

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update April 5, 2019

Administration:

Next Tuesday the City Council will have a full agenda and will be hearing from multiple community groups such as the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC), the Tree Board and Baker City Trash Talk—a group of citizens interested in addressing garbage and recycling needs within Baker County. As always, we want to encourage residents to join us during our City Council meetings to hear about what is going on in our community. Meetings are typically held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 7pm.

It looks like we are going to continue to have wet weather for the next few days **but don't let that keep you indoors. Today is First Friday and a great** opportunity to visit our downtown. This event runs from 5-8pm. For more information, please reach out to Crossroads Carnegie Art Center. We hope everyone has a great weekend.

City Council

Agenda

April 9th

- SBDC Update
- Baker City Trash Talk Presentation
- Tree Board Update
- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Bid Award: Overlay
- Fee Resolution
- EONI Franchise Agreement

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Eleven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and six customers disconnected service from March 29th through April 4th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today and it included 460 residential and 16 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 134 (28%) are signed up for direct payment and 31 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Four residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) one customer actually had their service disconnected for non-pay.





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	2	1	16
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	2	2	2	10
Mechanical	3	4	0	5
Plumbing	0	0	0	8
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	9	8	3	39

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1119 Cole St., Haines—Detached accessory structure.
- 2042 East St., Baker City—Detached accessory structure.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- None to report this week.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings: The next Planning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The agenda includes:

- ◆ Work Session: The Planning Commission and Baker City Council will discuss economic opportunities and employment land strategy for Baker City as the beginning of an update to the Baker City Comprehensive Land Use Plan. There will also be a discussion of potential re-zoning of properties within the City.
- ◆ CU-19-018: A public hearing for a proposal to construct a ±2,400 square foot accessory structure at 85 David Eccles Road, Baker City, on a portion of the property zoned Residential High-Density (R-HD).

Copies of the applications and work session materials will be available for inspection on or before April 3, 2019, at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3rd Street, and all materials can be viewed for no cost, or provided at a reasonable cost; digital versions can be e-mailed for free. Comments on the proposal may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. If you have questions, please contact the Planning Department at planning@bakercounty.org or 541-523-8219.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A single-family dwelling and an accessory structure were approved at 2234 Virginia Avenue, in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A single-family dwelling and accessory structure were approved on Kirkway Drive in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A single-family dwelling was approved at 1330 Hughes Lane, in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±300 square foot deck was approved at 3080 D Street in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of March 26th through April 1 the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	18
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES **24**

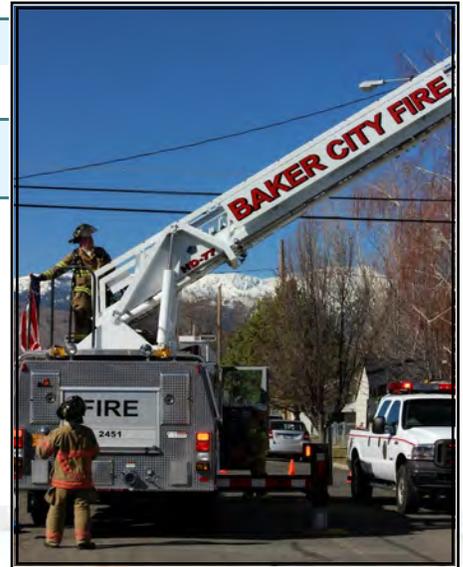


Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	3
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	1
Public Assists	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	3
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES **6**



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	0
Persons Arrived for Cover	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **39 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **52 hrs** of Fire Training
- **12 hrs** of EMS Training
- **2 hrs** of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **28 hrs** Community Events
- **26** Burn Permits Issued



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. **Don't miss the next check on April 9th.**



