

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 8, 2015

Administration

This week all the departments were finalizing budget information for the upcoming Budget Board meetings. The Budget Board of the City of Baker will meet to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The meeting will take place on the 19th day of May 2015 at 4:00 p.m., and if needed, additional meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 20th, 21st and the 27th days of May 2015. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. At this meeting, a special time will be reserved to receive written or oral comments on the possible use of State Revenue Sharing Funds. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained on or after May 11, 2015 from the City Finance Director. This is a public meeting and any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Board.

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Finance Department



Utilities:

- ◆ 20 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 14 customers disconnected service from May 1st through May 7th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 88 residential and 250 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 49 or 14% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 91 late notices were sent April 28th.
- ◆ There were no turn-offs scheduled this week.

City Council

Agenda Items
May 12th

◆ ***BIG DEAL
Grant-MayDay
Inc.***

◆ ***Resolution
3748 Amending
the 2014-2015
Budget***

◆ ***Resolution
3749 Interfund
Loan***





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 a permit to remodel cement steps and deck entryway area at 2935 H Street, Baker City.

Issued a permit to remodel a church carport at 42171 Chico Road, Baker City.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

Issued a permit to add a slopped metal roof over an existing flat carport roof at 38350 Sawmill Cutoff Lane, Halfway.

Issued a permit to build a 32 x 54 ft pole barn type structure at 2203 Colorado Place, Baker City.

Issued a permit to build a 30 x 40 ft pole building at 2 Iron Horse Street, Sumpter.

Issued a permit to build a new 10 x 20 ft porch at 44528 Brownlee Oxbow Highway, Oxbow.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	2	2	4	4
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	0
ELECTRICAL	3	N/A	11	N/A
MECHANICAL	4	2	3	1
PLUMBING	3	1	1	0
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	13	5	20	5

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Historic District Design Review Commission

This week the HDDRC submitted a BIG DEAL Grant reimbursement to City Council for approval of partial reimbursement for a sign for MayDay Inc.



Planning Department

The Planning Department is working on updates to the Baker City Development Code. The website for the updates was posted this week and can be accessed at: <http://www.bakercity.com/departments/planning/123>.

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 (See table below).

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on **Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 pm** to discuss recommended changes to the development code. The meeting will be held at the **Baker County Courthouse**, 1995 Third Street.

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.

The public has been invited to attend both events, as the Planning Department would like to hear the **public’s thoughts, questions, additions and concerns relating to proposed updates and information** provided. This week, feedback was requested from other departments, as well as agencies that frequently work with the Planning Department.

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



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 32 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	4	Out of Town Transfers	0
City Calls	23	Airport Transfers	0
Patient Transported	22	Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
No Patient Trip	5	Simultaneous Calls	5
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	27	Triple Calls	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5

- ❖ Structure Fire – Kirkway St.
- ❖ Miscellaneous Fire—17th St.
- ❖ Miscellaneous Fire – Cedar
- ❖ Miscellaneous Fire—David Eccles Rd.
- ❖ Miscellaneous Fire—Place St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 36 hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire – Webcast on plastic environment hazards
- EMS – Hydrogen Sulfide Suicide , Hoyer Lift Chair

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

68 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.
- 6 fire prevention inspections.
- Station tour for 13 preschool kids and 5 adults
- HazMat standby Durkee, OR



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on May 12th.

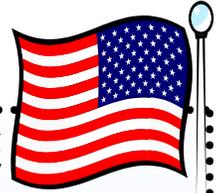


"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."

POLICE



BCPD handled over 193 incidents this past week, opening 37 new cases.



★ Arrests were made for various charges including several warrant arrests in an addition to an arrest made in a case involving Assault IV Domestic and a separate incident involving Unauthorized Entry of a Motor Vehicle.

★ Officer Wayne Bailey, a long-time veteran of the Baker City Police Department, has left the department to pursue his dream career as a commercial pilot. We wish to thank Officer Bailey for his many years of service and wish him and his family well with this new venture.



