

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

*Weekly Update May 15, 2015*

## **Administration**

Pictured to the right is the site of a new outside exercise area which will be the result of a partnership between Baker City, the Lion's Club and many local sponsors who helped purchase the equipment. This portion of the pathway, which sits near Kirkway and H St., will receive two large trees this week and the installation of the exercise equipment will be complete sometime in June. Thanks to all who made this possible.



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## **Finance Department**

**Accounts Payable**—The first of two accounts payable check runs were generated on Monday.

**Payroll**—Draw checks were distributed Friday.

### **Utilities:**

- ◆ 13 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 8 customers disconnected service from May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed today which includes 450 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 68 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 90 late notices were sent May 12th.
- ◆ 2 residential customers were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days) and one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

## *City Council*

Agenda Items  
May 26th

◆ *Herbicide Report*

◆ *Information concerning Audit & City Attorney RFP*

◆ *Economic Development Report by Greg Smith*





# 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](http://www.bakercity.com/departments/building)



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

### **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**

Issued a permit for a re-roof project at 810 Front Street, Haines.

Issued a permit to build an addition to existing structure at 2219 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Baker City.

Issued a permit for a re-roof project at 1217 Campbell Street, Baker City.

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

Issued a permit to build a new deck to an existing single family dwelling at 39006 Deer Creek Road, Baker City.



### Permits

|                       | <b>Permits Issued City</b> | <b>Inspections City</b> | <b>Permits Issued County</b> | <b>Inspections County</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| BUILDING              | 2                          | 10                      | 2                            | 6                         |
| MANUFACTURED DWELLING | 0                          | 0                       | 0                            | 0                         |
| ELECTRICAL            | 5                          | N/A                     | 6                            | N/A                       |
| MECHANICAL            | 1                          | 5                       | 2                            | 0                         |
| PLUMBING              | 5                          | 3                       | 1                            | 1                         |
| FENCE                 | 2                          | N/A                     | 0                            | N/A                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>15</b>                  | <b>18</b>               | <b>11</b>                    | <b>7</b>                  |

### Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

### Historic District Design Review Commission

An HDDRC meeting was held on May 13, 2015 at the Baker City Building Department. No HDDRC applications were reviewed or approved due to no quorum; however, Michelle Owen did updated the board members on CLG grant recipients and their applications.



## Planning Department

A sign permit was approved for the Faith Center Foursquare Church to install a new sign at 1837 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The new sign will be two-sided and includes the Church’s logo and phone number.

A Land Use Review was completed and approved for property in the Central Commercial Zone at 1809 Main Street. The second floor will be remodeled into a residence above the ground floor retail.

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>.

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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to discuss recommended changes to the Development Code. The meeting will be held at the Baker County Courthouse as 1995 Third Street. Information packets were mailed this week to the Planning Commission for review.

On Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Baker City Planning Department will host an Open House from 4pm – 6pm at Baker City Hall to gather feedback and 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.

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



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 28 emergency alarms.**

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Rural Calls         | 4  |
| City Calls          | 20 |
| Patient Transported | 19 |
| No Patient Trip     | 5  |

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Out of Town Transfers   | 0 |
| Airport Transfers       | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 3 |
| Simultaneous Calls      | 4 |
| Triple Calls            | 0 |

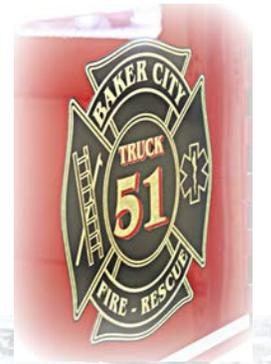
## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 24

- ◆ Vehicle Fire – Elm
- ◆ Rescue – Interstate 84
- ◆ Illegal Burn – Colorado
- ◆ Odor Investigation – Campbell

## FIRE REPORTS

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

## TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

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

- Fire – Natural gas training, volunteer agility
- EMS – Chart review

## 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 & washing

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>.**



*"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 150 incidents this past week, opening 36 new cases.**



- ✪ One of the cases this week resulted in the arrest of a Baker City man after he led law enforcement officers, from multiple agencies, on a 28 mile pursuit that ended a day later when he was captured by a private citizen.
- ✪ BCPD responded to the hospital for the report of an infant death. That investigation has been turned over to the Baker County Major Crime Team.
- ✪ Chief Lohner spent two days in Enterprise as part of a team that is conducting an "Agency Review" of the Enterprise Police Department.
- ✪ Sergeant Regan's patrol team completed 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 continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.

**REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE**

**POLICE WEEK 2015**

**WASHINGTON, DC | MAY 10-16**

**May 15—National Peace Officer Day**

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood.

Thank you to all law enforcement officers for your service to the community!



**Baker City was nominated this year to be eligible for \$100,000 for a dog park. You can vote daily on [petsafe.net/barkforyourpark](http://petsafe.net/barkforyourpark) or on the Baker City Bark for Your Park page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bark-for-Your-Park-Vote-for-Baker-City/731689873606964>. Give it a “like” and it will be easy to vote daily!**



### Budget Board Meetings

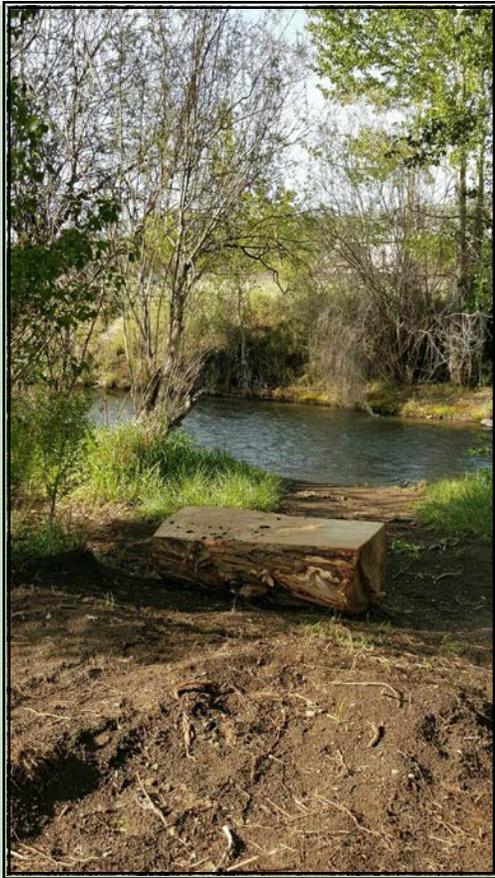
A public meeting of the Budget Board of the City of Baker City, Baker County, State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, will be held at Baker City Hall, 1655 First Street in the City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting will take place on the 19th day of May 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 document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 11, 2015 at the office of the City Finance Director, City Hall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Board will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Board.

### **Public Works Advisory Committee Vacancy**

**volunteers needed!**  
reach out and HELP!



**The Public Works Advisory Committee was established to promote the community participation in advising the City Council |regarding matters in the public works area, |including, but not limited to, street construction and maintenance, and water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer line construction and maintenance. The Committee consists of seven members, three-year terms.**



Base rock for the pathway was completed and is awaiting paving. Lights, benches, trees, drain trench and a kiosk still need placed in the parking lot after the paving is done. City personnel sawed a section of a cottonwood tree into a couple of benches and placed them along the river at the swimming hole.

The snow seen in the Elkhorn Mountains this week amounted to only a skiff. The Watershed did receive a cold heavy rainfall which added a lot of water to the existing snowpack. The ice pack on Goodrich Reservoir is starting to break up early this year. It is quite uncommon to breakup before mid-June.



Public Works personnel led a tour Thursday at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. To the left, Michelle is explaining to the students possible future plans for wastewater effluent disposal.

**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](http://www.bakercity.com) or by calling Baker City Public Works at**



# PUBLIC WORKS



A Public Works Crew constructed a new concrete curb section on Resort Street to provide access to the new trailhead. Above, Blain edged the concrete curb contact with the asphalt street.