"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

- ✪ During the past week, BCPD handled over 194 incidents and opened 43 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ Officer Blake Hawkins and School Resource Officer Lance Woodward attended FTEP (Field Training and Evaluation Program). This standardized program, taught by instructors from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, teaches officers how to effectively train and mentor patrol officer recruits who return to their perspective departments upon graduation from the Academy. The graduates immediately begin field training with a senior field training officer and remain in this phase of training for upwards of sixteen weeks, depending on individual progress, prior to entering solo patrol. This training was hosted by the Baker City Police Department and had officers from all over the region in attendance.
- ✪ BCPD administered the ORPAT (Oregon Physical Agilities Test) and the National POST (Police Officer Selection Test) to prospective patrol officer applicants. Those who have proceeded through both phases of testing will be invited back for an oral board interview.
- ✪ Gun locks are available upon request from the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue. These locks, donated courtesy of Project ChildSafe, are available during regular business hours. Please note, the lobby is closed during the lunch hour. More information about Project ChildSafe can be found at <https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>.
- ✪ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.

UPCOMING PROJECT

The Baker City Police Department will be making some changes to the front lobby of their building starting Monday, April 8th.

Business will continue as usual however access to the building may be limited at times.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We are very excited to make these improvements and hope to share them with you soon.

Thank you.





Public Works: Street Department

The new concrete approach on Grace Street was completed last Friday and opened for pedestrian traffic early Monday morning before school started.



With the recent rains softening gravel street surfaces, several streets in town were graded this week. Pictured left, Justin is working on Carter Street between 11th and 17th.

Public Works: Wastewater Department



A resident on Main Street called Public Works Wednesday to report that their lateral was not draining. Public Works responded to the site to clean and video-inspect the connection. The main line was flowing properly and the lateral was open where visible from the main line. However, substantial cracks and some voids were observed in the 8" terra cotta pipe. This section of sewer main line will be scheduled to be lined using the CIPP lining process in the near future.

A residence on 5th Street has been having a history of sewer lateral problems. The owner hired a drain cleaning professional for assistance with solving the problem.

Public Works assisted the drain cleaning professional by using the push-cam to video inspect a short portion of the line.





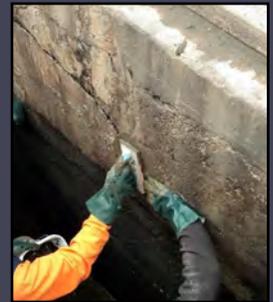
Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

Karl and Jacob cleaned an 8" concrete line running between the alleys of "A" and "B" Streets this week after a report was received that the lateral from a house on 12th street was plugged.

The main line in the alley was found to be in good condition. Upon video-inspection of the main line it was observed that roots were growing inside the lateral and causing the plug. Repair work is scheduled to be done today.



Over the years some severe cracking has developed in the wall of the City's "washrack". This sediment basin was cleaned out this week which provided a prime opportunity to repair the cracks. A special water proof grout-type slurry was used to seal the cracks.



A house on Church Street was also suffering from sewer problems this week. **The City's main line runs** down an alley lying west of Grove Street. Over the years adjacent property owners have encroached upon the dedicated alley restricting access.



The manhole near the west end of the alley was located using a metal detector and shovel. For ease of locating the manhole in the future a manhole sign was attached to a property line fence.

The plugged lateral was video-inspected and the location of a root mass identified so that the line could be excavated and repairs made by the property owner.





Public Works: Water Department

The Elkhorn Mountains, including the Baker City Watershed, has received an abundance of snow this winter and spring. Because of the impending snow melt and runoff it was decided that stored water at Goodrich Reservoir should be released to draw down the water level under the ice in order to lessen the affect of high water flows from snow melt and rain events into the reservoir.



The route to access Goodrich Reservoir (elevation 6,871) is located well above the pipeline road (elevation 5,400) and traverses across historically dangerous avalanche slopes. For that reason it was decided to fly to the dam to perform flow adjustments lowering the level of Goodrich Reservoir.



← Scott and Justin collected necessary tools to dig the snow out from around the control structure and chip any ice which may have formed around the valve controls. The snow level on the cabin covers the eaves.

