

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 16, 2015

Administration

The Baker City Lions Club completed the installation of the “Fitness Zone” and the City assisted in spreading chips. The City appreciates the hard work of the Lions as well as the many community sponsors.



City Council

October 27th Agenda Items:

- Graffiti Ordinance amendment
- City Manager recruitment
- City Personnel handbook

Finance

Utilities

- ◆ 8 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 18 customers disconnected service from October 9th thru October 15th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today which includes 484 residential and 59 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 85 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 89 late notices were sent October 13th.
- ◆ Six residential customers (Zone 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) three of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

LID Billings

- ◆ LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty-year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 1.54%. These LIDs can be paid off at anytime with interest charged through the payoff date.
- ◆ Five 2006 Elm Street LIDs were billed October 12th. The original assessment in 2006 for Elm Street improvements included 21 property owners for a total of \$252,888. The remaining balance outstanding is \$35,212.
- ◆ Seven 2002 Indiana Avenue LIDs were billed October 12th. The original assessment in 2002 for Indiana Avenue improvements included 111 property owners for a total of \$378,860. The remaining balance outstanding is \$9,967.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical on new and remodel construction within Baker County. For more information please visit: www.bakercity.com/departments/building



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

650 Hwy 7, Baker City –converting a flat roof to a pitched roof.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 37593 Ebell Creek Road, Baker City –2,869 square-foot new residence.
- Spaulding Ridge Road, Sumpter –32 x 70 pole barn.
- 655 NE Badger Street, Sumpter –10 x 36 carport.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	8	3	6
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	1	0	12	7
MECHANICAL	1	1	4	6
PLUMBING	3	3	3	1
FENCE	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	7	12	22	20

Other:

No new information this week.

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



City/County Planning Department

Planning Meetings:

- ⇒ On Wednesday, October 14, the Planning Commission held a second public hearing to review two Conditional Use Permits from Acom Consulting, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, to install a 100 ft. high transmission tower at 2960 and 2434 11th East Street, in the Industrial Zone. Approximately 25 people were in attendance. The Planning Commission heard additional testimony from the applicant and from the public, and after deliberation, issued decisions to deny both applications for failure to meet the Conditional Use Permit criteria.
- ⇒ The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council to approve the Interchange Area Management Plan, and related Development Code and Comprehensive Plan amendments, for 1-84 Exits 302 and 306. A joint hearing between the City Council and Baker County Board of Commissioners will be held to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation at City Hall on November 10th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website: <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.



Projects and Approvals:

- ⇒ Baker County was approved to partition a parcel containing the Baker City Armory from the land containing the County Fairgrounds and parking lots. The properties are located in the General Commercial (C-G) zone. The purpose for the partition is to enable the Oregon Military Department to own the ±3.97 acre portion that contains the Baker City Armory.
- ⇒ An application was approved for a new duplex dwelling at 2270 Wabash Avenue, located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) zone.
- ⇒ An application was approved for a new single-family dwelling at the corner of 16th and Carter Streets.



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 September 27th –October 3rd, the Fire Department responded to a total of 36 emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	2
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	28
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	14



TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

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Out of Town Transfers	1
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Simultaneous Calls	0
Triple Calls	1

- Rescue –7th.
- Fire –Auburn.
- Fire /false alarm –Cedar.

TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **55** hours of in-house training

- EMS – EMT training, stroke education class at St. Alphonsus.
- Fire – Fire behavior.

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

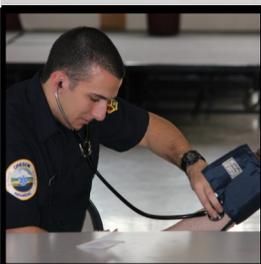
65 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Window washing exterior of station.
- Drug inventories.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center
- Company inspections
- Extinguisher Training For Safety Committee



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am.

Don't miss the next check on October 20, 2015.



“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 167 incidents and opened 36 new cases, including several arrests for outstanding warrants. One case involved the arrest of a subject for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. The subsequent investigation led officers to impound the associated vehicle in this case. A search warrant was later executed on this vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.
- Lieutenant Dustin Newman and Administrative Assistant Phoebe Wachtel attended a meeting, organized by the District Attorney’s Office, introducing the Executive Director/ Founder Judy Bannon of *Cribs for Kids –Helping Every Baby Sleep Safer*, a national nonprofit agency working to promote Safe Sleep Environments. The department is considering an extension of this program called *Cops ‘n Cribs*. This program includes outreach education around what safe sleeping environments look like and resources geared towards assisting families with providing their children a safe sleep environment.
- 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.

Public Works

Sidewalks



The push-cam was used this week to investigate a hole under a sidewalk downtown. It was determined that there was a void approximately 4” high under the sidewalk.



Public Works

Street



Two weeks ago a citizen complained about the berm of dirt located on the west side of Hwy. 7 and on the south side of the UPRR underpass. It was originally constructed as part of an ODOT project several years ago. ODOT was contacted and it was decided that the berm could be removed and the area improved by the placement of decorative rock.

Blain and Tip worked to remove the pile of dirt and placed weed fabric, boulders and chip rock.



Before work was completed at this location....



...and the finished product.

