

CITY OF BAKER CITY

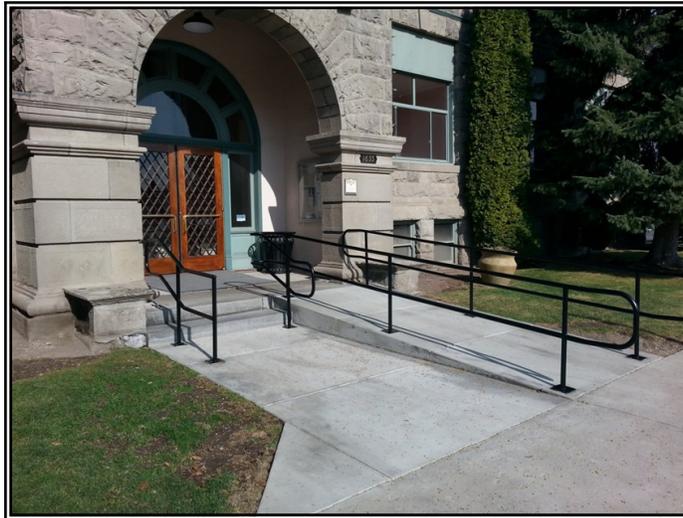
On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

Weekly Update May 1, 2015

Administration

The ramp project at the front of City Hall was completed this week. The concrete work and the hand railing were completed by local contractors. The ramp now complies with ADA standards and makes City Hall more accessible to those with disabilities.

The Annual Report for Baker City is now available online at <http://bakercity.com/government/reports-a-statistics>



City Council

Agenda Items
May 12th

◆ *Budget
Resolution*

◆ *Interfund
Loan*

◆ *Forest Service
MOU*

Finance Department

Accounts Payable—The second of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated April 27th.



Utilities:

- ◆ 33 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 32 customers disconnected service from April 24th through April 30th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 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.
- ◆ 91 late notices were sent April 28th.
- ◆ 5 residential customers (Zone 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) and 3 were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.





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:

There were no new commercial permits issued this week.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

Issued a permit to build a new single family dwelling at Heather Glenn subdivision, Baker City.

Issued a permit to build a new deck on the west side of a house at 410 E Adams Street, Huntington.

Issued a permit to build a new single family dwelling at 825 G Street, Baker City.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	6	2	9
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	N/A	2	N/A
MECHANICAL	2	4	2	5
PLUMBING	1	0	1	3
FENCE	3	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	13	10	7	17

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



Planning Department

- ❖ The Planning Department pre-noticed an application to partition a parcel into two lots within the Urban Growth Boundary at 41302 Highway 30. The subject property is located within the Commercial General (CG) Zone. Public comments are due to the Planning Department by Thursday, May 7th at 5:00pm.
- ❖ On Wednesday, June 3rd, the Baker City Planning Department will host an open-house from 4pm – 6pm at Baker City Hall to answer community questions about proposed updates to the **Baker City Development Code** (BCDC), which 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 are also necessary for different land use applications. These types of revisions can be more complex and may have an impact on landowners (see table below). Additionally, the Baker City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 17th at 6:00pm in Baker City Hall. The public is invited to attend and give input at both events. Below are some of the revisions:

MINOR EDITS	REVISIONS	ADDITIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuation • Grammar • Reference correction • Clarifications on definitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify child care definitions • Allow parking lots in commercial zones with Conditional Use Permit • Revise fence requirements to include variances • Adjust noise level • Allow existing residences in commercial/industrial zones as permitted uses • Add medical hardship criteria for temporary occupancy of motor home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a Revocation of Conditional Use Permit section • Add Radio Frequency Transmission Facilities section • Add Compensation Claims Section

Volunteer with the Public Arts Commission!



The Public Arts Commission was created 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. This is a three year term that would expire in April of 2018. The vacancy will be advertised until filled.

Anyone interested in volunteering for appointment to the above Commission may contact Luke Yeaton at City Hall, 541-524-2033 or lyeaton@bakercity.com. Applications may be submitted electronically through www.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 35 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	3	Out of Town Transfers	3
City Calls	28	Airport Transfers	0
Patient Transported	24	Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
No Patient Trip	7	Simultaneous Calls	5
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES		Triple Calls	1
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FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4
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- ❖ Structure Fire – Plum St.
- ❖ Investigation – Resort St.
- ❖ Structure Fire – Main St.
- ❖ Miscellaneous Fire – Church

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 88 hours of in-house training during the week.

- EMS – Chart review, Basic Life Support (BLS) review
- Fire – Forcible entry, OSHA HazCom Manager, Material Safety Data Sheets
- Baker County Interagency drill

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

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

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 May 5th.



"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 168 incidents this past week, opening 43 new cases.



- ★ Numerous reports of personal property stolen out of various vehicles were received. Initial reports indicate that the vehicles in question were left unlocked during the time of the various break-ins. The Department would like to remind everyone to please not store valuable items in your vehicle and to ALWAYS lock your vehicle.
- ★ Detective Sharon Bass attended the 17th annual *Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit*. This year the summit was held in Clackamas County.
- ★ BCPD personnel received Hazard Communication training which included the new GHS (Globally Harmonized System) requirement for labeling chemicals and other substances found in the workplace.
- ★ Sergeant Newman and Reserve Officer Boyd had lunch with the Head Start students, Sergeant Newman with Class A and Reserve Boyd with Class B.
- ★ 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 2 old cases
Started 2 new cases

Parking Violations

Followed up on 3 parking violations

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 old case
Followed up on 1 aggressive dog complaint

Animal Complaint

Responded to 1 barking dog complaint
Impounded 1 dog
Followed up on a miscellaneous animal complaint
2 dogs at large returned to owner

Found Item

Found and returned 1 set of keys to owner

Kennel Permit

Followed up on 3 kennel permits
Denied 1 application
Issued 1 citation for no kennel permit nor dog license

Problem Pet Owner

Followed up on 1 old case

Officer Assistance

Assisted with evidence recovery

Dog License

Opened 3 new cases

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.



