

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 20, 2015

Administration



A reminder that the City Council will hold a special meeting on March 21, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am and end at 1:00 pm. The Council will discuss goals for the upcoming year. The meeting is open to the public.

Baker City is preparing a Request for Proposal for a real estate broker or agent of record. The successful proposal will be retained by Baker City for up to three years to represent them in matters concerning real estate. The City was authorized by the voters of Baker City to sell two pieces of property in the Salmon Creek area.

Finance Department

Utilities

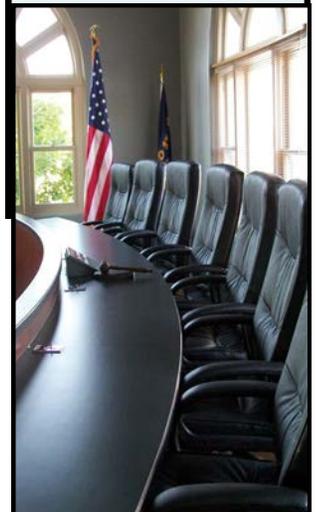


- ◆ 14 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 13 customers disconnected service from March 13th through March 19th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today, which includes 492 residential and 49 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 82 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 80 late notices were sent March 17th.
- ◆ 9 residential customers (Zone 2) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) six were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

Agenda Items March 24th

- *Capital Plan/
Pavement Plan
- *3rd Reading of
Ordinance #3336
- *Crossroads
Presentation
- *Resolution 3743
Concerning
Interest in County





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

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

No residential permits were issued this week.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

Issued a permit to install 2 new MW dishes to an existing 120' ATC tower at parcel # 07S40E0600100.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING*	0	1	1	
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	N/A	4	N/A
MECHANICAL	1	4	3	3
PLUMBING	1	1	1	0
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	8	6	9	9

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Other:

No new information this week.

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



Tree Board Vacancy

The Tree Board currently has one partial term vacancy expiring July 2017. The Tree Board has many duties:

- To study, review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding the urban forestry program. The urban forest consists of vegetation within public parks and land as well as within the public right-of-way area.
- Upon request of City Council shall consider, investigate, make findings and report upon any special matter or question within the board's scope.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Tree Board please visit <http://bakercity.com/boardscommissions-volunteer-form> or contact Luke Yeaton at (541) 524-2033 or lyeaton@bakercity.com

Planning Department

A Conditional Use Permit application was received for the construction of an oversized accessory structure at 2203 Colorado Place, located in the High-Density Residential (R-HD) Zone. The applicant, Wayne Ryder, proposes the construction of a ±32 foot by ±54 foot storage shop. Pre-notices were mailed to all property owners within 100 feet of the subject property on Tuesday, March 17th. **Two 'Land Use Action Pending' signs were also posted on Colorado Place.** The public comment period closes on Wednesday, April 1st at 5:00pm. This Conditional Use Permit is scheduled to be heard by the Baker City Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 15th, 2015 at 6:00pm.



A Land Use Review Application was approved for the construction of a detached garage at 718 Ashlee Way, located in the Low-Density Residential (R-LD) Zone. The applicant, Duane Shumway, proposes the construction of the ±768 square foot detached garage as an accessory structure to an existing home.

A Land Use Review Application was approved for the construction of a hoop greenhouse at 1555 Balm Street, located in the Medium Density Residential (R-MD) Zone. The applicant, Al Free, proposes the construction of the ±588 square foot hoop greenhouse as an accessory structure to an existing home.

A Land Use Review Application was approved for the conversion of an existing industrial shop to an accessory residential manager living quarters in a self-service Storage use building at 2890 Place Street, located in the General Industrial (I) Zone. The applicant, David Davis, proposes the **conversion of said shop in order to provide living quarters for 'watchman' as the applicant currently stores business equipment and materials on the subject property.**

A Floodplain Development Application was received on Tuesday, March 17th for the construction of a new dwelling at 213 2nd Street, located in the High-Density Residential (R-HD) Zone. The applicant, Janice Clark, has received a pre-construction elevation certificate and will be approved to begin construction with the completion of this application.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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



Last week the Fire Department responded to a total of 29 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	2	Out of Town Transfers	0
City Calls	23	Airport Transfers	1
Patient Transported	18	Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
No Patient Trip	7	Simultaneous Calls	4
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	25	Triple Calls	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4
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- Grass fire – 17th & H St.
- False alarm – Pocahontas St.
- Natural gas leak – E St.
- Fence fire – 17th St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 133 hours of in-house training during the week.

- EMS – Case review, ride along
- Fire – Emergency driving, fire prevention review, company inspection class

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Fill SCBA bottles

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on March 24th.



"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."

POLICE



BCPD handled over 175 incidents this past week, opening 30 new cases. One of these cases resulted in the arrest of a New Mexico man who drug a Baker City citizen with a vehicle, as the local man was trying to stop the driver from leaving drunk



- ★ BCPD followed up on additional sightings of cougar activity in the city.
- ★ Chief Lohner participated in a meeting with School Board Chair Andrew Bryan, regarding the proposed School Resource Officer position.
- ★ Chief Lohner participated in a local meeting where options to disperse federal funds to local food banks and other assistance organizations 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 12 old cases
Closed out 2 cases

Dog at Large

1 dog at large returned to owner
3 dogs at large impounded

Parking Violations

Followed up on 4 parking violations
Issued 2 parking citations

Temporary Use Permit

Investigated 1 new case

Found Items

Found 1 knife

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 2 old cases

Dog Bite

Followed up on 1 old case

Deceased Animal

Removed 1 deceased cat

Animal Abandonment

Investigated 1 new case

Keeping/Pasturing Animals

Issued 2 citations

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.



