

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update April 22, 2016

Administration:

Spring has arrived in Baker City! The high temperatures for last week were all above seventy degrees. However, with warmer weather comes more pedestrian, cyclist and animal traffic. To avoid accidents, remember to check crosswalks before turning, know your route, avoid distractions while driving, and obey traffic laws.



City Council

April 26th Agenda Items:

- * Water Rate Work Session—6pm
- * Appeal of Graffiti Notice
- * FBO Agreement
- * ASR Well Report
 - * Public Arts Commission Appointment
- * Relay for Life Proclamation
- * Arbor Days Proclamation
- * Poppy Days Proclamation
- * Justice Court Presentation

Finance:

Finance Director - March's financial summary will be available April 25th at <http://www.bakercity.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=81>

Utilities

- ◆ 15 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 10 customers disconnected service from April 15th through April 21st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today which includes 543 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 110 or 19% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 81 late notices were sent April 19th.
- ◆ Seven residential customers (Zone 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due); one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.





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.



RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- ◆ 14817 Longbow Lane, Baker City – New residence
- ◆ 15441 Goodrich Crk Rd, Baker City – New residence
- ◆ 3705 Baker Street, Baker City – New residence
- ◆ 325 Dewey Street, Sumpter – Detached utility building

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- ◆ 45714 Cook Road, Baker City – Detached utility building
- ◆ 1950 Place Street, Baker City – Foundation only/patio



Permits & Inspections

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	3	2	1	10
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	1
ELECTRICAL	4	3	7	6
MECHANICAL	0	2	1	3
PLUMBING	2	0	1	2
FENCE	5	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14	7	10	22

Historic District Design and Review Commission

HDDRC met on April 20, 2016 to approve minutes from the last meeting and discuss graffiti within the Historic District.





PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The City/County Planning Department provides information on the Baker City Development Code, Comprehensive Plan, land use zoning, floodplain development, and more. They are a customer driven department that is focused on supporting the community vision of Baker City as a great place to live, work and play.



Public Meetings

The regularly scheduled Planning Commission for April 20th was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on May 18th.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- A new ±3,377ft² single-family dwelling was approved at 1310 D Street. The property is in the High Density Residential zone.
- A ±685 square foot addition to an existing single-family dwelling located at 2990 Place Street was approved. The property is in the Medium Density Residential zone.
- A ±240 square foot addition to an existing shop and a ±432 square foot carport were both approved at 2023 Balm Street. The property is in the Medium Density Residential zone.
- **A request for a replat was approved in a historic undeveloped subdivision named Sally's Addition.** The replat will reconfigure the lots within the property boundary into three lots, and vacate the undeveloped lots, blocks, streets and alleys. The property is in the Medium Density Residential zone.
- A permit for a new wall sign at 1919 2nd Street was approved. The property is in the General Commercial zone.
- A Temporary Use Permit was issued for the temporary siting and use of a travel trailer as a residence at 1870 Cherry Street. The property is in the Medium Density Residential zone.
- A Land Use Review was submitted and sent for interdepartmental review for a ±280 square foot kitchen addition at 2935 H Street.
- A Temporary Use Permit that did not meet the criteria was not approved for use of a travel trailer at 3450 Broadway. The property is in the Medium Density Residential zone.
- A Conditional Use Permit for a proposed 1,200 ft² shop was submitted for 605 Foothill Drive. **The Conditional Use Permit is scheduled to be included on the Planning Commission's agenda for May 18th at 7:00 p.m.**



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 April 3rd- 9th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **41** emergency alarms.

The Baker City Fire Department is happy to announce that after several years of a vacant Lieutenant position, the department completed testing and selected Sara Blair for the position. Sara started with the City in May 2004 and has been a great asset to the department. Congratulations Sara!



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 34

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	6

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 7



- Fire – Midway / Alarm activation
- Fire – I84 / Police assist
- Fire – Washington / Fire alarm
- Broadway / Smoke investigation
- Fire – Riverpark / Burn complaint
- Fire - I84 / Grass fire
- General Alarm – Washington / Leo Adler Pkwy / Water rescue

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at the senior center
- Business inspections
- Smoke alarm installations

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 10 hours of in-house training:

- Fire – Instructor training



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

Don't miss the next check on April 26th.



"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**

Last week BCPD handled over **150** incidents and opened **39** new cases.

- ★ One of these cases resulted in an arrest for Robbery III, after a shoplifter physically resisted a store employee trying to intervene in the theft.
- ★ Seven of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.
- ★ BCPD handled two death investigations, one of which involved a 28 year old man.

Chief Lohner, Lt. Newman and Code Enforcement Officer Powell met with the Planning Department to discuss a change in how permits are issued to citizens who want to temporarily live in recreational vehicles within the city limits.

BCPD swore in Officer Jonathan Stanley, who is beginning his career as a police officer with our agency. Jonathan will be attending the Basic Police Academy, which starts on May 16th.

