

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update September 4, 2015*

## **Administration**

As part of a newly developed emergency action plan for employees and citizens, staff members with the safety committee completed fire extinguisher training. The Fire Department hosted the training and explained various types of extinguishers and when and how to use them.



Staff members were also able to practice using an extinguisher in a controlled environment provided by the Fire Department. Thank you to the Fire Department for your time and training fellow staff.

## **Finance**

### **Utilities**

- ◆ 27 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 28 customers disconnected service from August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 89 residential and 248 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 49 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ No late notices were sent out this week as it was a skip week.
- ◆ 6 residential customer (Zone 8) was scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and three were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

## **City Council**

### **September 8<sup>th</sup> Agenda Items:**

- \*GIS Services Contract*
- \*Tree Board Modification Ordinance*
- \*Regional Housing Rehabilitation Project*
- \*Vegetation Policy Approval*





# **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 commercial permits were issued this week.



## **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

43178 New Bridge Road, Richland – 1925 square foot new residence

180 E Bell Street, Halfway – 20 x 30 utility roof addition

610 NE Bonanza, Sumpter – chimney addition

## **Permits**

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	0	1	3	15
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	3
ELECTRICAL	2	1	4	5
MECHANICAL	0	1	2	2
PLUMBING	4	2	0	0
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>

## **Other:**

The “electrical” component was included this week as we have kept current on inspection results.

## **Historic District Design Review Commission**

No new information this week.



## City/County Planning Department

The Baker County Planning Department is here to serve you with property services, technical assistance and information. The Planning Department is responsible for implementing Baker County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance as well as Oregon Revised Statutes and Administrative Rules when considering proposals.

### Development Code Update



The Planning Department received final approval from the Department of Land Conservation and Development on the Development Code Update on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Changes are in effect as of August 27<sup>th</sup> and copies of the updated code are available for inspection at the Planning Department, on the website, or for a reasonable fee by mail.

### Projects and Approvals

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 received two applications from Acom Consulting, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, for two Conditional Use Permits to install two 100 feet high transmission towers in the Industrial Zone in Baker City. The Conditional Use Permit hearings are scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

A Conditional Use Permit for a proposal to change the use of a house on the corner of Main and Campbell from residence to office hearing is scheduled to be heard at the Planning Commission meeting on September 16 at 7:00pm at City Hall.

## Bandstand Update

As the Bandstand project nears completion, please join us September 6, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at Geiser-Pollman Park for the dedication of the Powder River Pavilion.





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 August 16th-22nd, the Fire Department responded to a total of 30 emergency alarms.**

### FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>3</b>

### AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	8



### TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>27</b>
Out of Town Transfers	0
Airport Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	1
Triple Calls	0

- Burn complaint – Elm Street
- False alarm – Cedar Street
- Trash fire – Foothill Road

### TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

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

- EMS - CPR, first aid

### MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Hose washing

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Company inspections



**The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on September 8<sup>th</sup>.**



# **POLICE** **DEPARTMENT**

*"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."*



★ This past week BCPD handled over **250** incidents and opened **46** new cases. Eleven of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.

★ Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman met with an OLCC representative, who provided information on licensing and local authority options.

★ Tuesday morning 3 new police reserves were sworn-in: Paul Haytas, Mandi Lary and Tina Aldrich.

★ 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.



### **Weekly Code Enforcement Activity:**

#### Maintenance

Followed up on 3 old cases  
Received 2 new complaints

#### Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 case  
Impounded 1 dangerous dog  
Attended 1 trial for dangerous dog  
Started 1 new case

#### Animal Complaints

Followed up on 1 barking dog complaint

#### Problem Pet Owner

Followed up on 1 complaint

#### Parking Violations

Issued 3 parking citations  
Followed up on 7 parking violations

#### Weed Complaint

Followed up on 1 weed complaint  
Followed up on a hedge complaint

#### Dangerous Building

Followed up on 1 case





## Quail Ridge Golf Course

With the end of the golf season fast approaching it is almost time to aerify the greens again. This year we will be aerifying greens on Monday, September 14th. The golf course will be closed all day on Monday and will be open for regular play on Tuesday, September 15th.

What is aeration? Aeration is the process by which holes are put into the greens to allow for air to be able to get into the soil beneath the green. Aeration is needed when the soil beneath the surface of the green becomes compacted. When the soil is compacted, the grass roots struggle to breathe.



Quail Ridge Golf Course would like to thank you for your patience and understanding while the maintenance staff performs this crucial task that will ensure our greens continue to be in excellent shape for years to come.

