

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 23, 2015

Administration

A recent public talk sponsored by the Small Business Development Center was held at the prison. The talk featured an inmate who has successfully integrated back into his community. In this photo, Kim Brockamp, Oregon Department of Corrections Deputy Director, addresses the participants.



City Council

*October 27th
Agenda Items:*

**Boards and
Commissions
Appointments*

**Councilor
Appointment to
Sam-O Swim
Committee*

**DEQ Update*

**City Manager
Recruitment*

**Graffiti Ordinance*

Finance:

Finance Director: The Monthly Financial Report will be published on Monday located at bakercity.com under reports and statistics (<http://bakercity.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=81>).

The 2015 property tax summary was received from the Assessor's office. The following is a comparison of the summary to the property tax estimate in the 2015-16 budget:

	2015			
	Taxes Assessed Before Compression	Loss Due to Compression	Total Taxes Raised	Taxes Estimated to Be Collected at 93.8%
Actual per Assessor	\$ 3,325,570	\$ (119,111)	\$ 3,206,459	\$ 3,007,659
Estimate per 2015-16 Budget	3,256,732	(130,000)	3,126,732	2,932,875
Difference				\$ 74,784



Finance Cont.

Accounts Payable-The second of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated today.

Utilities:

- ◆ 10 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 11 customers disconnected service from October 16th thru October 22nd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today which includes 541 residential and 27 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 104 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 82 late notices were sent October 20th.
- ◆ Eight residential customers (Zone 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) four of those was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City/County Planning Department

Public Meetings

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 10th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.** Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website: <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.



Projects and Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A new single family dwelling was approved through a land use review at 2603 1st Street. The parcel is in the High Density Residential zone.
- ◆ A home occupation for a counseling business and a sign permit were approved at 2304 1st Street. The parcel is in the High Density Residential zone.
- ◆ The appeal period has ended for a decision to approve a partition that will allow Baker County to divide a parcel containing the Baker City Armory from the land containing the County Fairgrounds and parking lots. The properties are located in the General Commercial (C-G) zone. The purpose for the partition is to enable the Oregon Military Department to own the ±3.97 acre portion that contains the Baker City Armory. No appeals were filed, so the decision is now final.
- ◆ The Planning Commission issued a decision to **deny** two Conditional Use Permit applications from Acom Consulting, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, to install a 100 ft. high transmission tower at 2960 East Street and 2431 11th Street, in the Industrial Zone. **Notices of the Planning Commission’s decision were mailed to everyone who participated in the hearing, informing them of the decision made and the procedure for filing an appeal.** The decision can be appealed to the City Council until 5:00 p.m. on November 3.
- ◆ A Planner attended the Northeast Oregon Bicycle Tourism Studio hosted by Travel Oregon this week. This is a community planning program designed to make northeastern Oregon a premier bicycling destination and to help local businesses benefit from visiting bicyclists.



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:

- ◆ 2312 14th Street, Baker City – 50’ x 240’ new storage building

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- ◆ 13865 N. Rock Creek Lane, Baker City – 864 square foot new residence
- ◆ 3515 Carter Street, Baker City – 1204 square foot new residence



Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	2	2	1	12
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	0
ELECTRICAL	4	12	6	5
MECHANICAL	3	1	5	2
PLUMBING	1	4	1	4
FENCE	3	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	13	19	14	23

Historic District Design Review Commission

The Historic District Design Review Commission met Wednesday at City Hall to hear an update on the Certified Local Government Grant and to review an application for 1831 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 October 4th - 10th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	25
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	13

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 33

Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	3



- ◆ Fire / false alarm – 10th St.
- ◆ Fire – Auburn
- ◆ Fire / false alarm – 10th St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **16** hours of in-house training

- EMS – Chart review
- Fire – Driver training

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- SCBA compressor maintenance

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company inspections
- ◆ Pre fire planning – Marvin Windows
- ◆ National Fire Prevention Week activities
- ◆ Initiated Free Smoke Alarm



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on October 27th.



"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 182 incidents and opened 40 new cases. One case involved a California man who was recently arrested in Grant County after stealing a 2008 Toyota Tundra from Gentry Ford in Baker City. The vehicle was stolen on Saturday between 4:30 pm and 4:45 pm. 42-year-old Ryan Dejong was later arrested by Oregon State Police on Highway 7 near Austin Junction in Grant County. Dejong was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Possession of Methamphetamine and transported to the Grant County jail.
- ★ This past week K9 Handler Officer Smith attended training in **Florida with the Police Department's newest drug detection dog, Capa**. Capa is a one and half year old German Shepherd / Mailinois cross. Training has consisted of dog health care/first aid procedures the first day and continuous drug detection scenarios. The team has been establishing a great working **relationship. For more information on the duo look for today's issue of the Baker County Press.**
- ★ BCPD Administrative Assistant /Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel completed the 2014-2015 grant reporting as it applies to the car seat program administered through the department. Grant funding, received through ODOT, provides low-income families with an opportunity to purchase a new car seat at a reduced cost. During the previous grant reporting period, 47 car seats were purchased with an average of six seats per month being installed and/or inspected. Of the seats inspected, seventeen seats did not meet standards due to missing labels, expiration of the seat, broken parts and/or possible manufacture recall.
- ★ After a brief absence, Officer Mark Powell returned to work at BCPD as the Code Enforcement Officer. Officer Powell has performed some follow up on existing cases this past week, with more information to follow.



Boards and Commissions Volunteers Needed

Baker City is looking to fill one open position on the **Sam-O-Swim Committee**. The successful applicant will serve the remaining term vacated by the previous committee member. The term will expire in July of 2018.

