



The WEEKLY

April 15th, 2022



The latest news, views, and announcements of Baker City.

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Website Redesign Photo Contest

The City is looking for photos for the new website!

Jobs!

The City is hiring for Code Enforcement Officer

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 26th – 7:00pm
City Council Meeting
Regular Session



Photo taken by Police Dept. Staff – Injured hawk was located along the Leo Adler Pathway

Baker City staff are finalizing budget projections for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The fiscal year runs from July to June annually. The proposed budget is on target to be printed today April 15, 2022. Printing, binding, and preparations for delivery to the Budget Board can take the better part of a day for those involved. The document is anticipated to be delivered to the board members on Monday, April 18, 2022. The Budget Board will then have two weeks to review the document and ask questions of staff in preparation for their meetings set to begin on May 2. Those meetings are public and typically are held in Council Chambers.

Public hearings are scheduled for mid-June and then a budget will need to be adopted by City Council at the end of June. The budget process began internally with city staff in mid-January when staff began reviewing data and pulling together early numbers. It will culminate with the City Council at the end of June. I am pleased with our progress. This budget process included significant changes as internally city staff became more involved in the process. Department heads and managers spent long hours in debate and consideration reviewing actual line-item expenses anticipated to be necessary to maintain operations. I would like to thank the city staff for their diligent efforts in the preparation of the budget.

As soon as the budget is completed in June, the city will begin work in July on the audit for this current fiscal year. The budget and audit process repeat themselves every year and is an important part of the work handled by staff.

Jonathan Cannon – City Manager

We are Hiring!

Human Resources

We still have various jobs available at the city! Feel free to go to our website [www.bakercity.com] for more information on the following job opportunities.



Code Enforcement Officer – Open until filled.

The City of Baker City is accepting application for the position of Code Enforcement Officer in the Police Department. For a complete announcement, position description, and application, please click the link above or contact Stacy Spriet in Human Resources. The salary range is \$3,067-\$3,449 per month plus excellent benefits.

The City of Baker City provides employment opportunity to all qualified employees and applicants, without unlawful regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran's status, or any other status protected by applicable federal, Oregon, or local law. Our EEO policy applies to all aspects of the employment relationship—including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, compensation, promotion, demotion, transfer, disciplinary action, layoff, recall, and termination of employment.

CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN – PHOTO CONTEST

DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOWCASE ON THE CITY'S ALL NEW WEBSITE?

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO BY EMAIL TO:

CITYRECORDER@BAKERCITY.GOV

WITH SUBJECT LINE "WEBSITE PHOTO CONTEST"

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

MUST BE IN JPEG, JPG FORMAT

ATLEAST 1MB IN SIZE

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE CITY RECORDER AT 541.524.2033 OR BY EMAIL AT CITYRECORDER@BAKERCITY.GOV

Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6pm on April 20, 2022, in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall, to discuss:

- CUP-22-026: A conditional use permit to replace an existing sign with an electronic reader board at the Baker Elks Lodge at 1896 2nd Street in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone.
- CUP-22-029: A conditional use permit to build a 1,728 sq. ft. accessory building at 306 2nd Street in the Residential- Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
- SUB-22-013: A six-lot subdivision request by Eagle Eye Ventures in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone between Colorado Avenue and Foothill Drive.

Now Hiring!

We're hiring a Planner! If you have an interest in shaping the community, enjoy working in a dynamic environment and have a passion for helping people, check out our job announcement at

<http://www.l.bakercounty.org/JobPostings.nsf/xView.xsp>.

Applications

- A land use review for a deck cover was approved in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone at 1285 H Street.

Building Department

Building Department Statistics for February 2022

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	8	24	9	56
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	1
ELECTRICAL	11	10	8	18
MECHANICAL	23	30	16	22
PLUMBING	14	14	8	15
FENCE	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	58	88	41	112

Note: Full details for the permits issued can be found on the monthly reports on the Baker City website

99 Permits issued this month

200 inspections through the full jurisdiction

Building Department Statistics for March 2022

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	19	38	9	65
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	2	5
ELECTRICAL	21	24	30	47
MECHANICAL	13	22	8	22
PLUMBING	15	18	4	12
FENCE	7	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	75	102	53	151