★ Patrol Team 2 participated in Defensive Tactics training.

★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various Officer Safety topics.

★ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel, in partnership with Brooklyn Elementary School, Oregon Department of Transportation, Community Connections, BCPD Citizens on Patrol and Baker City Rotary, organized and delivered a Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Day on May 6th. This event, held in honor of National Bike and Walk to School Day, included a bicycle rodeo and a pedestrian safety station. Four-hundred students, 1st -3rd grade, participated in the bike rodeo, which included bike safety information, in addition to the pedestrian safety station. An additional 100 kindergartners participated in just the pedestrian safety station.





Baker City Tree Board volunteers and store owners planted five street trees on May 1st to celebrate Arbor Day and Baker City's 30th year of being recognized as a Tree City USA! Trees were planted within sidewalk tree wells fronting Baker City Copy Ship & Mail, Cody's, Charley's Ice Cream Parlor and the Baker City Food Co-op.

Tree species included Spring Snow Crabapple, Carpinus Columnar Hornbeam, and Tilia Redmond Linden.

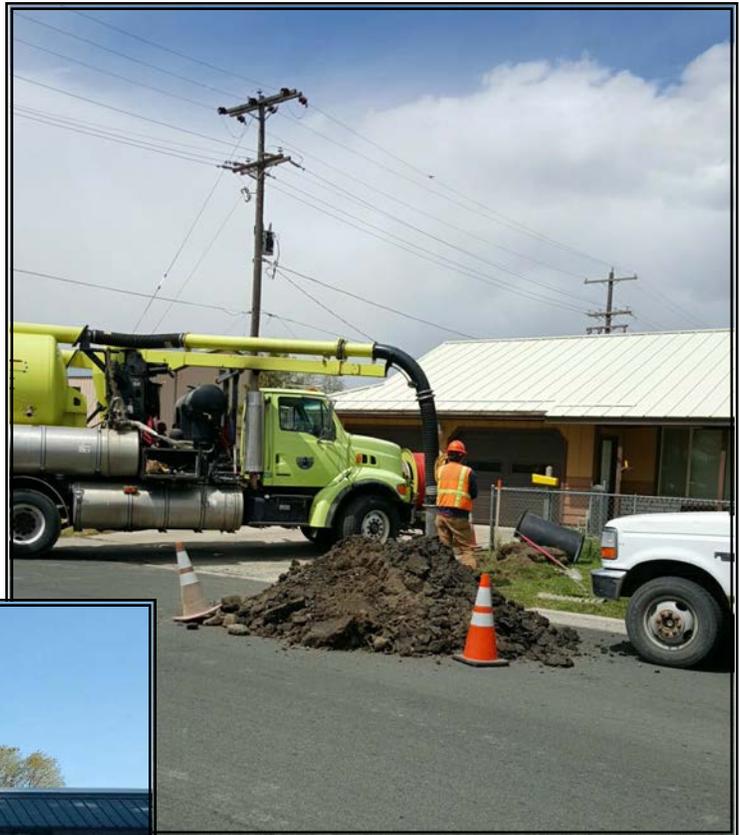
Public Works crews prepped the site by enlarging the existing tree wells, removing debris within the tree wells, and delivering the new trees to the site. Volunteers gathered at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, and all trees were planted by noon.



The volunteers had a vision and with a little collaboration – a great community enhancement project was accomplished! A job well done!



A two man crew relocated a water meter at 1590 Indiana Ave. this week. The **original meter, installed in the late 70's** was located on private property, partially under a concrete driveway, with the meter so deep that it could not be changed. Crews moved the meter service **approximately 10'**, and **raised the service**, so maintenance can be performed on the meter.



A City crew removed a sick maple tree located on the South side of the library along Madison Street. Volunteers later that evening planted a replacement tree.

