

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

Weekly Update June 19, 2015

Administration

Several city staff attended training on Thursday sponsored by the Baker County Office of Emergency Management. The participants of the training learned how Eastern Oregon will be affected by a Cascadia event, which will be a very strong earthquake along the West coast, followed by a tsunami.

Eastern Oregon will feel the shaking and some of the older buildings will be damaged. Our electricity and transportation will be disrupted and families should have enough food on hand to survive for two weeks. You can find more information by following this link: http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/docs/earth_tsunami/2014%20Impacts%20on%20Eastern%20Oregon.pdf.



Finance Department

Director Message: A public meeting will be held on June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. The 2015-16 approved budget is available online at www.bakercity.com/government/budget.

Payroll- Draw checks were issued June 15th.

Utilities:

- ◆ 18 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 19 customers disconnected service from June 12th through June 18th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today which includes 546 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 5 residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and 1 was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.
- ◆ 81 late notices were sent June 16th.

City Council

Agenda Items:

- *3rd Reading of Ordinance #3339 Sam-O-Swim
- *Officer Swear In
- *School Resource Officer Draft MOU
- *County Fire MOU
- *Vegetation Plan Update
- *Water Facilities Master Plan
- *Parks Master Plan
- *Resolution #3573 Fund Structure
- *Resolution #3754 Interfund Loan
- *Budget Items
- *Appoint Volunteers to Boards/Commissions





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 commercial permit for the installation of a sign for a church at 1837 3rd Street.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

Issued structural permit at 10271 Bear Lane for a new cabin.

Issued structural permit at 1028 Resort Street for the installation of portable car port.

Permits

| | Permits Issued City | Inspections City | Permits Issued County | Inspections County |
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| BUILDING | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| MANUFACTURED DWELLING | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ELECTRICAL | 3 | N/A | 1 | N/A |
| MECHANICAL | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| PLUMBING | 4 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| FENCE | 1 | N/A | 0 | N/A |
| TOTAL | 11 | 9 | 13 | 12 |

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Development Code Updates:

On Wednesday, June 17th, at 7:00 pm, the Baker City Planning Commission held a hearing on a proposed update to the Development Code. The Planning Commission received testimony on the proposed changes, and has scheduled an additional hearing on July 1 at 7:00 pm, which will include review of proposed changes to the chapter regulating signs. Everyone is invited to attend, and additional ideas or comments on the proposed Development Code changes are welcome.

To date, Planning Department staff talked with over 65 Baker City property owners who have visited or called the office about the update. 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.

A property line adjustment was approved for moving a common line between 3593 and 3619 Cedar Street. The properties are located in the Low-Density Residential Zone.

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>.

WELCOME



HISTORIC
BAKER CITY

Volunteer with the City! A great way to get involved and meet new people.

There are positions available on several boards currently including:

***Public Arts Commission**

***Parks and Recreation Board**

***Sam-O-Swim Committee**

***Public Works Advisory Committee**

***Tree Board**

For more information or to apply please visit: bakercity.com



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

FIRE REPORTS

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| General Alarms | 0 |
| Still Alarms | 4 |

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| TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES | 4 |
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- ◆ Grass Fire—Valley Ave.
- ◆ Fire False Alarm—Vista Heights
- ◆ Fire False Alarm—17th St.
- ◆ Fire False Alarm—3rd St.

TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 29 hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire – Incident Safety Officer Class, OSHA
- EMS – Chart review, pediatrics

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

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

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| Rural Calls | 24 |
| City Calls | 7 |
| Patient Transported | 25 |
| No Patient Trip | 6 |

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| TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES | 31 |
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| Out of Town Transfers | 1 |
| Airport Transfers | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 0 |
| Simultaneous Calls | 4 |
| Triple Calls | 2 |



MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Pump testing

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Fire prevention inspections.
- Station tour—19 children, 4 adults



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on June 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 **220 incidents** this past week, opening **40 new cases**, to include **6 arrests** for outstanding warrants. Two of these warrant arrests resulted in an additional charge of Resisting Arrest, as both subjects fought with the officers during the arrest.

★ Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman assisted St. Alphonsus Medical Center personnel with oversight during an active shooter drill at the hospital.



★ BCPD began the background phase in the selection process for a new police officer.

★ BCPD continues to seek a qualified applicant for the School Resource Officer position.

★ 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 9 old cases
Closed out 1 old case

Dangerous Dog

Follow up 2 Dangerous dog cases

Dog Bite

1 dog bite investigated

Animal Complaints

2 dogs in custody impounded
Issued 2 dog at large citations

Noise Complaint

Followed up on 1 barking dog complaint

Parking Violations

Issued 3 parking citations
Followed up on 4 parking complaints

Weed Complaint

Followed up on 6 new weed complaints
Issued 2 citations for weeds in violation

Found Item

1 found bicycle
1 found item report (multiple items)

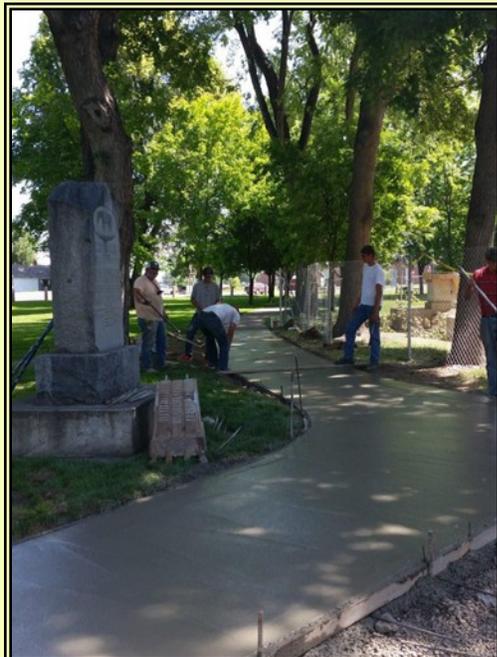


PUBLIC WORKS Parks Dept.



The Parks Department would like to send out a big thank you to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members Rick Taylor, Linda Collins and Gail Duman along with volunteer Kathy Taylor for taking time on Monday afternoon to endure the heat to plant flowers to adorn Geiser Pollman Park. We would also like to extend our appreciation to Robin and Marion at Eagle Cap Nursery for their generosity in donating the flowers for this project for the last four years!

Ron DeRoest and his crew with DeRoest Concrete and Contracting, Inc. were busy this week replacing sidewalk that will be adjacent to the new plaza surrounding the bandstand. The sidewalk was in disrepair and in need of replacement. This work will also correct drainage issues that would have been caused during the plaza construction.



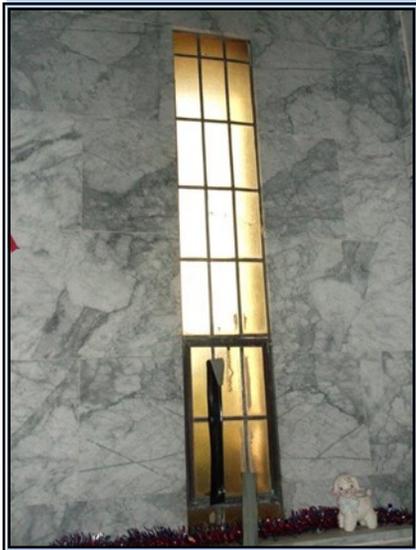


PUBLIC WORKS Cemetery Dept.

The Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries recently announced that Baker City is a recipient of this year's **Historic Cemeteries Grant**.

This grant will be used towards the restoration and replacement of the leaded glass windows within the Mt. Hope Abbey Mausoleum in the Mt. Hope Cemetery.

