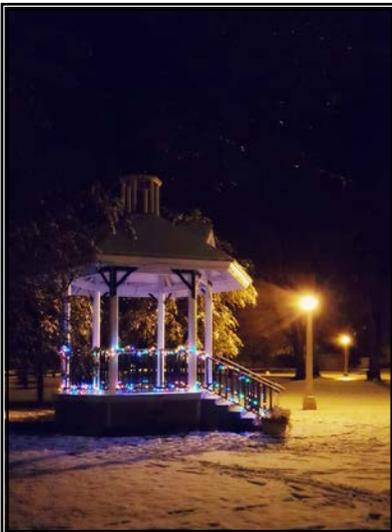


CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

Weekly Update November 20, 2015

Administration:



Thursday afternoon Christmas lights were installed around Geiser-Pollman Park. A big thank you to the Baker City Lions Club and Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative for their assistance. We hope you enjoy the lights!



Finance:

Message from the Finance Director: As of November 10th the City has received current year property taxes of \$815,920 and prior year taxes of \$35,430.

LID Billings: Thirty-seven 2014 Resort Street Underground Utility LIDs were billed November 20th. The original assessment for relocating the utilities on Resort Street underground included sixty-three property owners for a total of \$294,879. The remaining balance outstanding is \$188,621 (including current interest due).

Utilities

- ◆ 10 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 13 customers disconnected service from November 13th through November 19th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which includes 489 residential and 51 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 88 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 76 late notices were sent November 17th.
- ◆ Five residential customers (Zone 2) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

November 24th Agenda Items:

- * Sam-O Swim Center Discussion
 - * Graffiti Ordinance
- * Resolution for Employee Handbook
- * Marijuana Odor Discussion
- * City Manager RFP Review
- * BCViBE Grant Update
 - * Interchange Area Management Plan Ordinance
 - * VandenBos Presentation





City/County Planning Department

Public Meetings

The City Council and Baker County Board of Commissioners held a joint hearing on November 10th to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Interchange Area Management Plan, and related Development Code and Comprehensive Plan amendments, for I-84 Exits 302 and 306. The City Council will consider the matter again at their regular meetings on November 24 and December 8. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website: <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.



The Planning Commission meeting for the month of November has been cancelled.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

An extension of time to complete a property line adjustment for property on Washington Avenue was approved.

The Planning Department received an application for a motor home storage building at 3490 1/2 Cedar Street. **The proposed accessory structure is 14' x 48' feet.**

Let's Get Together & Volunteer!

Baker City is looking to fill one position on the **Tree Board**. 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.

Baker City is also looking to fill one position on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. The Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board exists to promote and preserve parks and open spaces which are safe, provide beauty, enhance recreational experiences and are accessible to all members of the community. The Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations. The appointed application will serve a partial term set to expire in July of 2017.

If you are interested in volunteering please fill out an application online at: <http://bakercity.com/government/boards-a-commissions> or visit City Hall at 1655 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 November 1st-7th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **23** emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	16
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	10
No Patient Trip	9



TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 19

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company inspections
- ◆ Station tour – Cub Scouts

- ◆ Fire / burn pile – Grace
- ◆ Fire / burn complaint – 3rd
- ◆ Fire / false alarm – L loop
- ◆ Fire / odor investigation – Valley & Resort

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **64** hours of in-house training:

- ◆ Fire – Records management, IT training
- ◆ EMS – Ambulance equipment orientation

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on November 24th.



"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 **25** new cases.
 One case, involving six men in a physical altercation, resulted in several detectives from multiple agencies being called in over the weekend to investigate.
- ★ BCPD investigated a vehicle versus pedestrian crash that resulted in serious injuries to the pedestrian.
- ★ Lt. Newman provided a drug and paraphernalia awareness training to the Public Works Department to assist employees with identifying hazardous materials.
- ★ Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman participated in a multi-agency meeting to discuss co-sleeping deaths.
- ★ Lt. Newman attended the Major Crime Team meeting.
- ★ Chief Lohner attended the Baker County Transportation Safety Committee meeting.
- ★ Officer Smith and K9 Capa attended a certification training in Mountain Home, Idaho.
- ★ 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.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activities:

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 7 old cases
Closed out 3 old cases

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on one old case
Closed out 2 old cases
One Hearing

Animal violations and complaints

Followed up on 2 animal complaints
1 dog in custody impounded

Parking Violations

Followed up on 4 parking complaints
Issued 4 parking citations
One vehicle impounded for parking violations
Multiple verbal warnings

Found Property

2 found property cases

Warrant

Assisted with seizure of evidence for one case



Quail Ridge Golf Course

With snow falling it is a great time for everyone to start enjoying all the winter activities that Eastern Oregon has to offer. This, of course means sledding, cross country skiing, etc. at Quail Ridge Golf Course.