I-84 Exits 302 & 306

Interchange Area Management Plans Public

Baker City, Oregon Department of Transportation and Baker County are beginning to revisit and update previous planning efforts for the I-84 Exits 302 & 306 interchanges. Please join us for public workshop 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.

Wednesday, May 6, 2015 4-6pm

Baker County
Courthouse
1995 3rd Street
Baker City, OR 97814

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Baker City celebrates 30th year as Tree City USA!



Take a look what can be accomplished by **inspired community volunteers...**

Baker City Tree Board members and store owners/employees at the Basche-Sage Mall and Baker Food Co-op are planting replacement street trees in the downtown area May 1st to celebrate Arbor Day and **Baker City's 30th year as a Tree City USA!**

The photos above and to the left show the dying flowering plum and cherry trees that were recently removed from the tree wells at each site. Public Works crews enlarged each **tree well to 6'x6'** in size, installed root barrier, and volunteers will be planting the new trees.



UPCOMING TREE WORKSHOP

Basics of Tree Pruning

When: Saturday, May 2nd

Where: Details provided by sponsor

Cost: Details provided by sponsor

Register by calling 541.523.6418

Sponsored by: The OSU Extension Office



PUBLIC WORKS Water Dept.

The Water Department has been working with the Water Masters Office to ensure that downstream users on the Goodrich Drainage are and will be receiving their portion of water as per their Water Rights. This picture was taken April, 24th and shows the lack of snow on the South facing slope above the lake. **Typically this time of year there is 4'-5' of snow at this elevation, this year on average in the shaded areas there is 18"-24"**.



Crews earlier this week removed the house at the new Leo Adler Pathway trailhead (Wade Williams section). Asbestos flooring was removed by a contractor on Monday, and the house was gone by Tuesday afternoon.



A two man crew spent most of the day excavating out poor soils and sometimes bricks from 5 tree wells along Main St. and Broadway Street. The poor soils in the tree wells were replaced with good top soil. The tree wells were also enlarged from 4'x4' to 4'x8', which will provide additional aeration for the roots. A plastic root barrier was also added around the perimeter of the tree wells which should prevent the roots from heaving the adjacent sidewalk and curbs.

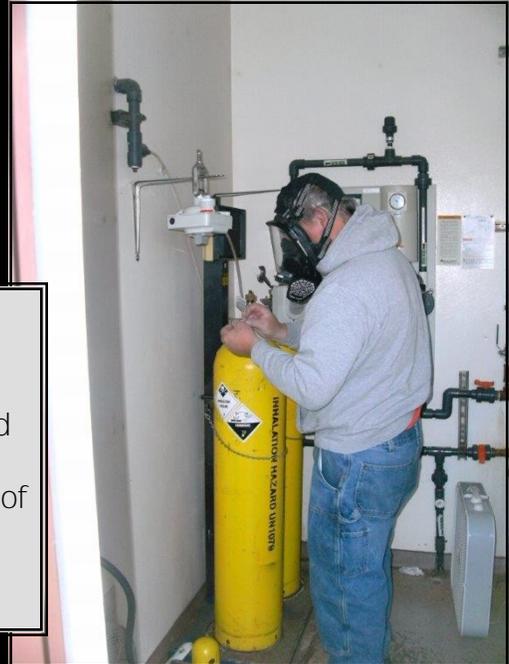


PUBLIC WORKS Wastewater Dept.

Keith and Karl video-inspected and rated wastewater collection lines and dozens of sanitary manholes this week. One of the inspected lines was on Oak Street in conjunction with a residents repair of their sewer lateral. This photo shows a connection where a piece of black plastic pipe connects onto A.C. (Asbestos Concrete Pipe).



Sulfur Dioxide is used at the Wastewater Treatment Facility to remove any residual chlorine from the disinfected/treated effluent. When the 150 pound cylinders run out of product they must be promptly and safely replaced with a full bottle. To the right, Rick is connecting a full 150 pound bottle of Sulfur Dioxide onto the plumbing fixture while Karl remains on stand-by as a safety precaution.



While driving the perimeter of the lagoon dikes to check their integrity, some nesting geese were encountered.

A quick photo was taken while driving by a nest where two of the eggs had just hatched. Traffic and maintenance along the dike tops is reduced during the goose nesting season to limit interference with the natural process.



To the left, a pair of Canadian Geese with their eleven goslings were taking a swim in cell "A".



PUBLIC WORK Street Dept.

The trees which were planted along Resort Street between Auburn and Campbell Streets were watered by Public Works this week. Notices were also sent to the residents informing them that as of May 1, 2015 they are responsible for the weekly watering of the trees. Tree Gators, a type of water bag, were supplied and attached to the trees for their use.



While filling the Gator Bags with water, Tip pulled any weeds which were beginning to grow.

Below, Tip and Karl (driving the water truck) are watering the trees on Resort. Tip is shown spraying a little water on the tree leaves to revitalize them.

