

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 8, 2016

Administration:

The Ford Family Foundation of Baker County, Leadership Group Cohort 5 has been working to build a 9-hole disc golf course at the Baker Sports Complex. The course is anticipated to be finished this year and open to everyone free of charge. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th at Mad Matildas at 5:30pm.



Disc golf or commonly known as Frisbee golf has rules similar to traditional golf, except players throw plastic discs. The goal is to advance from the tee to basket with as few throws as possible.

Disc golf players use three different types of discs — one designed for long distances, one for medium, and one for short throws to the basket. Players can still play with one style as well.

Disc sets will be available for checkout from the Baker County Public Library this summer.

To learn more or get involved please visit www.facebook.com/bakerdiscgolf.

Finance:

Finance Director-As of January 4th the City has received \$2,764,166 in current year property taxes and \$51,552 in prior year property taxes.

Accounts Payable-The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated today.

Utilities

- ◆ 11 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 9 customers disconnected service from January 1st through January 7th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 87 residential and 247 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 48 or 14% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 89 late notices were sent January 5th.

City Council

January 12th Agenda Items:

- Executive Session: Pending Litigation
- City Councilor Application Reviews
- Financial Audit Report
- City Council Email Policy
- Resolution for Parking Spaces Downtown
- Discussion of East Campbell Water/Wastewater Fees
- City Manager Recruitment
- Budget Resolution





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department issues all permits and provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, and mechanical on new and remodel construction within Baker County.



COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- 2551 Place Street, Baker City - Interior Remodel
- 2300 Main Street, Baker City - Roof Repair
- 3415 10TH Street, Baker City – Repair

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 1712 Broadway Street, Baker City Demolished for rebuild
- 1716 Broadway Street, Baker City, Demolished for rebuild



Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	3	3	0	2
MANUFACTURE D DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	7	9	4	5
MECHANICAL	1	1	2	6
PLUMBING	0	2	1	2
FENCE	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	11	15	7	15

Historic District Design and Review Commission

No new information this week.





PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

On January 20, 2016, the Planning Commission will hold a public meeting to consider two items:

- 1) An application for a Conditional Use Permit to conduct manufacturing and production in the Central Commercial zone. The application specifically proposes to locate a micro-distillery at 1901 Main Street. Staff posted public notice signs in front of the building this week, and submitted the required notice of the hearing to the Baker City Herald, which was published on 1/6/2016. Press releases for the hearing were also sent to other media partners.
- 2) Revisions to Chapter 3.5 of the Development Code that establishes the requirements for signs.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

The Facilities Department assisted the Planning Department in re-arranging office space to create a conference room for discussions with applicants.

The Planning Department is working with the Building Department to resolve a landowner complaint regarding a construction project meeting setbacks.

The Planning Director is working with Public Works to finalize a partition plat for City owned property on Salmon Creek.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~Anne Frank

Tree Board - Baker City is looking to fill one open position on the Tree Board. The Tree Board has many duties; they study, review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding landscaping activities in parking strips within the public right of way adjacent to streets and in other public areas. Included in those activities are the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs. The vacancy is three year term that will expire in July 2018.

Parks and Recreation - Baker City is looking to fill one open position on the Parks and Recreation Board. The 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 applicant will serve a partial term set to expire in July of 2017.





The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the weeks of December 20th - December 26th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	9

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 29

Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Simultaneous Calls	2



FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	1

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 4 hours of in-house training:
◆ Fire - command and control

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on January 12th.



"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 last week, BCPD handled over **192** incidents and opened **28** new cases, including multiple arrests for outstanding warrants.
- ✦ BCPD staff noted that the New Year's holiday weekend yielded no DUII-related arrests for that time period.
- ✦ Sergeant Wayne Chastain attended the initial week of a two-week Supervisory Leadership Academy conducted by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). This training was held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.
- ✦ 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

Closed out 1 case
Followed up on 3 old cases

Animal violations and complaints

Followed up on 1 animal complaint
Issued 2 citations for dog at large and no dog license
Followed up with one dog at large violation

Dangerous dog

Followed up with 1 case
One case closed (dog euthanized)

Parking

Followed up on 7 violations
Multiple verbal warnings
3 vehicles orange tagged for removal
1 abandoned vehicle impounded

Temporary Use Permit

Followed up on 3 violations

Found Items

2 found items

Traffic violation

Issued 1 citation for driving while suspended

Graffiti

Followed up on one complaint

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.



