

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 18, 2015

Administration

The City of Baker City purchases property and casualty insurance through a consortium of hundreds of other Oregon cities and counties. By participating in this consortium the city receives very good premium rates.

It is extremely important that we have very good insurance to protect the City and be able to quickly make claims and repair damage that the City is responsible for. Unlike any other utility provider in the area we often find ourselves working with an infrastructure that is nearly 100 years old in places.

Baker City was recently recognized in the 2014 – 2015 City County Insurance annual report. The average property/casualty claims in all Oregon cities with a population between 10,000 and 25,000, was \$129,329, all claims in Baker City totaled \$7,414.

Finance

Payroll - Draw checks were issued September 15th

LID Billings - LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 1.52%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

One 2007 G Street Wastewater Extension LID was billed September 14th. The original assessment in 2007 included one property owner for a total of \$69,541. The remaining balance outstanding is \$43,794.

Utilities

- ◆ 14 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 14 customers disconnected service from September 11th through September 17th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which includes 492 residential and 51 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 88 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 84 late notices were sent out September 15th.
- ◆ 9 residential customers (Zone 2) was scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and five were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

September 22nd
Agenda Items:

- *Third Reading of
Tree Board
Ordinance*
- *Councilor Vacancy
Discussion*
- *Ordinance
Amending
Prohibitive
Activities in Parks*





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 one new permit for 201 S 1st Avenue, Unity – 30 x 48 Greenhouse at Burnt River School



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

Issued one new permit for 3115 Cedar Street, Baker City – 30 x 32 Detached Garage

Issued one new permit for 39006 Deer Creek Road, Baker City—Construction of new chimney

Permits

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

Other:

Demo Permit 124-15-000798 issued for 2040 Balm Street

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



City/County Planning Department

Planning Commission:

The Baker City Planning Commission had a regular scheduled meeting this week. One of the issues was the installation of two cellular towers near residential neighborhoods. The meeting was very well attended and the discussion was lively. The meeting has been continued as the Commission attempts to obtain additional information.



The Planning Commission will hold a special joint hearing with the Baker County Planning Commission on **Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 pm** at City Hall to consider adoption of Interchange Area Management Plans, and Development Code and Comprehensive Plan amendments to implement the Plans, for I-84 Exits 302 and 306. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website, <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>. The staff reports were sent to both Planning Commissions this week.

Projects and Approvals

The Planning Department is reviewing an application to construct a new single family dwelling at 2920 5th Street.

An application to construct a new single family dwelling at 2040 Balm Street was submitted to the Planning Department and is currently under review by staff.

The Oregon Military Department has submitted a Minor Modification application for reconfiguration of the Armory (1640 Campbell Street) parking lots which were part of a Conditional Use Permit from 2001. A new parking lot will be added on to the existing parking lot adjacent to Grove Street and will include new landscaping and trees.

At the last City Council meeting, the first and second reading of Ordinance #3344, was completed. This ordinance will add to the description of the **Tree Board** two more positions as the demand for Tree Board work continues to grow. 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. More information about the duties of the Tree Board can be found online at www.bakercity.com.





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 30th - September 5th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **38 emergency alarms.**

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	7
TOTAL FIRE	7

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	29
Rural Calls	2
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	10



TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 31

Out of Town Transfers	0
Airport Transfers	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	0
Triple Calls	0



- Propane leak – Campbell St
- Burn complaint – Clifford St
- False alarm – 4th
- Burn complaint – Mitchell St
- Cooking fire – Clark St
- Odor investigation – Place St
- Electrical fire - Virginia St



MAINTENANCE/OTHER

37 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center
- Company inspections
- Extinguisher Training For Safety Committee

TRAINING/

This week the BCFD completed **20** hours of in-house training

- EMS – Chart reviews
- Fire – Fire prevention training, fire extinguisher



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am.

Don't miss the next check on September 22nd.



"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 DEPARTMENT

- ★ This past week BCPD handled over 211 incidents and opened 40 new cases. Additional search warrants were served as part of an ongoing Burglary investigation (see the press release below).
- ★ Chief Lohner completed policy manual updates for the department.
- ★ Chief Lohner, Lieutenant Newman and other on-duty patrol staff attended an ice cream social at Settler's Park. This event was held in honor of first responders who serve our community.
- ★ BCPD personnel provided security during Congressman Walden's trip to Baker City.
- ★ Chief Lohner and Lieutenant Newman attended a MCT (Major Crimes Team) meeting.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in defensive tactics and range training. .
- ★ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.

 On September 9, 2015, at about 11:30 pm, members of the Baker County Sheriff's Office and Baker City Police Department (BCPD) executed a search warrant at 14360 Ben Dier Lane. BCPD secured a warrant for that property, subsequent to a Burglary investigation within Baker City.

During the search numerous items were seized, which were taken from a storage unit Burglary at Highway 7 and David Eccles Road, on or about September 6th, 2015. The storage unit was rented by Eagle Cap Plumbing.

On September 10, 2015 at about 2:10 pm BCPD officers executed a second search warrant on a 2001 Chevy Pickup, owned by 22 year old Jesse Pierre LeBlanc, which had been impounded the previous day. Additional items were seized during that search, believed to be related to the storage shed Burglary.

