

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

Weekly Update February 5, 2016

Administration:

Brian and Corrine Vegter donated an Alyssa Peterson painting to the City. Alyssa is a local artist and the City has several of her works displayed in City Hall. Brian and Corrine are both members of the Baker City Public Arts Commission.



***A BIG thank you
to the Vegters!***

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ 15 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 15 customers disconnected service from January 29th through February 4th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today which includes 460 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 103 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ This week five residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) one of those was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

February 9th Agenda Items:

- ◆ Liquor License Applications
- ◆ School District Presentation
- ◆ Economic Development Contract and TLT Funds
- ◆ Northeast Oregon Mining Information





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:

- 2021 Main Street – Baker City, Addition of Interior divider wall inside structure

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 3830 Campbell Street – Baker City, full basement remodel to create additional living space

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	2	2	0	4
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	4	3	2	18
MECHANICAL	3	1	2	3
PLUMBING	0	0	0	1
FENCE	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	9	6	4	26

Historic District Design and Review Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2016

8:00 a.m. – Building Department Office

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on February 17th, at 6:00 P.M., to discuss revisions to Baker City Development Code Chapter 3.5, Signs.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

A Temporary Use application was approved for 30 days at 1515 Valley Avenue, located in the Residential High Density Zone.

The Planning Department held a conference with an applicant regarding a major building expansion in the General Commercial Zone.

An Extension of Time application was approved for the City of Baker City to complete the subdivision plat for the Elkhorn View Industrial Park.



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 **January 17th - 23rd**, the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	20
Rural Calls	10
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	6

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 30

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	0

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 0



Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	2

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **37** hours of in-house training:

- ◆ Fire – Ventilation operations
- ◆ EMS – CPR training, Pediatric assessments

STATION MAINTENANCE

29 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 11 am.

Don't miss the next check on February 9th.



"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 **100** incidents and opened **32** new cases. Five of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.
- ★ Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman met with two applicants who are at the top of our current hiring list. Lt. Newman will begin a background investigation on one of the applicants this coming week.
- ★ Chief Lohner, Lt. Newman and Sergeant Chastain met with a representative who sells body cameras. BCPD has been undergoing an evaluation process to select a body camera vendor, with the anticipation of budgeting for cameras in this next fiscal year.
- ★ Sergeant Regan, Sergeant Chastain and Officer Regan participated in a scenario based SWAT Training this past week, as part of the Northeast Oregon Regional SWAT Team.
- ★ 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.

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.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activities:

Property Maintenance

Closed out 1 case
Followed up on 2 old cases
Started 1 new case

Temporary Use Permit

Followed up on 1 violation
Issued 4 citations for non-compliance

Animal Violations and Complaints

Followed up on 2 animal complaints
Followed up on 2 dog at large violations
1 Dog at large returned to the owner

Kennel Permit

2 Permits renewed

Livestock Permit

Followed up on 1 old case

Parking

Followed up on 10 violations
2 Vehicles orange tagged for removal

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 case



PUBLIC WORKS

The furnace in the office building at the airport stopped working recently. A local contractor was hired to replace the furnace with a new unit. The work was completed on Wednesday and the furnace is now working properly.



A two man crew began work at 4 a.m. Friday morning to spread rock salt and sanding rock at major intersections and steep road sections in town. As seen in this photo (before this week's snow) the gravel quickly gets tracked away from the where vehicles drive. Fresh gravel is spread whenever the driving conditions warrant.



Tree Board volunteers met last weekend to conduct structural pruning on approximately 30 street trees along Resort Street. This is the second year of pruning conducted along Resort Street by volunteers. Volunteers also pruned a few street trees along Washington Avenue and Main Street. Structural pruning performed on young trees begins to "shape" the tree and alleviate possible future conflicts with vehicles, pedestrian access, etc. Early pruning also addresses any tree branch structure that could impact the tree itself.



