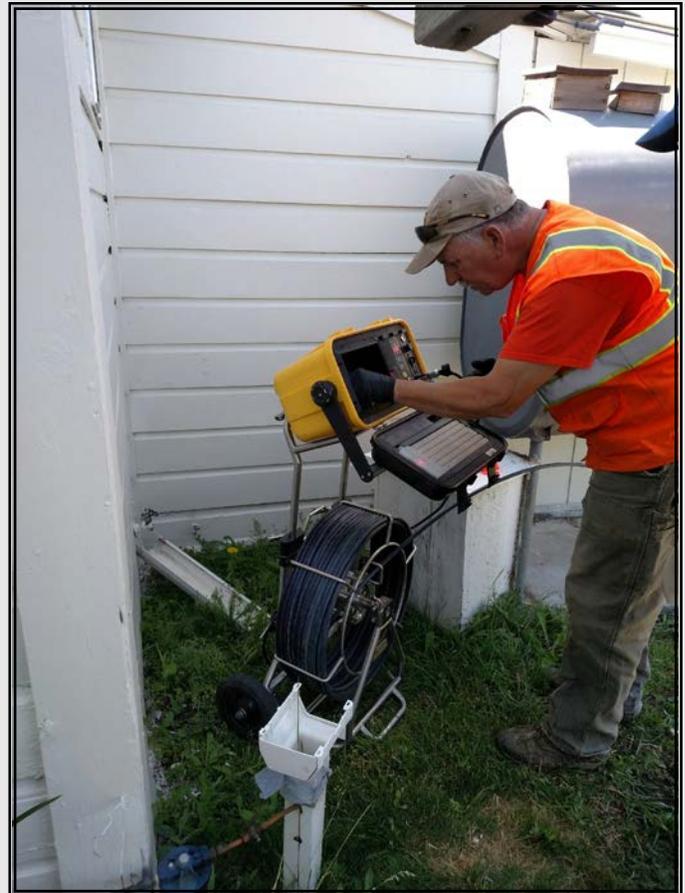
Justin and Tim installed the 20 foot drain channel while Larry (above) and Tom (right) assisted with the concrete work.





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A resident on 11th Street has been suffering from wastewater lateral blockages lately. Public Works was hired by a local Drain Cleaning Professional to video-inspect the lateral. Inspection of the lateral determined that the lateral was plugged with roots very near its connection with the City Main line in the alley.



The main line was cleaned using the Jetter Truck . A repair estimate was prepared. The resident paid the estimate for the work and the repair commenced soon thereafter. Blain and Matt excavated down to the City main line in the alley.

A portion of the lateral pipe was removed and the root mass extricated. P.V.C. Pipe was used to complete the repair of the lateral.





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While checking the oil pressure, Doug found out a problem with the sending unit and replaced it .

Doug (to the right) sharpened the blades on the flail mower which should help make weed control a little easier.



Oil was found in the antifreeze of one fire truck which contaminated the cooling system . Crew replaced the oil cooler and is back in service.



Wes (above) replaced the gear reduction unit on the grinder. Final repairs should be complete today and the unit will be put back in Tuesday.