On September 10, 2015 at about 6:40 p.m. a third search warrant was executed by BCPD officers at 14480 Ben Dier Lane. During the execution of the search warrant a 1998 Dodge Ram pickup loaded with numerous stolen items was seized and impounded. A fourth search warrant is pending on the vehicle.

On September 10, 2015 at about 7:05 p.m., 32 year old Bobby Alan Sickler was arrested in connection with this investigation and charged with Burglary II and Theft I. Sickler was lodged at the Baker County Jail for these charges and additional, unrelated warrants.

Also arrested in connection with this investigation was 25 year old Kyle Bothwell-Shaver for the charges of Burglary II and Theft I. Bothwell-Shaver was lodged at the Baker County Jail on these charges and an out of county warrant. This investigation is on-going.

Weekly Code Enforcement Activity:

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 5 old cases
 Started one new case
 Closed out 3 old cases

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 2 cases

Animal Complaints

Followed up on 3 animal complaints
 Issued 1 citation for dog at Large

Parking Violations

Issued 3 parking citations
 Followed up on 3 parking violations

Weed Complaint

Followed up on 6 weed complaints
 Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

Unsafe Building

Followed up on 1 case

Graffiti

Followed up on one violation
 Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

Evidence

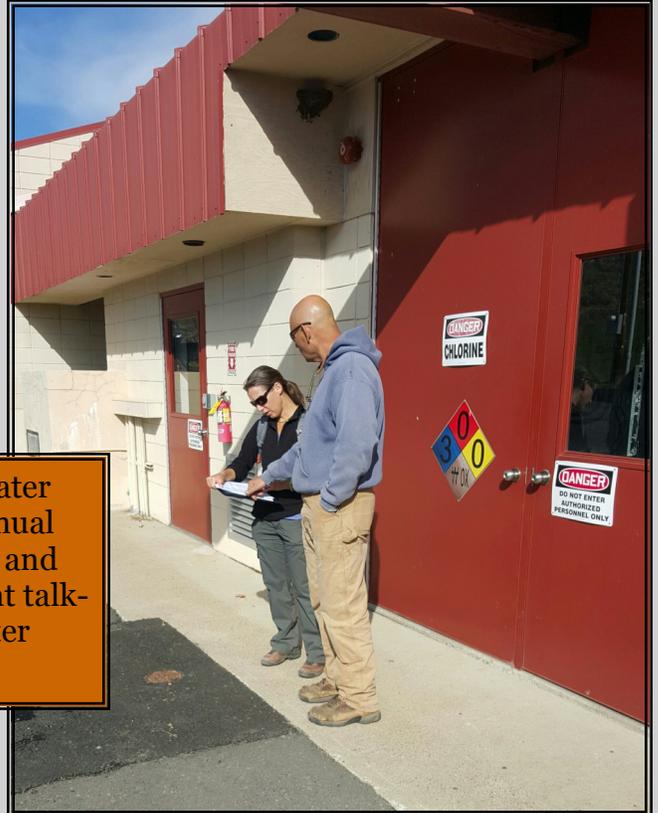
Assisted in serving search warrant and processing evidence on 1 case.



Public Works



O TEC was at the Water Treatment Facility on Tuesday to remove the overhead power to the temporary UV, which is no longer needed as a backup to the permanent UV.



The Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Division, was here on Tuesday for their annual inspection of the Water Treatment Facility and the Watershed. Jake is pictured to the right talking with Michelle Byrd Of OHA, at the Water Treatment Facility.



Monday morning started out with a water main break at Baker Street between 13th and 14th Street. A 6" cast iron line developed a full circle break, which typically flows around 100-150 GPM. No property damage occurred, and luckily the water main was not under any asphalt or concrete. The two man crew had the leak repaired within hours of the leak being reported.

The Auburn waterline replacement project is expected to be completed next week. Weather permitting, the trench between 6th and 8th St., should be asphalt patched by Friday afternoon.



PUBLIC WORKS-Shop

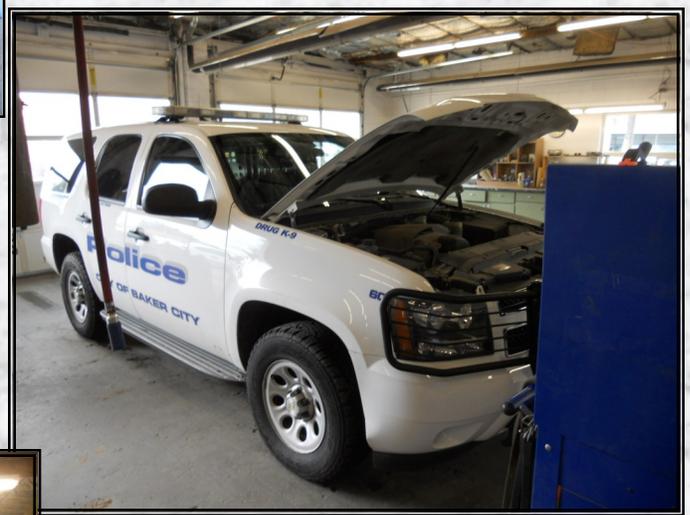
Wes and Doug replaced the outrigger wear plates on the Fire Department's ladder truck.



Doug completed a routine service and safety inspection.



Shop crew are performing multiple repairs and removing Turbo's name for the BCPD Tahoe in preparation for the new K-9 arriving in October.



Doug and Wes performed a service and safety inspection on the street sweeper and it was put back in service.