If you plan to partake in these winter activities we ask you to once again please stay off the greens. The majority of the greens are roped and fenced off. Traffic on greens causes snow to compact, turn to ice and cause severe damage. We appreciate your cooperation and hope you enjoy your time at Quail Ridge Golf Course.



The fence above is being constructed on the golf course. It is replacing an old cyclone fence. The funding for the fence was donated by the Bohn sisters, Jane, Kate, and Kris. The City is very appreciative of this beautiful addition to the golf course.





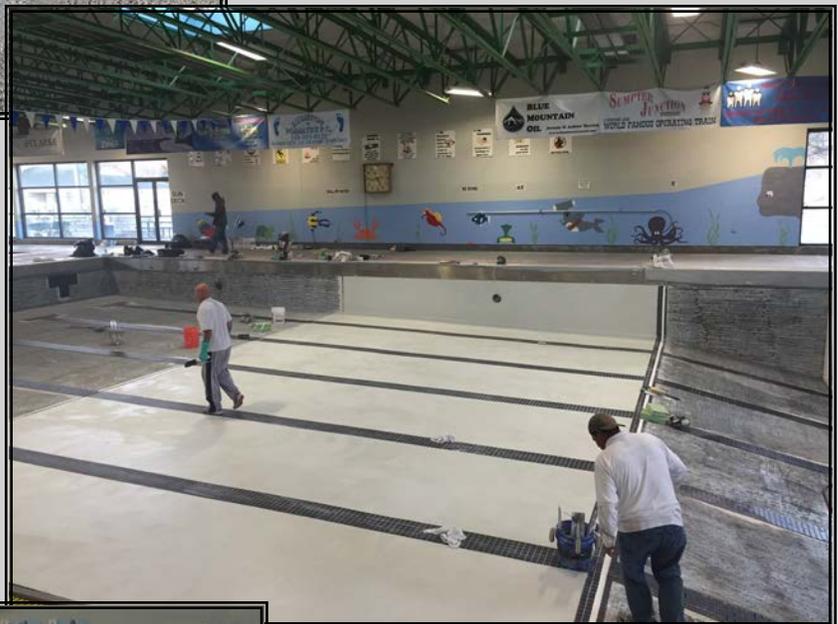
Sam-O Swim Center



Work continues out at the Sam-O Swim Center. The training pool after hydro blasting is pictured to the left.

The original concrete surface of the pools were exposed using a high pressure hydro blasting technique. The crew then added the tiling to the surface.

To the right is the lap pool after resurfacing took place and lane tiles were added.



The completed lap pool is now ready to be refilled. New sand filters will go in next week and the pool is tentatively set to re-open the beginning of December.



PUBLIC WORKS

A City crew continued construction on the 1/4 mile long driveway for the City owned Salmon Creek property.



Public Works video-inspected a line on 5th Street to determine where one of the residences is connected to the city system.

It was determined that the house shares a lateral with an adjacent house and the lateral crosses a third parcel before connecting to the city line. A cost estimate was generated for the resident to connect into the wastewater line directly in front of their house.

To the right, Keith and Steve are shown cutting roots from a wastewater line on Auburn Avenue.





PUBLIC WORKS

High winds early Wednesday morning dislodged part of the SALVATION ARMY sign. The "AR" portion fell onto Broadway Avenue shattering the plastic into hundreds of pieces. Tiny swept up the majority of the mess with the Elgin Street Sweeper.



Snow plow season is officially here. Public Works Crews have been working to keep city streets safe for the traveling public by sanding and salting the roads. Here you can see a resident properly shoveling snow to side of their driveway instead of pushing it out into the street where it can become a traffic hazard.

The newly purchased Track hoe was immediately put into service this week installing a new Wastewater lateral in a narrow alley North of "A" Street. The maneuverability and design of the small Track hoe will greatly facilitate the safe installation of city services. Here Blain is operating the unit while Matt keeps a close eye out for buried utility lines.





PUBLIC WORKS

The heated bed on this truck had caused some problems with melting wiring. Wes and Doug repaired the issue and the truck is now back in service.



Wes continued work on the blower assembly on the street sweeper.

The Public Works Department received the ECR58D Volvo excavator, and are pictured preparing it for service.