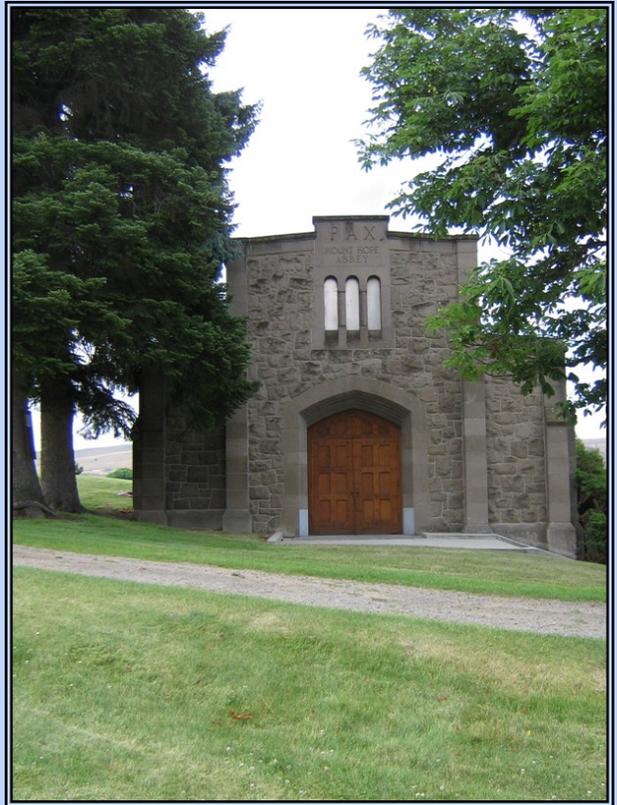
The mausoleum was constructed in 1919-1920 and originally included 26 leaded glass windows of varying dimensions. There are 20 leaded glass windows remaining within the mausoleum with varying degrees of deterioration. Some have missing or broken panes of glass, some have severe damage to the leaded comes, while others appear to be in tact and in fair condition. Nine of the 26 windows are deteriorated to the extent



that outside elements have made their way into the building. These windows have been repaired or replaced throughout the years as budget allows.

Earlier this year the Baker City Budget Board and Baker City Council approved funding within the 2015/2016 budget to re-roof the mausoleum. Grant match funding was also approved for the mausoleum window restoration and replacement project.

When preparing for the grant, a window inventory was created which noted the current condition of each window. The restoration/replacement project will be accomplished in phases, as budget allow. Windows with significant structural defects or those that have missing sections of original glass will be the first targeted.



There is approximately **\$17,000** currently available in grant funding to assist you with the cost of replacing your sidewalk!

Want more information? The 2015/2016 Sidewalk Replacement Grant application is available online at www.bakercity.com or in the Public Works Department in City Hall at 1655 1st Street.



PUBLIC WORKS

Street Trees

...and some of their positive attributes.

March 2012

Believe it or not, it's only been a year and a half since the completion of the Resort Street beautification project. The underground placement of overhead power lines might be your most outstanding **memory of the project, or maybe it's the smooth ride you now have when driving down the street today.**

But do you remember what the street looked like only a short time ago?

The Resort Street project – street reconstruction, underground utility placement, street lights, sidewalks, dumpster screens and **street trees** were funded through state gas tax dollars, Baker County property taxes, and by private investors. This is an investment made by our community – for the benefit of our community.

