

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

*Weekly Update October 30, 2015*

## Administration

This week the equipment was installed at the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway trailhead. The Public Works Department worked with the Public Arts Committee to come up with a design that represented the river activities



in the area. The original designs were done by local artist, Terri Axness and the equipment was manufactured by Natural Structures.

## City Council

November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Agenda Items:

- Graffiti Ordinance No. 3346
- City Manager Recruitment
- Request for Council Support of Law Reform

## Finance:

**Payroll**—Eighty employees were paid today including thirteen paid volunteer firefighters and two part-time building department employees. Of those 80 employees 77 or 96% are signed up for direct deposit.

## **Utilities**

- ◆ 17 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 25 customers disconnected service from October 23<sup>rd</sup> thru October 29<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 466 residential and 21 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 89 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 98 late notices were sent October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Five residential customers (Zone 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) 3 were 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 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>. Notice of the meeting was sent to over 250 property owners in the Interchange Areas.

### Projects and Land Use Decisions

An addition to a single family dwelling was approved through a land use review at 1150 Idlewood Drive. The parcel is in the Low Density Residential zone.

The Planning Department, with the assistance of City staff, is in the process of updating their web pages on the Baker City website. We have streamlined the information and added some help sheets to improve readability and access to common land use questions. Visit the new website: <http://www.bakercity.com/2157/Planning-Department>

### **Boards and Commissions Volunteers Needed**

Baker City is looking to fill one position on the **Tree Board** as the City Council added two positions to the board to keep up with the demands. This board operates with 3 year term positions. The Tree Board has many duties, a few of these include:

- \*To study, review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding the urban forestry program. The urban forest consists of vegetation within public parks and land as well as within the public right-of-way area.
- \*Upon request of City Council shall consider, investigate, make findings and report upon any special matter or question within the board's scope

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.

Interested in planting a tree or maybe two yourself? In preparation for tree planting in the spring, the Baker City Public Works Department currently has grant funding available to assist property owners or renters with the cost of planting **street trees** at their property. A street tree is a tree which is generally located between the sidewalk and the street and is located within the public right-of-way.

Applications will be accepted November 1, 2015 through April 1, 2016 or until approved grant applications meet or exceed the grant funds available . Application can be found online at: <http://bakercity.com/2165/Tree-Board>





# 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:

- 1325 F Street, Baker City – 1886 sq ft new residence
- 855 G Street, Baker City – 20 x 20 detached utility building
- 675 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Huntington – 600 sf detached garage
- 640 NW New Street, Sumpter – 14 x 40 pole structure/snow roof
- 28465 Middle Bridge Loop, Baker City – roof replacement

### Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	2	8	3	5
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	8	3	4
MECHANICAL	3	8	8	2
PLUMBING	2	7	1	5
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>

### Historic District Design Review Commission

The Historic District Design Review Commission approved two BIG DEAL Grants applications to go before City Council for approval on November 10th for reimbursement of two projects in the Historic District.



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 11th - 17th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **32** emergency alarms.



### FIRE REPORTS

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

### AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	12

### TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

- ◆ Fire / false alarm – 14<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Fire / odor investigation, overheated appliance – 9<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Fire / false alarm – 17<sup>th</sup>

### TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **77** hours of in-house training:  
 EMS – New medication protocols, patient restraints, IV pump operations, Advanced Cardiac Life Support class  
 Fire – Defensive tactics

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

### MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company inspections
- ◆ Station tour / 13 children, 13 adults
- ◆ Football game standby
- ◆ Smoke alarm installations



**The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on November 3<sup>rd</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 **150** incidents and opened **37** new cases. Four of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants and one was for a probation violation. Officers also investigated a child neglect case and multiple thefts.
- ★ **Chief Lohner completed a comprehensive update to BCPD's policy manual.**
- ★ Chief Lohner provided a workplace safety presentation to staff at OTEC.
- ★ Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman met with Powder River Correction Facility staff to discuss training collaborations, centered on high risk threats in the prison.
- ★ K9 Handler Officer Smith and Capa return Saturday from training in Florida.
- ★ 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.

