

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 26, 2015

Administration

The Ford Family Cohort 4 sponsored a block party on Saturday to officially present the Salt Lick sculpture to the City. Many local restaurants provided food and a local band played for the event.

As a reminder the next City Council meeting will be July 14th. The public is always welcome to attend City Council meetings!



City Council

July 14th Agenda Items:

**Task Order TO
Engineers*

**Resolution to Adopt
the Oregon Savings
Growth Plan*

**Ordinance to Remove
Annexed Properties from
the Rural Fire District*

Finance Department

Director Message: May's revenue and expenditure report is available online at <http://www.bakercity.com/government/reports-a-statistics#Finance>.

Payroll- Eighty employees were paid today including twelve paid volunteer firefighters, four temporary summer workers and the hearings officer. Of those 80 employees, 72 or 90% are signed up for direct deposit.

Utilities:

- ◆ 15 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 13 customers disconnected service from June 19th through June 25th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 465 residential and 21 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 80 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 4 residential customers (Zone 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and they were all turned off until their past due balance was paid.
- ◆ 86 late notices were sent June 23rd.





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:

No new commercial projects were issued this week.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

One new residential permit was issued to 45863 Crow, to convert an existing covered porch into livable space.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	0	3	1	11
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	2
ELECTRICAL	3	N/A	5	N/A
MECHANICAL	0	2	0	2
PLUMBING	1	0	0	1
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	4	5	6	16

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

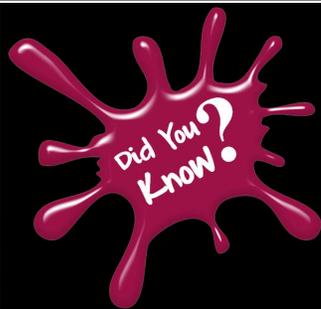
Development Code Updates:

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 has consulted 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.

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>.

A petition was submitted to the Baker City Planning Department to vacate a dead-end portion of E Street near its intersection with East Street. All property owners within 150 feet of the subject area were notified via post. The petition will be heard before the Baker City Planning Commission on Thursday, July 16th and before the Baker City Council on Tuesday, July 28th and Tuesday, August 11th. The public is encouraged to attend.



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 St.



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 (1)
- *Parks and Recreation Board (1)
- *Public Works Advisory Committee (1)
- *Tree Board (1)

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





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 **33** emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	6
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	7



- ◆ Grass Fire Alarm-Leo Adler Parkway
- ◆ Fire False Alarm-Tracy St.
- ◆ Structure Fire-Walnut St.
- ◆ (2) Trash Fire—10th St.

TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

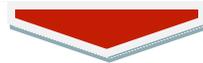
This week the BCFD completed **26** hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire – Fire flow path, landing zone, safety
- EMS – Chart review, pediatric patient packaging

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	3
City Calls	23
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	3

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26



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



- ◆ Odor Investigation-Walnut St.
- ◆ Trash Fire-3rd St.

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

66 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.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on June 30th.



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 34 new cases. Four of these cases resulted in investigations for Unauthorized Entry into Motor Vehicles. BCPD wants to again remind all our citizens to keep their valuables out of their vehicles and their doors locked.

★ BCPD promoted Officer Wayne Chastain to Sergeant. Sergeant Chastain is a fourteen year veteran of the Baker City Police Department. Sgt. Chastain recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan with the Oregon National Guard. Sgt. Chastain presented a flag to the City that was flown over his base in Afghanistan on September 11, 2014.



★ Chief Lohner participated in a seminar provided by Oregon Emergency Management, where issues surrounding a major earthquake off the Oregon Coast were discussed.

★ 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
Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

Dangerous Dog

Follow up 2 Dangerous dog cases

Dog Bite

Followed up on 1 dog bite case

Animal Complaints

Issued 1 citation for a barking dog violation
Followed up on 1 barking dog complaint/animal welfare check