Along with citizens, Quail Ridge Golf Course has also been assisting with the current drought situation in Baker County through voluntary curtailment. Quail Ridge Golf Course has used 36% less water year to date (YTD) than in 2014 and 40% less water YTD than in 2013.





### Public Works - Water

The bulk of the new Auburn Avenue 16" waterline has been laid, and the crew has been busy pressure testing and chlorinating the west 1/2 of the line. Dennis is pictured below sterilizing the standpipe used to obtain a water sample that will be tested for bacterial contamination. After the sample results come back negative the water crew will begin switching customers from the old 6" waterline to the new 16" waterline. Each customer can expect to be out of service for approximately 1/2 hour during the switch over.



The water crew flushes every newly installed waterline, pressure tests (above) to insure that there are no leaks and then heavily chlorinates the pipes (below) for 24 hours.



After the lines are pressure tested and heavily chlorinated, they are flushed again, at which point a water sample is sent to the lab.





### PUBLIC WORKS-Street

Public Works completed over 50 patches on city streets Thursday. Depressions in street surfaces were repaired and transverse cracks were filled using "D" Mix (1/4" aggregate) asphalt. Several of the transverse cracks that were patched Thursday had been patched in previous years. These transverse cracks will need to be patched again in the future. The reason for this continuing maintenance is that the asphalt surface continues to shrink. As the surface shrinks it "pulls" away from these transverse cracks leaving a gap. The shrink rate is such that the gap needs to be refilled with asphalt (or other bituminous material) approximately every 3-5 years to keep the roads drivable. Steve and Blain shoveled asphalt into transverse cracks while Riley compacted the asphalt at the intersection of Chestnut and Washington Streets.



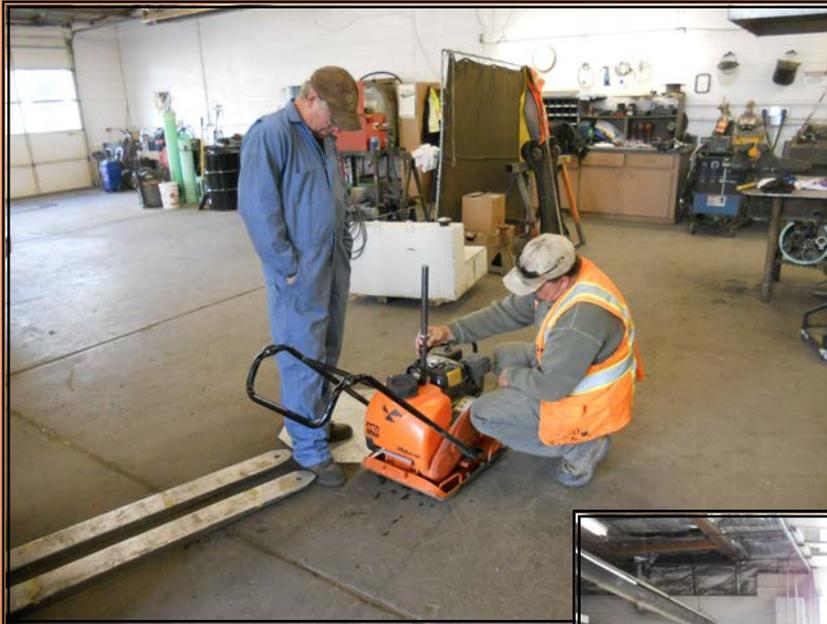
Justin and Tim used the CAT backhoe and vector truck to replace a fire hydrant on Valley Street today.

Nearly all of this year's chipseal streets have received their initial sweeping of loose rock. To the right, Karl is pictured sweeping on Place Street. The dark lines are simply moisture where water from the Elgin Sweeper is being sprayed onto the street surface to minimize dust.





# PUBLIC WORKS-Shop



This week Doug and Karl worked together to design a lift handle for a compactor.

Doug and Glen pulled the fuel tank out of one public works truck to be reinstalled in another public works truck for shop use.



Also this week, Wes and Doug completed work on the Vector truck. They pulled the boom lift cylinder and rebuilt it due to an oil leak by the piston.



**Due to current fire restrictions, the Baker City Watershed is closed to all hunters at this time and hunting access permits are not being issued.**

The Watershed will remain closed until the fire danger is classified as “[Low](#)” or “[Moderate](#)”. Please call (541) 524-2047 if you have any questions.