

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 13, 2020

Administration:

Friday the 13th is truly ending a crazy week in the world. With the COVID-19 pandemic expanding, the stock market crash and the shutting down of major events, it is hard to imagine what is next around the corner. What we can do is not panic, keep washing our hands and be cognizant of our health. The City is open for business and we are monitoring the crisis and working with all of our partners to keep all essential services intact. Please see page 9 for a COVID-19 factsheet.

Jason Spriet was selected to fill the City Council seat that was recently vacated. Welcome to the Council and thank you for your service to citizens of Baker City.

It appears that a storm is approaching but let's hope that we have some decent weather for all to get out and enjoy the weekend.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	4	16	4	13
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	5	3	0
Mechanical	2	7	3	4
Plumbing	1	1	1	2
Fence	6	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	29	11	19

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1150 E Street, Baker City—Enclose existing patio
- 1855 Ash Street, Baker City—New residence
- 2805 Myrtle Street, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 1905 D Street, Baker City—Interior remodel of basement
- 46455 Lone Fir road, Halfway—Roof alteration and repair
- 1 Iron Horse Loop, Sumpter—New residence
- 540 E Jefferson Street, Huntington—Detached accessory structure
- 0 Cemetery Road, Unity—New cell tower facility

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 33060 Shirttail Creek Road, Baker County—Fire alarm work

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 18, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.



"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



POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ During the past week, BCPD opened 37 new cases making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ BCPD also towed three abandoned vehicles this past week. An abandoned vehicle is defined, by City Ordinance, as any unregistered, wrecked, disabled or inoperable motor vehicle which has been left upon the street or alleys of the City of Baker City in the same or substantially the same location for a period of ten days. Two of the vehicles, prior to their removal, had been tagged notifying the owner of the need to have the vehicle moved before 10 days from the date the notice was posted. The other vehicle was left blocking the intersection of Washington and Resort Street, negating the need to post a notice as this vehicle was actively blocking traffic and presented a hazard.
- ✪ Chief Ray Duman, City Manager Fred Warner and Community Development Director Robin Nudd meet with Stef Purdy of High Desert Harley Davidson regarding the upcoming Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally. Planning is underway for this annual event.
- ✪ BCPD received our hand-drawn portrait of K9 Turbo by artist, Anita Jenkins of Petpurrfectpawtraits this past week. This portrait is hanging right next to K9 Capa in the Sergeant's Office.
- ✪ 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.



Boards, Committees and Commissions

The City of Baker City is seeking volunteers for the following:

- ⇒ Public Arts Commission—1 positions available
- ⇒ Budget Board—1 position available

Positions are for a 3-year term. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit www.bakercity.com to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email admin@bakercity.com or call 524-2033 for more information.

The direct link to the volunteer form page is: <http://bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of March 3rd through March 9th the Fire Department responded to a total of **41** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	30
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	27
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC 37

Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 50 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- 57 hrs of Fire Training
- 28 hrs of EMS Training
- 2 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 11 Burn Permits Issued

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Request for Cover	6
Arrived for Cover	7

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



Celebrating Chief Clark's birthday on March 5th.



Our Fire Cadets received CPR and First Aid training this week.



Interim Fire Chief Sean Lee was sworn in at Tuesday's City Council meeting

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on March 17th.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



The CIPP lining contractor (Michels) arrived in town this week to begin preliminary work for lining some of Baker City's sanitary and stormwater lines. There are always questions and specific decisions which need to be made when this work is being done.



One concern this year is how to cut out the liner inside this 6" main line located in an alley between 1st and 2nd Streets. A plan has been formulated and preliminary work will be done this week.



A resident on Hillcrest Drive had a plugged wastewater line. After a professional drain cleaner had unsuccessfully attempted to clear the blockage, Public Works was hired to clean the line.

The outlet of this lateral was accessible from an existing manhole in the street. Karl and Jake carefully used high pressure water to remove the blockage and not force unwanted water (and other semi-liquid materials) into the house. The resident was happy with the results.

Since laterals are not part of the city maintenance responsibilities, the owner has been billed for the work.



A resident on 5th Street recently had their wastewater lateral completely plugged. Blain, Nate and Riley performed the work. The old terra cotta line was abandoned in place and a new PVC line was installed to restore the flow.



The excavation was backfilled, compacted and cleaned up before the end of the day.





Public Works: Water Department

Work began this week on the Court Avenue water line replacement project. During this project a new 8” ductile iron line will be installed to replace an undersized 6” cast iron line that is prone to developing leaks.



A shipment of 8” ductile iron pipe arrived early Monday morning. Here Justin is carefully unloading the heavy duty pipe.



Left: Jay and Steve marked the alignment of the new water line along the south side of Court Avenue.



Excavation began Thursday morning right after the morning school rush.

Right two: The intersection of 4th and Court was closed and the asphalt was pulverized using the zipper and the trench excavator.



Left two: A water specialist employed by the City of LaGrande travelled to Baker City to perform a “hot-tap” connection to the existing water line on 4th Street.

Additional sections of pipe were cut to the proper length and the line was installed across the intersection.



CLSM was used to backfill around and between both the new water line and an existing stormwater line.



Once the CLSM hardens the remaining trench will be backfilled and compacted so traffic can continue to utilize the intersection.



Public Works: Water Department continued



A shallow well that was installed in January 1948 was investigated this week. It lies on the property which was recently purchased along Settler's Loop.

The 18" diameter casing was found to be in good shape and the current depth is 44 feet. The Water Resources Department has been contacted and proper procedures will be followed to decommission the well.



Right: Dennis, in the distance holding the survey rod, and Tom measured the elevations of an existing ditch line.