There are also two vacancies on the **Tree Board** as the City Council added two positions to the board to keep up with the demands of the Tree Board. This board operates with 3 year term positions. If you are interested in volunteering please fill out an application online at: <http://bakercity.com/government/boards-a-commissions> or stop by City Hall at 1655 1st Street.



Public Works



Shoulder rock was spread along the Wade Williams section of the Leo Adler Parkway using the side chute designed and built by the City Shop.



Justin is pictured above testing the new 300 gallon fire skid unit. Depending on the fire precaution level, a fire suppression unit is often required on site during construction operations along the water conveyance pipeline in the mountains. In the past, the City has had to rent fire suppression units, such as a water trailer, or use the City's Water Truck.

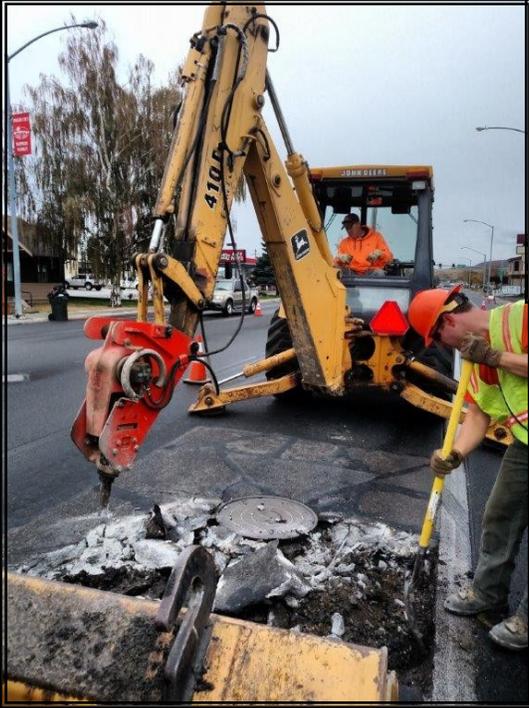


A City crew will pour concrete at the Leo Adler Trailhead so a bench, trash can, and bike rack can be installed on Monday. A kiosk and several sign posts will also be in place by the end of the week.



Public Works Street Dept.

Crews worked on Campbell Street this week to reconstruct two concrete manhole tops. One of the manholes is located on the North side of Geiser-Pollman Park. The **other manhole is located on the east side of York's Grocery** and affects their drive-thru. The concrete was originally installed by a contractor as part of an O.D.O.T. resurfacing project many years ago. The manhole lids were very noisy when vehicles passed over and the concrete was cracked and broken. Justin and Matt removed the old broken and cracked concrete near York's.



Blain and Tim worked to place #4 rebar in the excavation, and in the second photo, are leveling the concrete surface for the manhole in front of the Park.



Justin and Matt leveled the concrete at the York's manhole. Four test cylinders were cast and later **broken using the City's concrete** compression tester. Once the strength threshold suggested by O.D.O.T. was met, the manhole locations were opened to traffic.



Public Works Wastewater Dept.



To the left, Keith and Karl used the Vactor Truck to remove several cubic feet of gravel from one of the wastewater lines on 15th Street.



One of the duplex pumps at the "H" Street lift station was rebuilt recently. Above, Keith is reinstalling it back in its designated location and placing it back in service.



A local plumber hired Public Works to video-inspect a private lateral on 6th Street. To the left, Keith and Karl are inspecting the lateral. The cause of a recent blockage in the lateral was soon discovered; roots had grown into the lateral and almost completely blocked the flow of the line. After receiving this information the owner decided to have the entire lateral line replaced ASAP.

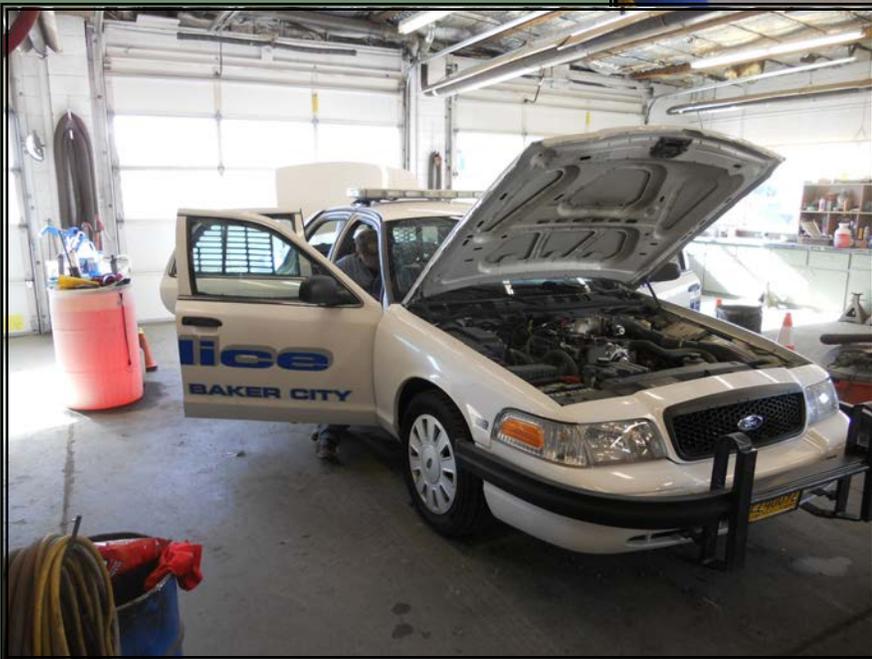


PUBLIC WORKS-Shop

This week Doug performed a tune-up and serviced the generator one of the Public Works trucks.



Doug is pictured to the right performing a routine service and safety check on a Public Works vehicle.



City shop staff stripped the police package out of this vehicle to go in the new police car. The vehicle pictured to the left will be sold on a bid site in the future.