Parking Violations

Issued 1 parking citation
Followed up on 3 parking complaints

Weed Complaint

Followed up on 12 weed complaints
Followed up on 3 new complaints

Development Code Offenses

Followed up on 1 violation



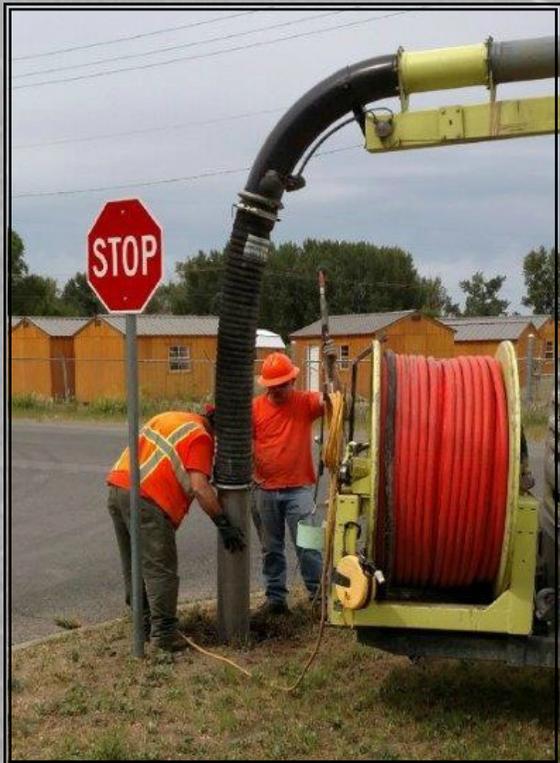
PUBLIC WORKS



The Estes Street Repair Project: Last Friday the pipe repair work was completed and the excavation site backfilled and compacted. Tuesday the asphalt surface was patched **with asphalt from La Grande. A piece of 24” heavy duty PVC pipe was used as a bushing so the two different pipes could be firmly connected together. To the left, the 24” stormwater pipe line was repaired.** Below, the excavation site was patched on Tuesday.



3rd & David Eccles Wastewater Manhole Repair Project: An existing manhole near the intersection of 3rd and David Eccles was rehabilitated this week. This manhole had been identified in this year’s Capital Plan for repair. Ground water in this area of town is relatively shallow and ground water has been leaking into the manhole. Originally the manhole was going to be replaced with a new "Cast-in-Place" manhole. After some discussion it was determined that the manhole could also be rehabilitated by connecting pipe stubs and placing new concrete around them. This resulted in a substantial cost savings.





PUBLIC WORKS

A resident on Grove Street has been experiencing wastewater problems. The problem escalated recently to the point where the wastewater line could no longer be used. Public Works Department quickly prepared a repair estimate to remedy the problem. Repair work began Wednesday morning at 7 a.m.



Above, Blain and Justin began the repair work by using a jackhammer to cut through the asphalt on Grove Street. To the left, a piece of the Transite wastewater lateral was cut out of the way so the exact location of the problem could be identified.



Then Karl and Justin used the ViVax push-cam to examine the inside of the pipe. The repair work was done very efficiently and will allow for a cost savings for the property owner.



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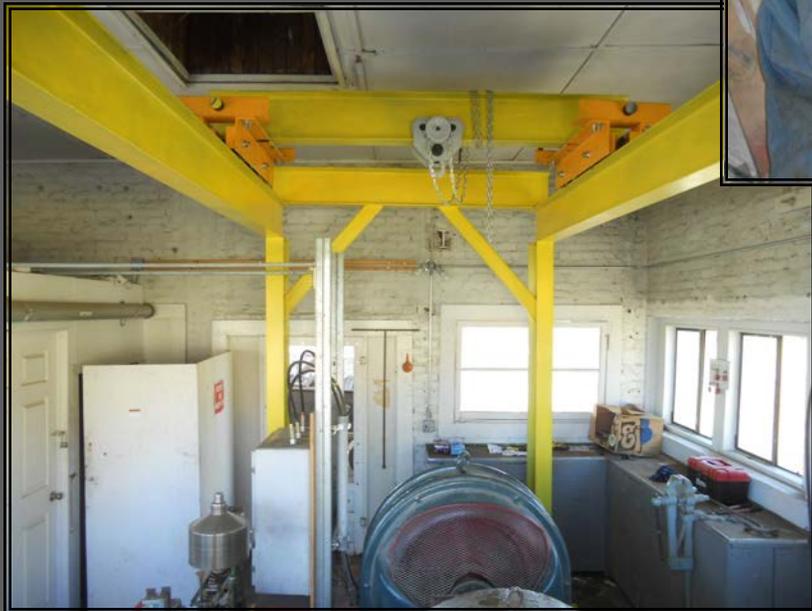
The hydro facility required a hoist to be installed to remove the generator/pelton wheel in case repairs are needed on those items in the future. Larry and Wes are pictured taking measurements to install the hoist.



Wes and Doug used ceiling beams to install main beams and end beams.



Wes and Doug installed the carriage assembly.



The hoist is now finished and ready for use if needed.