PUBLIC WORKS—Water

Five inches of fresh snow fell overnight Thursday up near the Goodrich Pipeline Diversion Structure. Water flow adjustments needed to be made and the Ford Ranger pick-up could go no further in the snow. Jake walked the remaining distance into the diversion to slightly reduce the amount of Goodrich Creek water coming to Baker City.



During the winter Baker City wastewater is stored in the four lagoons at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Every time you do laundry, wash your hands or flush the toilet that water flows into these ponds. Because of the cold weather and ice covering of the Lagoons, the biological treatment of the wastewater is greatly inhibited. Therefore the water is stored until the weather warms and the ice melts. The level in Pond "A" (70 Acres) is nearing the peak of its storage capacity. When the weather is this cold there is a shortage of open water for waterfowl to utilize. Here several mallard ducks are taking advantage of the open water in Pond A .



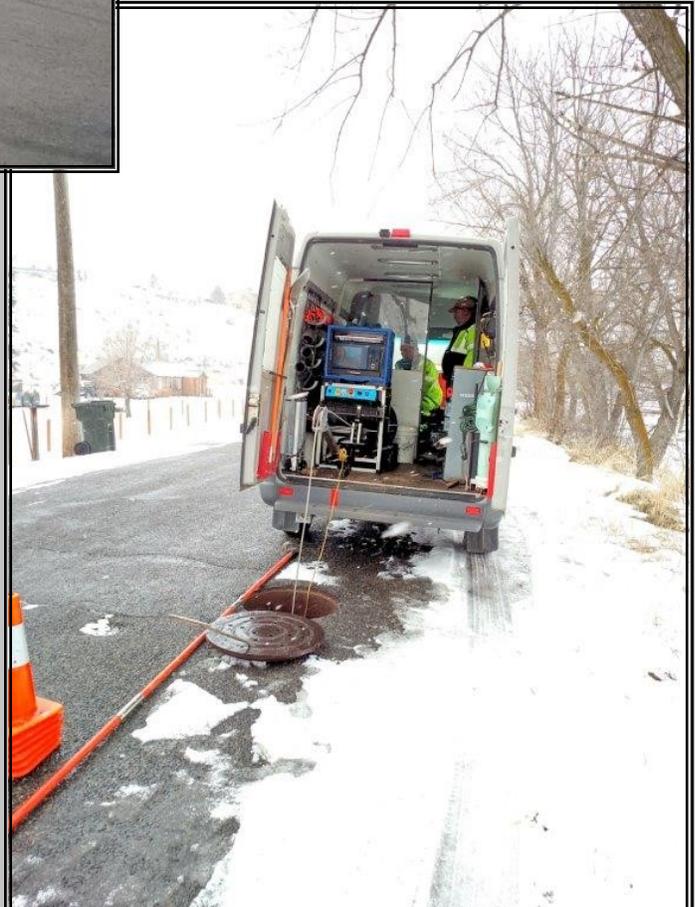
Public Works –Wastewater

Crews worked on several wastewater problems this week. None of the problems were a result of City main line blockages.

Monday the crew of Keith and Rick performed a push-cam video-inspection of a lateral on Madison Street for a local plumber. The location of problems in the line were identified and marked for the plumber.



A resident on Indiana also has been suffering from sewer problems. Tree roots had infiltrated into the lateral and caused a blockage. Above, Rick is cleaning the 8" concrete line.



On Tracy Street a resident has been having wastewater problems due to tree roots growing into the lateral. Public Works is working with the resident to determine the best solution to the problem. To the right, Keith and Rick video-inspect the line.



Public Works –Shop



The alternator on the ambulance to the left quit charging so Wes and Doug are replacing it. The alternator was still under warranty due to manufacturer defect.

One of the fire trucks had a restriction light come on so Wes and Doug replaced the fuel filters and air filter.



This week Justin has been working on re-decking the tilt deck trailer.

Justin also built a headache rack on the rear of the pipe trailer. This rack will be used to hold pipe while pulling it up hill to the watershed.





Quail Ridge Golf Course

2016 Season Passes Available!



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