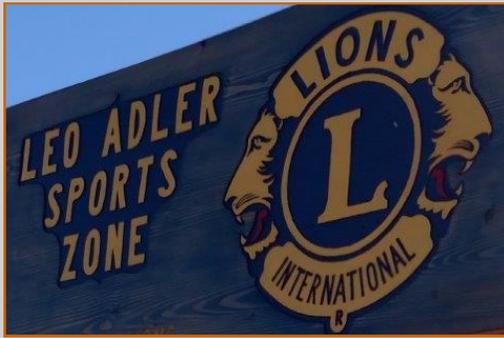


Karl painted several "No Parking" locations in town this week using yellow paint.

The Madison Street Bridge curb has also been repainted (left picture).

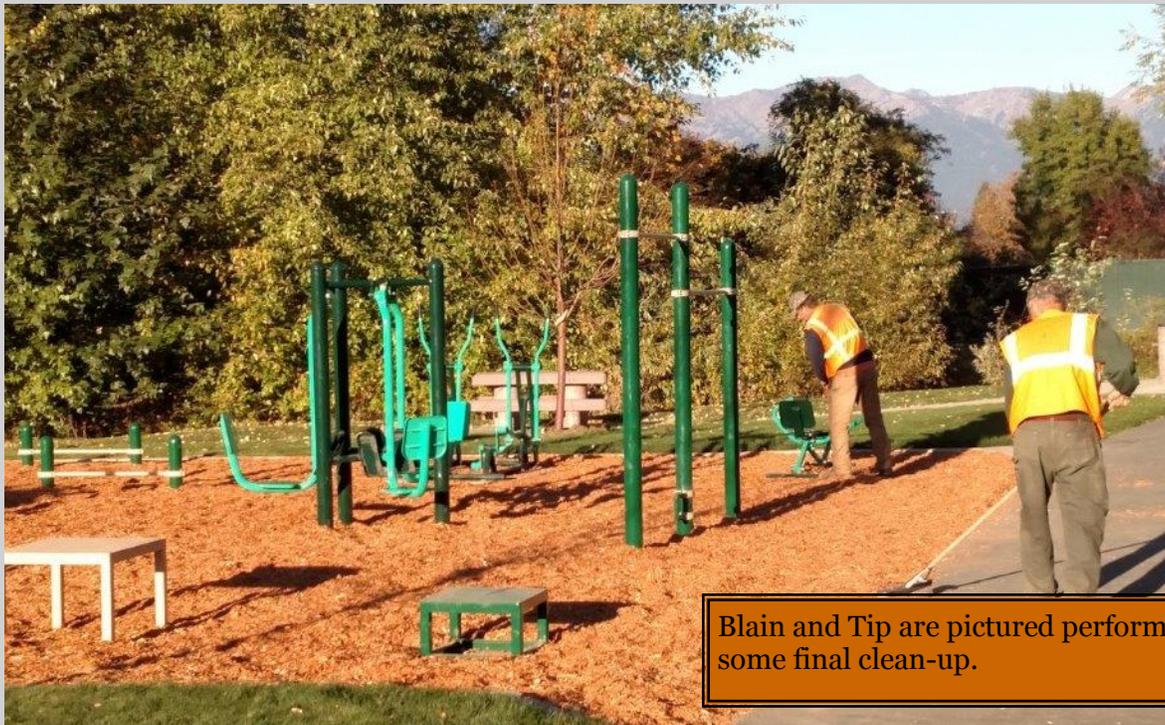
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Parks



Lions Park at Kirkway and H Street: The Lions Club, in cooperation with Joyce (Parks Supervisor) and Public Works Crew successfully completed this installation of new exercise equipment at the Kirkway Park.

Steve and Blain, utilizing a dump truck, dumped a load of chips at the site.

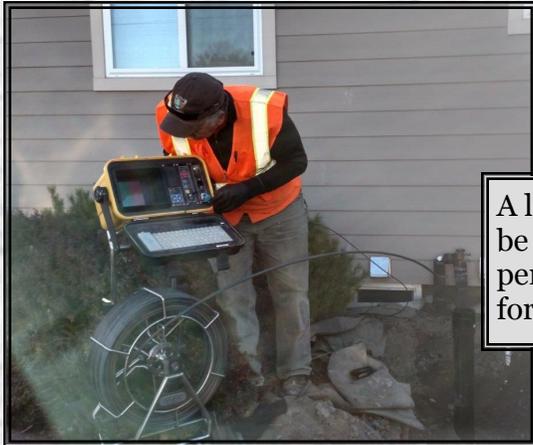


Blain and Tip are pictured performing some final clean-up.



PUBLIC WORKS– Wastewater

At the request of a drain cleaning professional, a lateral on 7th Street was inspected. An offset joint and roots were detected as causing the recent blockage in the lateral.



A local contractor requested that a lateral on Ash Street be inspected as part of their repair work. Keith is pictured performing this work. When the city performs this work for contractors, they are billed for the service.

A new wastewater lateral and water service were installed this week on 14th Street. The work required a full 25-foot wide street cut to serve the site (as pictured to the right).



This is the site before work started.



A fiber-optics line is located on the east side of 14th Street. Blain and Tip used the Vector Truck to expose the buried line.



Blain is digging very carefully to avoid breaking the active wastewater mainline while Tip keeps a sharp eye out for any sign of the pipe.



Tip has exposed the wastewater mainline and is digging around it in preparation for attaching the new lateral.