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.



Officer Jon Stanley

Code Enforcement Weekly Activities

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 2 old cases
Started 1 new case

Animal Violations and Complaints

Issued 1 citation for no dog license
1 dog at large returned to owner
3 dogs at large impounded

Parking

2 abandoned vehicles orange tagged for removal
Followed up on 5 parking violations

Found Items

1 found item reported stolen

Temporary Use Permit

Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

Development Code Violations

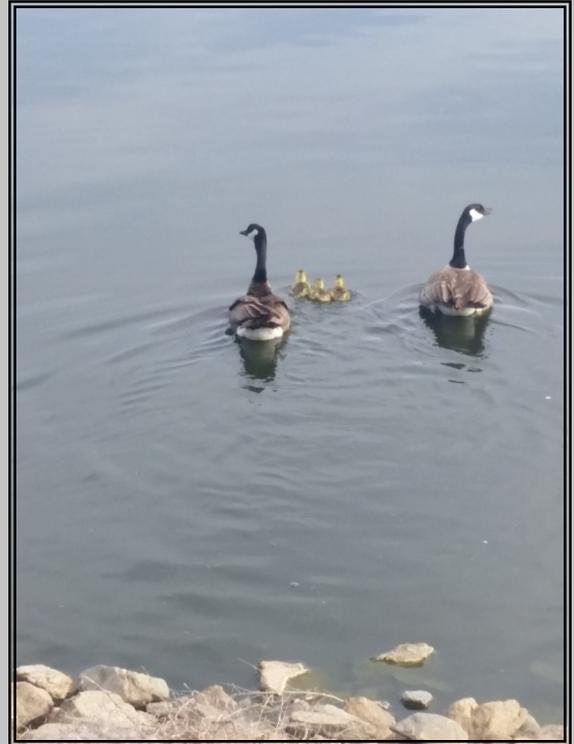
Followed up on 1 complaint
Followed up on 1 tree complaint
Followed up on 1 building complaint
Followed up on 2 fence violations



Public Works

Spring has arrived in Baker County!

Each spring there are goslings that typically hatch at the wastewater treatment facility. To the right are a few of this year's hatchlings.



Jake worked to repair the Water Reservoir irrigation system this week. Concrete work was also done for a structure over the back-up generator for the U.V. Treatment system. To the left, Glen is forming for the concrete wall which will support the north edge of the building.

Tip and Matt assisted Jake on irrigation system repairs by using the vector truck to hydro-excavate around broken pipes.





Public Works –Wastewater



In 2003, while replacing the terracotta wastewater line under Dewey Avenue, Public Works discovered an undocumented 6" sewer lateral which served seven residences. It is believed that it was originally a private sewer line and was installed 40-50 years ago. No access had been provided when the line was installed. In 2013, there was a problem with that line and alternative methods had to be employed to clear the blockage. It was determined that access had to be created so the line could be properly cleaned and maintained. The exact line location was traced using the Vi-Vax camera and tracing unit. Residents were informed of the project and construction work commenced Tuesday. The project will be complete today except for surface restoration which will be completed when Public Works patches streets.



Above Justin is excavating for the new manhole. This is the exposed pipe 7 feet below the ground surface. A pre-cast concrete vault previously built by Public Works was used to construct this manhole.



Public Works—Cont.



Access from Dewey avenue is very narrow. To the left, Karl is guiding Scott while he drives the dump truck to avoid damage to the shrubs or curbing. Below, Justin is operating the backhoe while Karl and Scott carefully guide the vault into the excavation and over the exposed and brittle 6" terracotta pipe.



Because the access is so narrow, concrete was loaded into the trackhoe bucket and transported down the alley to the manhole location. To the left, concrete is being lowered into the excavation for the manhole base. Below, Karl and Scott used a vibrator to consolidate the concrete and then formed the base around the existing pipe.





Public Works—Cont.



This morning, Public Works was able to complete the manhole project. To the left is the completed manhole access with the top cut out of the pipe. Now the line can be cleaned as need.

Public Works –Street

Preliminary work has begun on the Auburn Street overlay project. To the right, Jay (operating the mirror staff on the right) and Steve (operating the data collector on the left) are mapping Auburn Avenue.



To the left, Tip is making another concrete vault with extra concrete from the reservoir generator project on Thursday. This vault will be used for another wastewater project or water project. Public Works plans to have a minimum of two of these on hand at all times for projects.



Public Works –Shop



One of the Police Department's motorcycles for patrol was leaking engine oil. Wes and Doug pulled the oil plug and replaced the seal with a copper washer and tested it.

A transmission cooler burst in the radiator of the caseloader. Wes and Doug replaced it and flushed the engine. The hydraulics and transmission were refilled and it was put back in service.



The water pump in a Public Works truck was leaking so Wes and Doug pulled it apart and replaced it with a new pump.