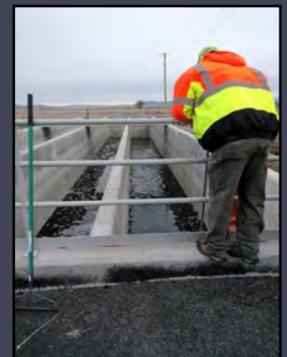


In this photo the drain is highly visible above the stark background of the snow covered reservoir surface. Shifting surface ice is always a concern if the level of the water in the reservoir is allowed to raise to the elevation of the drain. As the deep snow settles and the avalanche danger lessens future adjustments at Goodrich Reservoir are expected to be done primarily by hiking to the reservoir with snowshoes.



Public Works: Lagoon

Rick (with assistance from Karl and Jacob) began discharge of treated and disinfected effluent to the Powder River this week. The chlorine contact chamber was thoroughly cleaned and evacuated prior to use.





Public Works: Parks Department



Concrete walkways are planned to be constructed to provide ADA access to two picnic tables at two different Baker City Parks.



Underground utility locates were requested and the work is scheduled to be completed during April.



Decorative boulders were placed at both a parking spot for access to the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway, and also along Birch Street south of Campbell where semi-trucks have been driving heavy loads over the existing straight curb.



Sections of normal curb are not built to sustain the weight of vehicular traffic and should not be driven over.



Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott began changing over snow tires on many of the City's vehicles. Pictured above are just a few that had their tires changed.



The ignition went out on this vehicle causing the security system to kick in and stop the vehicle from running. Parts have been ordered.

Wes and Scott are servicing and performing a safety check on this ambulance. It will be back in service by the end of the day.



Public Works: Announcement



- PUBLIC MEETING - ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN BAKER COUNTY

UNITY	April 9 th	12PM	Community Hall	Citizen Advisory Group
HAINES	April 9 th	5PM	Haines City Hall	City Council Work Session
SUMPTER	April 9 th	7PM	Sumpter City Hall	City Council Meeting
BAKER	April 10 th	6PM	Baker City Hall	Planning Comm. Work Session
RICHLAND	April 11 th	10AM	Richland City Hall	City Council Meeting
HALFWAY	April 11 th	5:30PM	Halfway City Hall	City Council Meeting

HELP PLAN OUR FUTURE!

Join fellow community members to discuss employment land supply in the cities of Baker County. Discuss short- and long-term strategies for economic opportunities and cities' 20-year land supply.

Contact Baker County Planning Director Holly Kerns form more information
541.523.8219 | hkerns@bakercounty.org



Safety Committee:

Baker City Safety and Wellness Committee

Lets Take A Walk Work Stress Prevention



The American Institute of Stress Reports...

- In 2014, the number one cause of stress was work including coworker tension, bosses, & work overload
- 40% of workers reported their job was very or extremely stressful
- 25% view their jobs as their number one stressor
- 80% of workers feel stress on the job, nearly half say they need help in learning how to manage the stress, and 42% say their coworkers need help
- Job stress is more strongly associated with health complaints than financial or family problems

Monthly Safety Focus

Committee Members

Joyce Bornstedt: Chair

Jason Jacobs: Vice Chair

Matt McBride

Meagan Paoletti

Julie Smith

Phoebe Wachtel

Fred Warner: City Manager

Signs You're Stressed

- Headaches
- Muscle / Tension Pain
- Chest pain
- Anxiety
- Fatigue
- Sleep problems
- Upset stomach
- Restlessness
- Lack of motivation/focus
- Irritability or anger
- Sadness or depression
- Overeating or under eating

Why Take Breaks?

- Movement breaks are good for your health
- It helps reduce the negative health affects from too much sitting
- They can prevent decision fatigue
 - Breaks restore motivation
- Our long term goals feel the affect of this when we come back to them after a break
- An increase in productivity and creativity
- We refresh our minds and decrease stress and exhaustion
- Waking rest helps memory and improve learning
- Our brains review the information we have learned

April 3rd is

NATIONAL WALKING DAY!

An encouraged break to take is a walk. There are many benefits to taking that short walk.

1. It will make you more creative
2. It will help you stay healthy
3. It will help you be more productive
4. It's a great way to communicate with others
5. You will follow suite of some of the most innovative brains of companies

How to Manage Stress



Get good sleep



Exercise



Eat healthy



Do something you love



Good time management