Code Enforcement Officer Mark Powell continued on follow up work this week and the following cases:

#### Property Maintenance:

Followed up on 6 old cases  
Started 1 new case

#### Dangerous Dog:

Started 1 new case

#### Animal Complaints

Followed up on 1 animal complaint

#### Parking Violations:

Issued 1 parking citation  
Followed up on 2 parking violations

#### Weed Complaint:

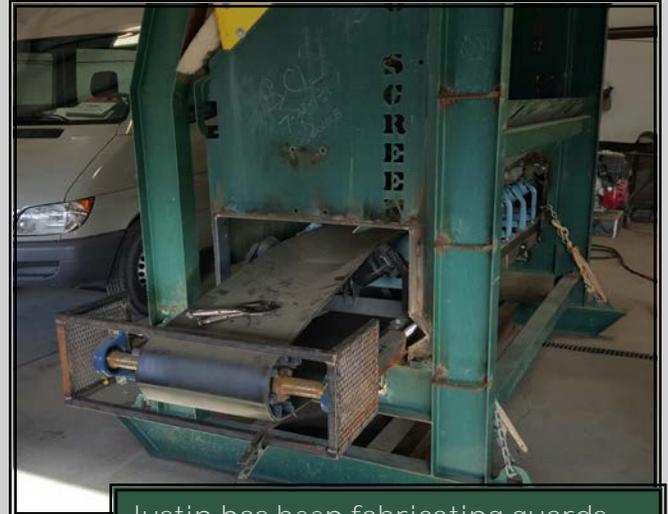
Followed up on 10 weed violations



### Public Works



Doug has been performing various maintenance duties on vehicles and equipment this week.



Justin has been fabricating guards for the screener conveyor belt and drive belts for the motors.

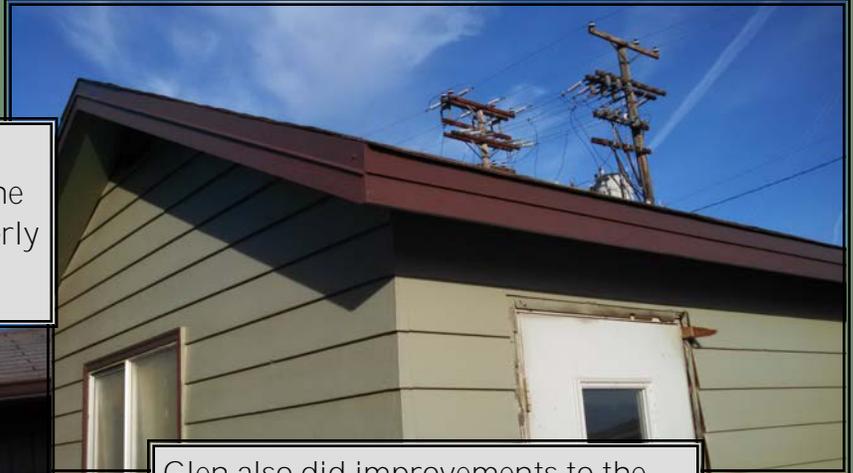


Keith and Rick cleaned the Chlorine Contact Basin this week out at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.



## **PUBLIC WORKS- Facilities Maintenance**

Last week Glen repainted all of the exterior doors on the buildings at the lagoon. These doors are now properly weatherized and ready for winter.



Glen also did improvements to the exterior of the valve house including some minor roof repairs, replacing the fascia boards, and repainting the exterior.



Glen recently completed two projects on the valve house at the water treatment plant. One was to install grating in the floor as shown here. This grating will allow heat from the building to reach the valves and piping under the floor to prevent freezing. The grating can also be quickly removed for maintenance access.





## **PUBLIC WORKS**



As a friendly reminder please remember not to sweep fallen leaves or other debris into the streets. The Public Works street sweeper is not able to accommodate the amount of leaves and dirt that are swept into the street. Thank you for your help in keeping our community clean.

There are lots of crafts, décor or composting ideas to take advantage of with fallen leaves. There are many ideas online, here are a few:



- ◆ Wall art
- ◆ Rustic candle holder
- ◆ Rustic garland
- ◆ Clay leaf bowls
- ◆ Leaf animals
- ◆ Natural wreath
- ◆ Mulch
- ◆ Photography backdrops

*Autumn Leaves*



## Halloween Safety

- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Make sure you walk and not run from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks. If not possible, walk along the far edge of the road facing traffic.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame resistant costumes.