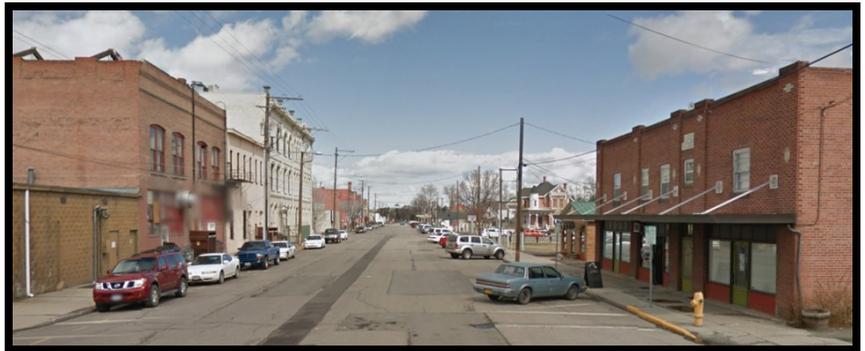
Simple accessories like street trees can play a role in improving the overall appearance of our community. If properly cared for, trees provide a myriad of benefits (here are only a few): making a street appear more inviting to pedestrians; shading adjacent structures, sidewalks and asphalt; reducing storm water runoff; increasing property values; and a number of other environmental perks we are all familiar with.

Tree Board members volunteered approximately 15 hours early this spring to perform the initial **pruning of the young Resort Street trees. Minor structural pruning performed early in a tree's life** will encourage a tree to grow in a manner that will alleviate possible limb conflicts in the future. Tree Board volunteers plan to do a final, follow-up pruning this winter or early next spring.

Last year Public Works crews watered the trees weekly to aid in giving them the best start possible; however, funding is not available to continue to that service. **Providing water to the trees this year and years following is the responsibility of the adjacent property owners or building tenants.**

Treegator water bags have been provided at each tree to aid in providing a slow/steady source of water to the trees – but water has to be put in them in order for them to work!

A little energy invested today can have multiple positive payoffs in the future! Please water your trees!



Today





PUBLIC WORKS Street Dept.



Above, curbing replacement work along Washington St. at the Baker County Courthouse was completed.



Within the next year or two the Public Works Department hopes to replace it's 2004 Swartz Street Sweeper. A salesman representing the TYMCO Brand Street Sweeper came to Baker City to inform Public Works about the many advantages of owning and operating TYMCO Sweeper over the other brands.



Crews worked this week patching several locations in town with hot asphalt including along Washington Street at the Baker county Courthouse .To the left, Justin (in backhoe), Blain and Riley (summer employee) work to complete the patch.



PUBLIC WORKS

Boundary work on the City owned Salmon Creek Property was completed this week. To the right, the placement of a tripod and reflective mirrors have peaked the interest of a herd of cattle near a 1/4 Section Corner.



Tim and Stephen continued to flush hydrants this week. It is important to complete flushing sediment from water lines before excess water from the Baker City Watershed is no longer available.

Natural Structures requested that Public Works block off an area to allow for the temporary construction of the bandstand components. Here you can visualize how the 5 sided structure will look when complete.





PUBLIC WORKS Wastewater Department

Keith and Karl worked to determine how to accomplish the task of repairing a very poor manhole along David Eccles Road. The manhole was originally planned to be removed and replaced with a new cast-in-place manhole (approximate cost \$5,000). It was determined that by connecting p.v.c. parts to lines inside the manhole, and placing concrete around those parts, costs could be reduced significantly. Karl has connected parts inside the manhole. Groundwater level in the area will have to be lowered by about 2 feet before the interior concrete work can be completed. That work is planned for next week.



The most challenging project for the week was the Estes Street Wastewater line repair. There was a section of 10" wastewater line lying under Estes Street which was out of vertical alignment by approximately 4". In the past this "low section" of wastewater pipe had led to blockages in the main line and S.S.O.s (Sewer System Overflows). Upon excavation of the repair site it was determined that there was a conflict in grades between the 10" concrete wastewater line and a 24" concrete (30" outside diameter) storm water line. The large storm water line had to be cut out of the way so that the 10" wastewater line could be reinstalled at the proper grade. The 24" storm line is scheduled to be repaired today.

On Thursday the new 10" p.v.c. line was installed at the proper grade. While repair work was being done, wastewater was diverted by Keith and Rick using the Vactor Truck in an upstream manhole.





PUBLIC WORKS Facilities

City crews worked with PRCF crews to paint the Heilner Hangar and other buildings at Baker City Municipal Airport.

