

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update June 5, 2015*

## **Administration**

The City Hall flowers arrived this week thanks to Robin at Eagle Cap Nursery. Robin begins growing these pots for the City in late winter to have them ready for display at City Hall in May.

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## **Finance Department**

**Message from Finance Director**—As of June 2<sup>nd</sup> the City has received current year property taxes of \$2,883,981 and prior year taxes of \$103,115.

### **Utilities:**

- ◆ 19 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 16 customers disconnected service from May 29<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today which includes 466 residential and 18 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 97 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Five residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

## *City Council*

### **Agenda Items:**

- ◆ Sam-O Swim Committee Ordinance
- ◆ Information on City Attorney Request for Proposal
- ◆ Salmon Creek Property Information
  - ◆ Budget Resolution
- ◆ Parks Master Plan
  - ◆ Fee Resolution
  - ◆ Temporary Parking Closure for Bicycle Classic.





# 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:**

There were no new commercial permits issued this week.

## **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

Issued 1 new residential structural permit at parcel # 09S37E29DB005000 for a storage building.

### Permits

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	0	6	1	8
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	2
ELECTRICAL	3	N/A	3	N/A
MECHANICAL	0	3	3	3
PLUMBING	1	3	0	1
FENCE	2	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>

### Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

### Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.

Baker City was nominated this year to be eligible for \$100,000 for a dog park. You can vote daily on [petsafe.net/barkforyourpark](http://petsafe.net/barkforyourpark) or on the Baker City Bark for Your Park page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bark-for-Your-Park-Vote-for-Baker-City/731689873606964>. Give it a "like" and it will be easy to vote daily!

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**BARK FOR YOUR PARK**

"Sometimes I just need a little more..." **SPACE TO BE ME.**

Vote for your community to win **\$100,000** for a dog park!

Plus, 4 other lucky communities will win **\$25,000!**

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department was available to meet with the public at an open house on Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall to discuss updates to the Development Code. Planning Staff has also responded to over 50 phone calls and counter visits over the last week.

The Baker City Development Code (BCDC) was last amended in 2009. Since then, public and staff feedback have noted typographical errors, inadvertent omissions, inconsistencies and other minor corrections needed. These types of housekeeping revisions are straightforward and do not materially alter the Code. It also has become apparent, in applying the code since 2009, that further clarification and/or additional regulation is also necessary for different land use applications. These types of revisions can be more complex and may have an impact on landowners. All changes can be viewed in PDF draft form at: <http://www.bakercity.com/departments/planning/123>.

On Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, the Baker City Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the proposed update to the Development Code. The public is invited to attend the hearing or submit testimony in writing.

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>.

The Planning Department is reviewing an application to adjust the property line between properties **at 3593 and 3619 Cedar Street (Tax Lots 700 & 701 on Baker County Assessor's Map 09s40e9c)**, in the Residential Low-Density zone.

An application to construct a carport at 3155 Cedar Street, in the Medium Density Residential Zone, was submitted to the Planning Department. Approval is pending a Department Review.

A Conditional Use Application was submitted to construct an addition to an existing attached dwelling on the commercial property at 1950 Place Street. A public hearing will be held in July for the Planning Commission to consider the matter.

Also in July, the Planning Commission will hear a request to vacate a portion of E Street.

An application to construct a carport at 3010 5<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Medium Density Residential Zone, was submitted to the Planning Department. Approval is pending a Department Review.

An application submitted by Landmar Construction to construct a new dwelling at 1325 F Street was approved. The proposed dwelling is located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.

### Sam-O-Swim Pool Participation:

Private Swim Lessons 16 per week	Water Aerobics 62 adults per week
Lap Swimmers 40 children and adults	Barracudas Swim Team 22 children
Birthday Party Rentals 30 children and adults	School Rentals 486 children
School Swim Lessons 51 children	Open Swim 76 children and adults
Masters Swimmers 10 Adults	



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Last week the Fire Department responded to a total of 35 emergency alarms.**

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3

<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>3</b>
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- ◆ Fire - Baker St.
- ◆ Fire False Alarm—Main St.
- ◆ Grass Fire—10th St.

## TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 35 hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire – Incident size up, rescue operations
- EMS – Chart review, pharmacology

## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

67 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.
- Fire prevention inspections.
- Station tour—35 children, 26 adults

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

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	24
City Calls	8
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	8

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 32



Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	6

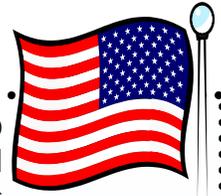


**The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on June 9<sup>th</sup>.**



# 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."*



★ BCPD handled over 180 incidents this past week, opening 43 new cases to include 10 theft cases. In another incident, a Baker City woman was arrested for Interfering with a Police Officer after she hindered an officer who was **trying to apprehend the woman's husband.**

★ After a 16 month absence serving our country as a National Guard Soldier, Officer Wayne Chastain returned to duty as a Baker City Police Officer.