Left: Nate is tracing a buried water line near the golf course.



Planning Department:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, in Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City, Oregon, during which the following application will be reviewed:

- **ZT-20-013:** Proposed revisions and additions to the Baker City Development Code, the economic section of the Baker City Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and zoning maps for the City of Baker City.

All members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend this hearing. **Please see the attached flier for detailed information** regarding these revisions. Copies of the staff report and all materials are available for inspection at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3rd Street. All materials can be viewed for no cost, or provided at a reasonable cost. Digital versions can be e-mailed for free or are available online at <http://bakercity.com/2157/Planning-Department>.

APPLICATIONS

- A carport was approved at 2130 20th Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A 50-foot-tall wireless communication facility was approved in the 1400 block of D Street in the General-Industrial (I) Zone.
- A 12' x 25' lean-to addition was approved at 93 Foothill Drive in the R-MD Zone.
- A wall sign was approved at 1917 Court Avenue in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone.



IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS 277.186: THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT BAKER CITY IS PROPOSING CHANGES TO LAND USE REGULATIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF YOUR PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTIES, AND MAY CHANGE THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY.

Notice to mortgagee, lien holder, vendor, or seller:

State law requires that if you receive this notice it shall be promptly forwarded to the purchaser.



PROPOSED UPDATES

REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS
TO THE COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN & MAP, DEVELOPMENT
CODE, AND ZONING MAP FOR
the City of Baker City

A set of revisions to the Baker City Development Code, the Baker City Comprehensive Plan, and the Baker City Zoning Map are proposed. Updates and revisions to the guiding land use planning documents and maps of Baker City are needed periodically to reflect changes within our community. The proposed revisions and additions include:

	REVISIONS TO:	ADDITIONS
DEVELOPMENT CODE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Standards for accessory dwelling units (ADUs)</i> ▪ <i>Site Design Review procedures</i> ▪ <i>Number of maximum parking spaces permitted for developments</i> ▪ <i>Public noticing requirements</i> ▪ <i>Siting standards and material restrictions for manufactured homes</i> ▪ <i>Requirements for street and sidewalk improvements</i> ▪ <i>Property line adjustment application procedures</i> ▪ <i>Eave height restriction for accessory structures in residential zones</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Floodplain development standards</i> ▪ <i>Standards for mobile vending units</i> ▪ <i>Standards for hostels</i> ▪ <i>A Residential-Professional District near the downtown area allowing larger signs for businesses in a residential zone</i> ▪ <i>Increased front street setback for self-service storage facilities</i> ▪ <i>Re-use or re-development of existing buildings with no increase in footprint as a shorter review process (Type I)</i>
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>An update to the Baker City Comprehensive Plan based on an analysis of local and regional economic trends, evaluation of the community's opportunities and barriers to economic growth, and a determination of the types and amounts of land and infrastructure needed to support expected employment for 20 years.</i> 	
ZONING MAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Proposed re-zoning of identified properties throughout the City</i> 	



PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BEGIN SPRING 2020

March 25th, 2020

Planning Commission Hearing

April 14th, 2020

First City Council Hearing (*tentative*)

April 28th, 2020

Second City Council Hearing (*tentative*)

All public hearings will be held at City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City. All public hearings will be conducted according to Section 4.1 of the Development Code and in accordance with the rules of procedure adopted by the Council, which are available at City Hall.

Any interested party may testify or submit written comments at, or prior to, the public hearings.



Making changes to land use regulations is a Legislative (Type IV) procedure, which means all changes are initially considered by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to gain input from the community before making a recommendation to City Council. The Council will hold a series of public hearings before making a final decision on the proposed changes.

Documents are available for inspection at the Baker County Courthouse located at 1995 3rd St., Baker City; for copy at a reasonable cost; or on the City's website (<http://bakercity.com/2157/Planning-Department>)

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

This list of proposed revisions and additions was developed with input from the public over the past few years during the following Planning Commission work sessions:

- 2017 11/29 and 12/20
- 2018 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 11/7 and 12/19
- 2019 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/10, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/16 and 10/16
- 2020 1/15

COME LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES

The Planning Department will host a series of open houses for the public regarding the proposed updates and re-zoning effort

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

February 24th, 2020 5:30pm to 6:30pm
March 4th 2020 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Council Chambers Baker City Hall - 1655 1st Street Baker City



STAY INVOLVED

- ✓ **ASK** Let the Planning Department answer your questions
- ✓ **LEARN** Review the proposed drafts in person or online
- ✓ **SHARE** Spread the word with family, friends and neighbors

Visit: <http://www.bakercity.com/>
Email: planning@bakercounty.org



Stop by: 1995 3rd Street in Baker City
Call: 541-523-8219



What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



2020 CENSUS

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire.
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

The 2020 Census

4 Ways to Respond



1. Secure Internet
New and Quick, Respond Online.

It's safe, secure and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected. It's economical both for you and for the taxpayers. It's greener, saving trees and it's user friendly—offering you help screens and the ability to review your answers.



2. Respond by Phone

Our enumerators are ready to take your information question by question from the convenience of your phone from any location.



3. Respond by Mail

Wait until you receive your paper form through the mail or dropped at your residence. It can be filled out at home and dropped into your mailbox or post office.



4. In-person Interview

Our enumerators will visit residences that choose not to self-respond.

Multiple Languages Available

Phone & Internet	Paper Mailer	In-Person Interview
English Chinese Korean Arabic Polish Japanese Haitian Creole	Spanish Vietnamese Russian Tagalog French Portuguese	Numerous Community Individuals hired to interview others in their own community and language

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