

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update October 2, 2015*

## Administration

This last week, Baker City Fire Chief Mark John attended an After Action Review of the Cornet/Windy Ridge Fire and the Dry Gulch Fire led by Gary Timm. Representatives from the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry, Baker Rural Fire and Baker County pieced together the scenarios to gain insight for future preparedness.

The Baker City Sam-O Swim Committee will meet next week to final their list of projects for the swimming pool. They have prioritized four different swimming pool projects, including new sand filters, new showers, resurfacing the pool, and replacing the heating system. The Council appointed this group of volunteers who truly care about the pool and maintaining the facility.

## Finance

**Finance Director:** July and Augusts' revenue and expenditure reports are now available at <http://www.bakercity.com/departments/finance>.

The Water Department is now using a new and improved "Notice of Potential Water Service Turn Off" form which is printed on the Xerox laser printer/copier rather than the Okidata pin feed printer.

## Utilities

- ◆ Zone 5 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.
- ◆ 20 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 21 customers disconnected service from September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ 87 late notices were sent September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Five residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) one was turned off until their past due balance was paid.

## *City Council*

### October 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda Items:

*\*Councilor Vacancy  
Appointment*

*\*Ordinance  
Amending  
Prohibitive  
Activities in Parks*

*\*Grant Update*

*\*Fire Inspection  
Update*

*\*Pool Resurfacing  
Bid*





# **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:**

- No new permits were issued this week for commercial projects.

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

- 46282 Rock Crk Town Road, Haines – 24 x 42 Pole Barn
- 2040 Balm Street, Baker City – 1370 SF new residence
- 46119 Gover Road, Halfway -- 43x60 Pole Style Structure over residential trailer

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS CONTD:**

- 44821 Barbara Circle, Baker City – 1801 SF new residence and 30x40 detached garage
- 18713 Greenridge Drive, Baker City – Solar Panel installation
- 2920 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Baker City – 1333 SF new residence with attached 520 SF garage
- 1500 Vista Heights Drive, Baker City – 2500 SF detached utility structure
- 2368 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Baker City – **14' x 64'** lean-to/pole structure along detached garage

### **Permits**

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	5	2	6	6
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	3	3	9	5
MECHANICAL	3	7	3	3
PLUMBING	6	8	1	0
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>

### **Other:**

No new information this week.

### **Historic District Design Review Commission**

Next meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 8am at City Hall.



## City/County Planning Department

### Public Meetings

On Wednesday, October 14th, the Planning Commission will continue to review two Conditional Use Permits from Acom Consulting, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, to install a 100 ft. high transmission tower at 2960 and 2431 11<sup>th</sup> East Street, in the Industrial Zone. The Planning Commission requested more materials from the applicant. The record is open for public testimony.

The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council to approve the Interchange Area Management Plan, and related Development Code and Comprehensive Plan amendments, for I-84 Exits 302 and 306. A joint hearing between the City Council and Baker County Board of Commissioners will be held to **consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation at City Hall** on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website:

<http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.



### Projects and Approvals

Planning staff attended the Regional Population Forecast Meeting as part of the Oregon Population Forecast Program for the Eastern Oregon Region. Planning staff assisted the Portland State University Population Research Center with housing unit and population information.

A Land Use Review was approved for a utility shed and dog kennel run at 855 G Street.

A Flood Plain Development Permit was approved for 2270 Wabash Ave.

The Planning Department is reviewing a proposed partition submitted by Baker County to create an additional parcel for the Baker City Armory. Comments on the proposal will be accepted until October 6<sup>th</sup> and can be submitted to the Baker City-County Planning Department.

### Volunteers Needed

The City of Baker City is looking to fill one open position on the City Council. **The City will accept applications through the office of City Recorder until October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** The individual who is appointed by a majority vote of the City Council will serve on the City Council through December of 2016. An applicant must be a registered voter in the State of Oregon and have resided within the City of Baker City for 12 months immediately preceding the appointment. This partial term will expire at the end of December 2016.