PUBLIC WORKS Water Department

The crew currently is working in the Big Mill Diversion area repairing the concrete Auburn Pipeline. Several large holes were found in the top of the pipe in three areas, which has required the crews to remove the damaged sections and replace them with ductile iron pipe. The repairs are expected to be finished by the end of today and the pipeline placed back into service.



Water Specialist, Jake Jones hiked into Goodrich Reservoir this week and found the water to be nearly the same as we left it last fall, which is just over half full at 110 million gallons. The reservoir holds 200 million gallons and we do expect the reservoir to fill, even though the snowpack is only half of normal.

Interchange Area Management Plan Public Workshop

Thursday, April 7th, 4-6pm at the Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall 1250 Hughes Lane

Please join the City, County and Oregon Department of Transportation to:

- Discuss the 2004 effort and learn why it is being updated
- Learn more about the work that has been completed to date
- Help the project team identify potential long-term transportation concepts



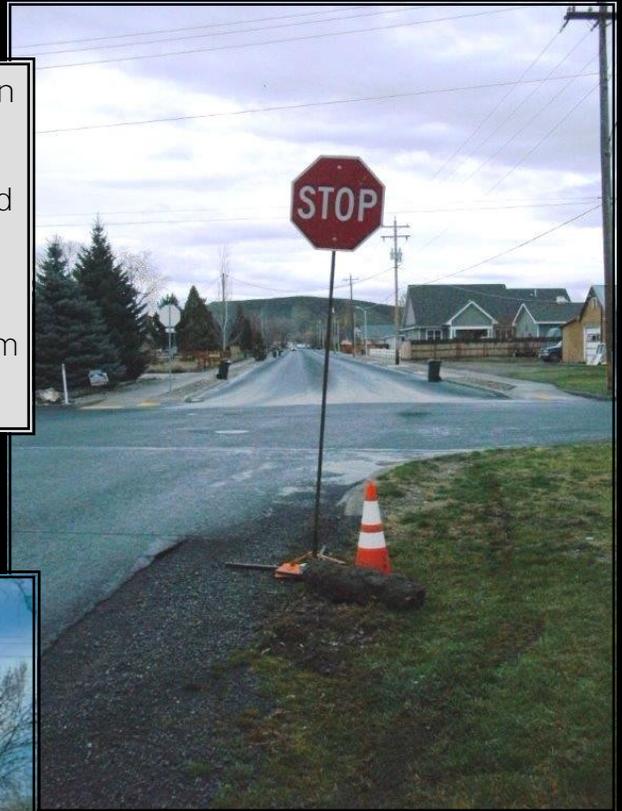


PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works had three stop signs knocked down within the last week.

One Friday evening at 4th and Church, one at 12:45 a.m. Sunday morning at "H" and Birch and a third one Tuesday morning at 1:27 a.m. at 1st and Dewey.

To the right is the "H" and Birch stop sign location where the concrete stub was ripped from the ground by the vehicle impact.



Spring street cleanup work is underway so Public Works is operating two sweepers. The Elgin to pick up the major debris and the Swartz to do the final cleaning. To the left, Tommy is pictured sweeping 4th Street.

Blain and Tim repaired broken curbs along Elm Street recently. To the right is one of the repaired concrete sections on the west side of Elm Street.





PUBLIC WORKS Wastewater Dept.

A wastewater lateral on East Street was repaired this week. The main line in this area is very deep and there are other underground utilities in the vicinity. Blain began excavation early Tuesday morning exposing the lateral near the curb and working toward the main line.



Below, Blain, Tim and Karl are working together using the Vactor truck to hydro-excavate the lateral for repair.



Looking at the open trench one can see the small natural gas line and a stormwater line crossing the repair trench. The residence was reconnected the same day and the project was under the estimated budget by \$412.39.



PUBLIC WORKS Wastewater Dept.

Three residential wastewater lines were dye tested Tuesday to determine how and where they are connected to the City wastewater mainline. Red, yellow and blue dyes were used to distinguish the connections. It was determined that the two homes which had experienced the wastewater problem share a common lateral. This practice is not currently allowed, but did occur in the past. Public Works is working with the homeowners to minimize future sewer problems.



A residence on 9th Street has been suffering from chronic sewer problems. The plumber hired Public Works to video-inspect the lateral. To the left, Keith and Karl are using the push-camera to inspect the lateral. Problem areas were identified and marked for repair.

A new 600 foot long Jetter hose was purchased recently to replace the old one which had become too short over time (damaged end sections had to be trimmed off). Keith and Karl spooled the hose onto the Jetter Truck. The old hose will be saved and sold during the 2016 eBay auction





PUBLIC City Shop

This week the shop crew spent a lot of time fabricating parts and welding plates for the water and street departments. To the right, Wes is starting to prepare parts for a valve connection at the reservoir.



To the left, Wes and Doug work on fitting the prepared pieces together before the final assembly.

At Sam-O-Swim there was condensation on the windows so the humidity control was turned down to help the situation. The next day the pool room temperature had dropped to 68 degrees, which is a little too cool. The boiler was working just fine but the motor that drives the circulating pump for the heating coils had failed. It has since been removed and a new motor will be installed by the end of Friday.