★ 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.

★ **BCPD swore in Sergeant Dustin Newman as the City's new Lieutenant. Lieutenant Newman** replaced Kirk McCormick who left Baker City to pursue a Police Chief role in South Dakota. Pictured below, Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman after the ceremony.



### Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

#### Property Maintenance

- Cited 1 case
- Closed out 1 case
- Followed up on 4 old cases
- Started 1 new case

#### Animal Complaints

- Followed up on 2 animal complaints
- Investigated 1 animal neglect case
- 1 dog bite case closed out
- Followed up on 1 dog at large case

#### Dog License

- Followed up 1 case
- Issued 1 citation for no dog license

#### Parking Violations

- Followed up on 4 parking complaints

#### Weed Complaint

- Followed up on 21 new weed complaints
- Checked 6 properties for weed height compliance

#### Burn Complaint

- Followed up on 1 complaint

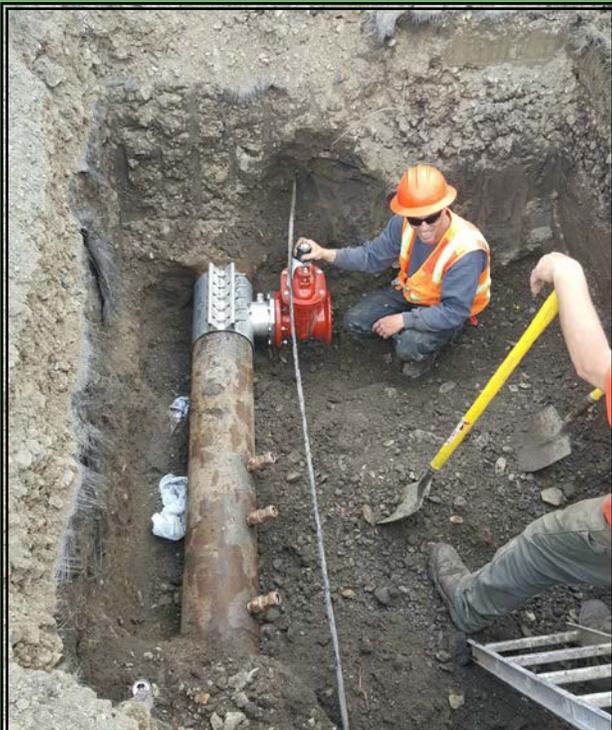


## PUBLIC WORKS

Nearly all the concrete work has been finished for the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway, Wade Williams section. Crews poured the Myrtle Street sidewalk section and also the driveway apron for the trail-head at Resort Street. Karl is pictured to the right as he finished the Myrtle Street sidewalk section.



A city crew installed 3 new meters and a new hydrant at D and Oak St. for the construction of three houses. A La Grande Public Works Employee **hot tapped a 10" water main previously fitted with a 10" x 6" tapping saddle and valve, so a hydrant could be installed by Baker City personnel.** Baker **City Public Works can only tap up to a 2" service** with their equipment, so La Grande Public Works, was hired to perform this job, which they do very well. Hot tapping the main allows a valve to be installed without cutting the water main. The wastewater stubs for these houses were installed last week. Justin is pictured to the right compacting the final lift of base material so the asphalt cut can be patched.





## **PUBLIC WORKS** **Water Department**



Jake and Larry cleared the debris that had built up around the Glory Hole at Goodrich Reservoir. The debris surrounding the cage had caused the level of the reservoir to rise 8" above typical high water line.

## **PUBLIC WORKS** **Stormwater**

A section of broken 8" Terra Cotta storm line was repaired this week. To the right, Justin is pictured excavating in Valley Street to do the repair.





# PUBLIC WORKS Wastewater Department



A resident in the 2500 block of Main Street experienced sewer problems this week. City sewer map records have limited information in this area. A local drain cleaner was unable to clear the blockage and requested city assistance in clearing the blockage in the lateral. Besides cleaning the lateral it was an opportunity for Public Works to trace and video-inspect the line and determine how many houses are connected into the same line. To the right Rick is cleaning a line in the middle of Campbell Street which had been thought to serve those houses in the 2500 Block of main Street.

The Vactor Truck was used to jet the 6" Terra Cotta line and then vacuum the material into its holding tank for proper disposal.



Once the line was cleaned, the crew used both inspection cameras (Pipe Ranger and Vivax Vcam) to determine condition of the line. Additional dye testing will be done today to help locate lateral locations.



# PUBLIC WORKS City Shop

The crew at the City Shop did worked on servicing large equipment this week. To the right, Doug is pictured servicing the street grader and completing a safety check.



Wes and Doug are pictured looking at one of the boom pin locks on the old excavator. The lock pin broke and needed to be repaired. After those tasks were completed it was looked over and serviced.