There are also two vacancies on the **Tree Board** as the City Council added two positions to the board to keep up with the demand of the Tree Board.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Tree Board please fill out an application online at: <http://bakercity.com/government/boards-a-commissions> or stop by City Hall at 1655 1st Street.





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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



During the week of September 13th - 19th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **35** emergency alarms.

### FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	3
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>4</b>

### AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	25
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	25
No Patient Trip	6

### TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 31

Out of Town Transfers	1
Airport Transfers	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	6



- Structure Fire – Cherry St
- General Alarm Fire – Task force response to Dry Gulch / 2481
- False alarm – Main St
- Gas leak – 16th



### TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **43** hours of in-house training

- EMS – Hazard materials
- Fire – Wildland case studies, type 6 operations

### MAINTENANCE/OTHER

**89** hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities.

- Painting exterior walls of the station
- SCBA fit testing

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at the senior center
- Company inspections
- Station tour for 15 children
- CPR class provided for school district
- Baker High football standby



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on October 6<sup>th</sup>.



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# **POLICE** **DEPARTMENT**



★ This past week BCPD handled over 219 incidents and opened 37 new cases, including several arrests for outstanding warrants. BCPD also received several reports of people receiving phone calls involving individuals claiming to represent entities such as the Publisher Clearing House and the Internal Revenue Service. We would like to remind the public that if you receive a call claiming that you have won a monetary award, but first must send money upfront in order to claim the prize, be warned! This call is a scam.

In addition, legitimate government and public utilities, such as the Internal Revenue Service, do not contact people over the phone to collect on an outstanding debt or tax bill. More information concerning IRS impersonator scams is available at: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Scam-Phone-Calls-Continue%3B-IRS-Identifies-Five-Easy-Ways-to-Spot-Suspicious-Calls>.

- ★ Chief Lohner attended the OACP (Oregon Association Chiefs of Police) /OSSA (Oregon State Sherriff's Association) Fall Leadership Conference in Salem, Oregon.
- ★ BCPD Reserve Officers attended safety training, conducted at the department, to include: Hazard Communication –GHS System, Bloodborne Pathogens including Hazardous Waste Response, Personal Protective Equipment and Respiratory Protection Program including Tuberculosis Prevention.
- ★ 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



### Public Works

A citizen reported the appearance of a small "sink hole" this week.

Upon investigation, it was determined that the location should be excavated and the hole repaired.



Above, Tommy and Steve (Tip) are compacting the soil to eliminate the problem. Because of the close proximity to the Tesoro Pipeline their local representative (Warren) was on site during the repair work.

To the right, an underground locate was requested. Here, Tommy is excavating the site.



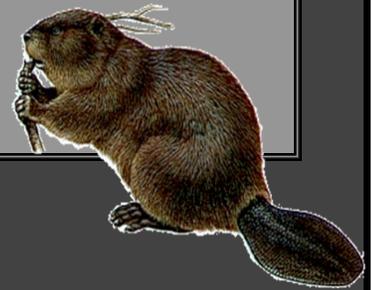


## Public Works

This week a water service line was relocated from Auburn Avenue to 7th Street as part of the Auburn Avenue Main line installation project. A portable boring machine was used to bore under the asphalt and then "pull" the copper service line back to near the water main line where it was then connected and energized. Using the boring machine greatly reduced the amount of asphalt which needed to be removed and later patched back.



A beaver recently fell the first tree across the new section of the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway recently. It was a small tree and was easily removed.



City crew used the DuraPatcher this week to patch several locations in town. It works especially well when patching edges of asphalt shoulders where there is no curb and on the inside of corners where truck traffic and other vehicles have driven off the asphalt. Here, Steve (Tip), and Craig flagged traffic while Karl and Matt (driving the truck) patched the shoulder of 17th Street.





# PUBLIC WORKS-Shop

Wes and Doug serviced a Public Works truck and performed a routine safety check.



To the right is a water department side by side trailer. The crew had to pull the axle and replace the springs and shackles with heavier components.



The fuel pump quit on a Public Works vehicle so Wes and Doug pulled the bed to change it out.