

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update September 25, 2015*

## **Administration**

The City is accepting applications for City Councilor through the office of City Recorder beginning September 25<sup>th</sup> 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. To apply go to [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) to download and complete the City Councilor application located on the City's home page and submit a letter of interest to Luke Yeaton at City Hall located at 1655 1<sup>st</sup> Street.



## ***City Council***

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

***\*Councilor Vacancy  
Appointment***

***\*Ordinance  
Amending  
Prohibitive  
Activities in Parks***

***\*Grant Update***

***\*Fire Inspection  
Update***

## **Finance**

**Payroll** - Seventy-nine employees were paid today including eleven paid volunteer firefighters, one part-time building inspector and the hearings officer. Of those 79 employees 75 or 95% are signed up for direct deposit.

### **Utilities**

- ◆ Seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and six customers disconnected service from September 18<sup>th</sup> through September 24<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today which includes 718 residential and 65 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 166 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 92 late notices were sent September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ◆ This week seven residential customers (Zone 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) three of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.





# **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:**

Forrest Service Road 1035, Greenhorn -- 32 x 36 foundation only for future cabin  
41091 Spaulding Ridge Road, Baker City – 24 x 36 Utility Building with lean-to's

## **Permits**

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	0	15	2	8
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	2	13	10	5
MECHANICAL	0	2	3	8
PLUMBING	3	4	1	3
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>

## **Other:**

No new information this week.

## **Historic District Design Review Commission**

No new information this week.



## City/County Planning Department

The Planning Commission held a special joint hearing with the Baker County Planning Commission on Thursday 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. The Planning Commission heard a presentation from project consultant Kittleson and Associates, and accepted public testimony on the plan. The Planning Commission is responsible for developing a recommendation to the City Council.



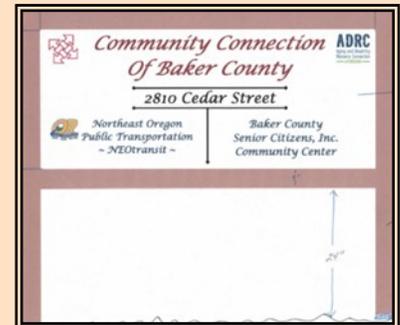
Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website, <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.

### Projects and Approvals

The Planning Department approved an application to construct a new single family dwelling at 2920 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

An application to construct a new single family dwelling at 2040 Balm Street was approved by the Planning Department.

The Oregon Military Department 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. The application was approved. A new parking lot will be added on to the existing parking lot adjacent to Grove Street and will include new landscaping and trees.



A new storage building was approved for Anchor Mini Storage at 1460 **H Street. The owner also applied and was approved for a watchman's quarters** to be located above one of the buildings on site.



The Planning Department has approved an application to replace a sign for the Community Connection Senior Center at 2810 Cedar Street.

A sign permit for the new location for State Farm Insurance, on 2440 Ash Street, was reviewed. Three new signs, including two building mounted signs, were approved.

At the last City Council meeting, the third 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.





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 6th - 13th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **47** emergency alarms.

### FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	2
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>3</b>

### AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	35
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	28
No Patient Trip	16

### TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Simultaneous Calls	7



- Still—Cherry St. Extrication



### TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **89** hours of in-house training

- EMS – Life flight
- Fire – Wildland case studies, hose handling

### MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Prepping and painting exterior walls

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center
- Company inspections
- Fire extinguisher training for Elkhorn Adolescent
- Standby for football game



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on September 29<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** **DEPARTMENT**



- ★ This past week BCPD handled over 207 incidents and opened 44 new cases, including the investigation into the death of a 5½ month-old infant. The following press release was released by the District Attorney's Office:

*On September 20, 2015, Morgan lee Mawhinney (dob 3-31-2015) of 1505 East St., Baker City, Oregon was found deceased by his parents at their home. The cause of death is being investigated by the Baker County Major Crime Team and an autopsy has been scheduled for today in Portland, Oregon. The Major Crime Team consists of members of the Oregon State Police, Baker City Police Department, Baker County Sheriff's Office and the Baker County District Attorney's Office.*

- ★ Additional information released on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, stated that after reviewing the investigation and autopsy findings, the cause of death of Morgan Lee Mawhinney has been determined to be positional asphyxiation with co-sleeping as a significant factor. The case remains under review, with toxicology and other testing pending.
- ★ The Hearings Officer heard testimony given in two separate dangerous dog hearings. These cases involved four potential dangerous dogs who were, in fact, found to be dangerous as defined by the Dangerous/Vicious Dog Ordinance.
- ★ 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

Work is nearly complete on the Auburn Street water line project. Patching work was done Thursday and Friday of this week. To the right, crew is pictured patching the water service line side trenches on Auburn Ave. It works best if side trenches are patched before the long main line trench is patched.



A narrow roller was rented to fully compact the asphalt in the narrow (36" wide) trench. To the left, Craig and Blain continue to finish the project.



### Public Works



Tom assisted a drain cleaning professional to determine the cause of a **blockage in a resident's home on 7th Street**. It was determined that there was a blockage in the lateral between the concrete curb and the city maintained wastewater main line under the street. The resident requested that the City repair that portion of her wastewater lateral lying beneath the asphalt street. To the left, Matt and Blain are using the Case Loader and Asphalt Zipper unit to begin the repair work on the 7th Street lateral. A special Fernco connector was used to create a leak proof connection onto a cast iron fitting directly above the city main line. The failed piece of Orangeburg pipe was replaced with new 4" P.V.C. pipe. The excavation was back-filled and the surface patched with hot asphalt the next day.

A resident living on 8th Street reported that there had been wastewater problems in his neighborhood. Nine manholes in the area were checked and two of the slower draining lines were cleaned. No main line problems were encountered.



Another resident living on Spring Garden Avenue requested that their lateral be inspected this week. A contractor then hired the City to perform the work.



# PUBLIC WORKS-Shop

To the left, Doug is pictured performing a routine safety inspection and tune up on a utility vehicle.



The vehicle to the right was having severe engine malfunctions. Doug and Wes performed a major tune up and the vehicle was put back in service.



Doug and Wes reviewed the Layton box for a task at the golf course. They found a bad regulator on the left propane engine and ordered the parts necessary to complete the fix.