Interested in replacing your sidewalk? Or maybe you are the only one on your block that doesn't have a sidewalk and you're interested in having a sidewalk?

Grant money may be available to help! Check out the details of the Sidewalk Construction Grant at www.bakercity.com or by calling Baker City Public Works at (541)524-2063.



PUBLIC WORKS

The last of the big cottonwood tree stumps along the pathway project was hauled away to the City's property located Northeast of town. The small excavator was not able to lift the stump, which had to be dragged onto the tilt trailer.



City crews have nearly completed placing rock on the pathway being constructed between Resort Street and Myrtle Street.

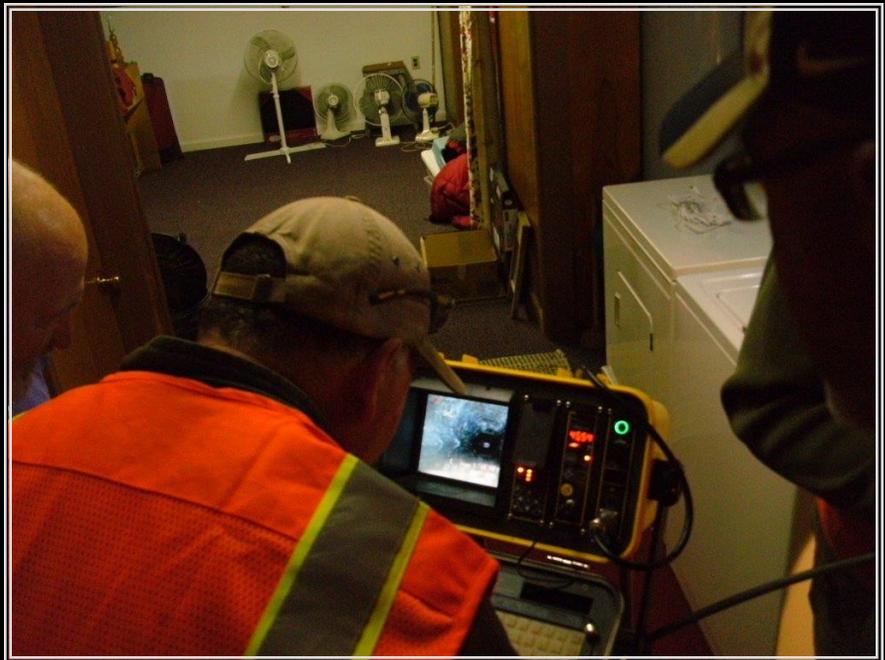
Tommy and Tim installed a new wastewater service lateral Thursday for a building on "C" Street. The main line is 8" in diameter and made of Concrete. Non-abrasive washed rock (pea gravel) is used to properly "bed" the 4" plastic pipe.





PUBLIC WORKS

Wednesday a Public Works Crew assisted a Contractor/Drain Cleaner by using the ViVax Push Camera to inspect a private sewer lateral. Keith and Karl inserted the camera approximately 65 feet down the lateral. The line was found to be in very good condition for the first 45 feet. A blockage was encountered at approximately 61 feet. The location of the problems were marked on the surface of the ground. The owner plans to repair the line in the near future.



Jay and Leo staked the trailhead elevations at the beginning of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway between Main and Resort Streets.

Recently Baker City Public Works Director Owen was asked by an Engineer working for The City of North Powder to lend assistance on a project by video-inspecting approximately 18,000 feet of North Powder Wastewater lines. A crew began that work Thursday. This map show most of the lines which need video-inspected in North Powder.





PUBLIC WORKS City Shop

Wes is pictured disassembling a sprayer that is used at the Golf Course. The clutch came apart and has to be replaced.



Doug completed vehicle maintenance on one of the City pickups.

New blinds for the City Hall Council Chambers arrived this week. Doug is pictured measuring and getting the mounting brackets installed so the blinds can be put up to keep the summer sun out.