A call was received from a local rancher early this week about a blocked culvert near 17th Street. This particular culvert conveys some City storm water away from residential areas. Justin cleared the culvert and removed additional tumbleweeds and other debris upstream from the culvert.



A Public Works Crew worked most of this week assisting the City of North Powder by cleaning and video-inspecting their wastewater collection lines. To the left, Karl and Tip opened one of the manholes on the main trunk line in town. Several cubic yards of rock and other build-up was removed from the lines using the Vactor Truck. The cleaning work will improve the capacity of the lines and reduce the potential for blockages and S.S.O.s (Sewer System Overflows). The video-inspection work will be used by Engineers to design and implement improvements in the collection system.



# PUBLIC WORKS

A Public Works Crew installed a new lateral for a resident on Grandview Drive this week. The line was deep and there were conflicts with other underground utilities. Below, Tim S. operated the loader with the asphalt "Zipper" attached to pulverize the asphalt.



Above, Blain operated the backhoe while Tim kept a close eye on the natural gas line. Once the lateral was installed and backfill work done the sidewalk repair was completed (left).



Excess concrete from the Grandview project was delivered to the City Warehouse where Larry used it to make ecology blocks and wheel stops. Ecology blocks have many uses; they are used as retaining walls, thrust blocking on water lines, vehicle barriers, partition walls for different construction materials, and much more.

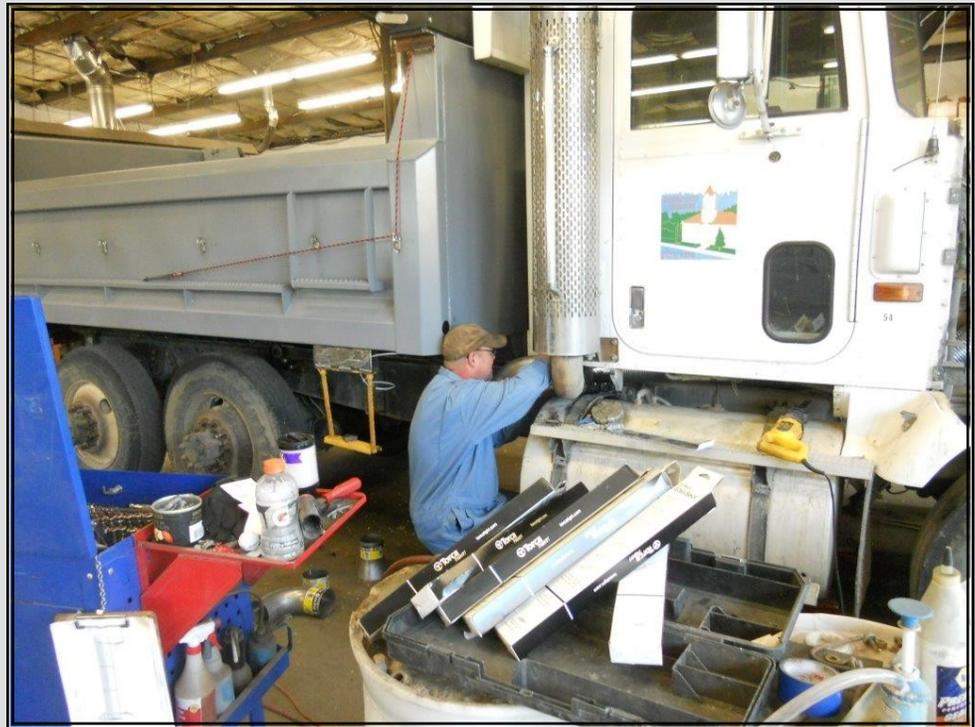




## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **City Shop**

Wes is pictured putting the final touches to the exhaust system for the new heated insulated dump truck box. The exhaust from the truck can be routed through the bottom of the dump box. The purpose is to keep the loaded asphalt hot for a longer period of time.



Doug and Rick (not pictured) worked at the large Heilner Hanger at the airport. They were busy pressure washing the outside in preparation for concrete repair and the repainting of the exterior.