128 Permits issued this month

253 inspections through the full jurisdiction

Police Department



- This past week, BCPD opened 28 new cases and responded to 179 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- In observance of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize the amazing dispatchers at Baker County Consolidate Dispatch who cover the radio, always answering the call, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We couldn't do our job without you, and it is our honor to work alongside you in serving and protecting our community. Thank you for all that do!
- We're hiring! Do you have an interest in serving our community? As a Code Enforcement Officer, you would have an important role in improving the livability for the people of our community. Code Enforcement Officers perform a variety of work in the interpretation and enforcement of codes and ordinances relating to property maintenance, animal, and parking ordinances; traffic regulation, related law enforcement activities to prevent crime, protect life and property. More information regarding this position is available at the City's employment page: <http://bakercity.com/2241/Human-ResourcesEmployment-Opportunities>.



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 10-16, 2022

Police Department



After receiving several calls from concerned citizens on Friday about what appeared to be an injured hawk hanging around the Leo Adler Pathway, north of Campbell Street, Officer Mark Powell and Officer Justin Prevo responded and assisted ODFW in capturing the hawk. The hawk was reportedly going to be transported by a wildlife rehabilitation organization to Blue Mountain Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education in Pendleton, Oregon.

Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

35.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
15 Hrs.	Fire training
00 Hrs.	EMS training
01 Hrs.	Safety training
02	Fire Prevention/Inspections
08	Community Events
19	Residential Burn Permits

03/22/2022-03/28/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Baker City Fire Department responded to a total of 40 emergency alarms detailed as follows:

FIRE REPORTS	01
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	01
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	36
In-City Responses	23
Out of City Responses	13
Transports	21
No Transports	14
Airport Transfers	01
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	01
MVA's	01
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	05
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	02
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	23
# of staff requested	28
Staff response for cover	03
No staff response for cover	08

Public Works:**Public Works Weekly Update 4/15/22****Wastewater Department:**

Several Sludge Samples were taken this week in Cell "A". Samples were taken at two different depths at each site and then sent to Magic Valley Laboratory for analysis.



It is critical that personnel have a stable watercraft when venturing onto a body of water such as this.

A Sewer line located in an alley became plugged last week. Tree roots had grown into the line and blocked the flow. The crew attempted to insert a hydraulic root saw into the line, but it would not fit into the 6" diameter line because of a severe offset just south of the manhole.



Public Works:



One worker repaired the line on the inside of the manhole while the other performed repair work on the outside of the manhole.

Public Works

Here's a photo of the completed repair before the trench was backfilled and compacted.