Quail Ridge Golf Course

2016



Season Passes



Adult Single: \$785.00

Couple: \$1100.00

Family: \$1200.00

College: \$260.00

Junior: \$125.00

Corporate Pass (2 person): \$1530.00

Corporate Pass (4 person): \$2850.00

First Time Adult: \$392.50

First Time Couple: \$550.00

First Time Family: \$600.00

First Time College: \$130.00

First Time Junior: \$62.50

Out of County Adult: \$392.50

Out of County Couple: \$550.00

Out of County Family: \$600.00

Adult Gold Member (Includes \$300 Gift Card): \$1000.00 - **\$85.00 in savings!**

Couple Gold Member (Includes \$500.00 Gift Card) \$1400.00 - **\$200.00 in Savings!**

Annual Cart House Lease (Gas): \$140.00

Annual Cart House Lease (Electric): \$215.00

Annual Cart License: \$150.00

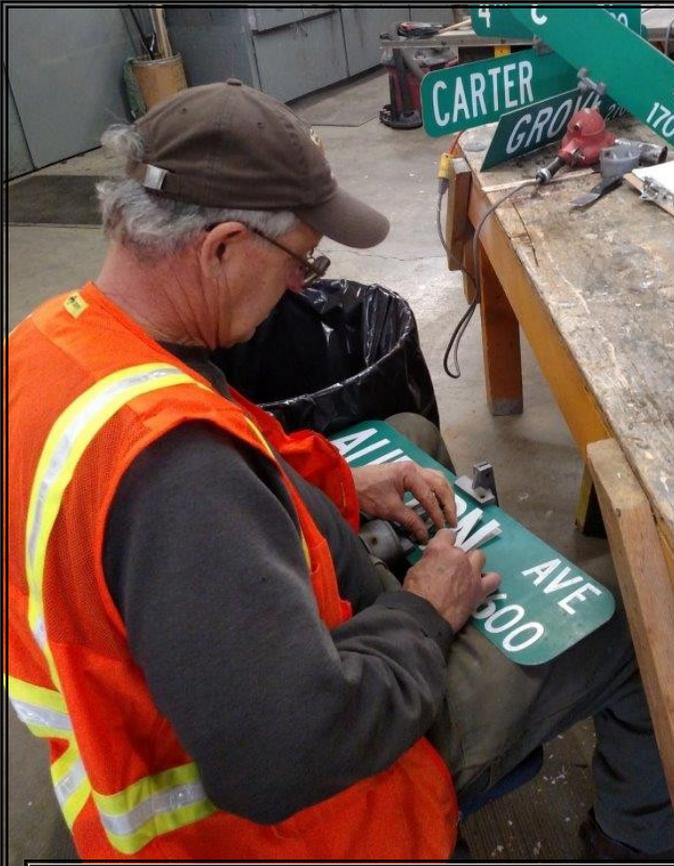
USGA Handicap: \$39.00

(All Passes Include Unlimited Range Balls)



PUBLIC WORKS

As the weather warmed and the ground began to thaw more potholes began to show up in Baker City Streets. Those streets developing the most potholes include: Auburn Avenue, Indiana Avenue and Cedar Street. An asphalt "cold mix" material was used Thursday to patch those holes. The asphalt is first heated in a propane fired truck tailgate and then tamped into each pothole. Below, Karl and Steve are placing the hot asphalt patching material into a pothole at the corner of 17th and Auburn.



When winter weather strikes there are always an increasing number of street signs which get knocked down and need repaired. Above, Steve is making a new sign for Auburn Avenue.



To the left, you can see the steam resonating from the street patch as Karl is placing the asphalt into the pothole.



Public Works –Shop

The K9 patrol vehicle had an electrical problem with the sirens. Doug and Wes found a speaker back feeding to control box and were able to repair it to put it back in service.



The crew has been making great progress on the ceiling project in the shop to reduce heating and cooling costs.

Also this week, an ambulance had an electrical problem. Wes and Doug traced out the wiring and found a bad breaker. They replaced the breaker and put back it in service.





SNOW PLOW ROUTES 2015-2016