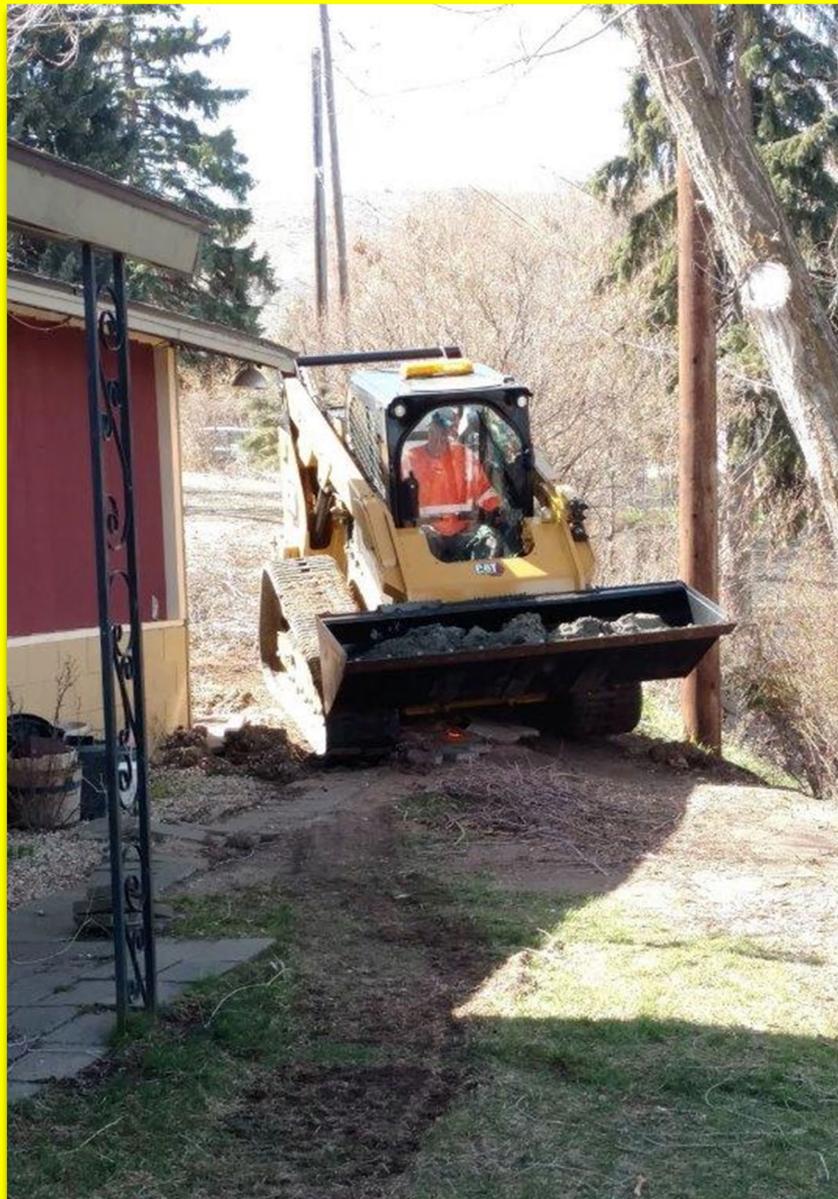


Repair work was performed on Manhole G-7 recently.



This manhole is located high above Tracy Street on private property and was originally installed by a developer as part of the Hillcrest housing development project. The remainder of the new line is planned to be installed this week.

Public Works



Concrete had to be "shuttled" to the site from a concrete truck, using the CAT skid steer. There was very little clearance for equipment to pass by the eve of the house and a power pole. Public Works is grateful that the owner allowed equipment access across her yard.

Public Works



Concrete was then shoveled from the skid steer into the track hoe bucket for placement around and inside the manhole.



Public Works

The 2012 Jet Truck arrived Wednesday and was immediately put to work cleaning lines.



Reviews from the crew operating the truck were very positive - citing the enormous power of the engine and water pump for cleaning lines.

Public Works**Street Dept.:**

Early morning snowfall events led to the use of the salter truck to help provide traction for traveling vehicles.



Here you can see the salter heading down Auburn Avenue preparing to spread salt to melt snow at the corner of 17th and Auburn.

Public Works

Water Dept.:

Two Fire Hydrants were damaged this week by vehicles.



This hydrant was hit by someone exiting the gas station at Main and Auburn. The other was a "hit and run" at the corner of Foothill and Mitchell Streets (no photo).

Public Works crew completed laying the 10" diameter Ductile Iron pipe across Indiana this week for connecting to the new well. There was a slight delay in completing the project as parts seemed to travel to several other cities before finally being delivered to Baker City.

Severe tree roots were found to be obstructing the 6" Terra Cotta line.

Public Works

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One-inch-thick steel plates were carefully placed to cover the trench until the remaining parts arrived.



The trench was backfilled and compacted. The asphalt surface will be patched when asphalt is available from the supplier in LaGrande.

Public Works



The old piping seen on the back of the shoring trailer is from a long-abandoned water line that used to run down 9th Street.

Crews worked to clean sediment from the Goodrich pipeline this week.



The plumbing that was installed in 1961 was improved to accommodate an additional 4" safety valve.

Public Works

Water Dept.:

Two Fire Hydrants were damaged this week by vehicles.



At one of the locations to be cleaned several hundred feet of lay-flat hose was used to "pipe" the water into an old reservoir on private land. Thank you to those property owners for the use of that site to store water until it either soaked into the ground or evaporates.

Public Works



The old Reservoir which sits outside the city limits at the far west end of Grace Street was roughly surveyed to assure it could hold the amount of water estimated to flow into it.

Public Works



One of the other cleaning sites is located on West Campbell where the water could simply flow down a ditch line.



Public Works



Another site is located on the south side of Pocahontas Road where water could be seen spraying high into the air.

Have a great weekend!





Elected Officials

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