

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 3, 2016

Administration:

Message from the City Manager: As I enter my first week on the job, I would like to thank the Baker City staff for all the help with my transition. I also want to thank the City Council for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Baker City. I look forward to getting out on the streets and meeting with business owners and citizens to talk about issues that are important to all of us. My door is always open so stop in and say hello. I am excited about my new position and look forward to working on the business of Baker City. My contact information is fwarner@bakercity.com, 541 524 2040.

As we move forward to the warm weather months, the first event of the summer is just around the corner. The Baker City Cycling Classic will be held June 24th, 25th and 26th. Come watch the races downtown and look for downtown parking restrictions on the 25th as the race is held on several downtown streets.



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ 24 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 19 customers disconnected service from May 27th through June 2nd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today which includes 468 residential and 16 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 107 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Three residential customers (Zone 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) three were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

June 14th Agenda Items:

- Wastewater Effluent Update
- Public Arts Master Plan
- Railroad Quiet Zone Report
- Oregon Telephone Franchise Agreement
- Economic Development Update
- Fuel Bid Award





BUILDING DEPARTMENT



RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1838 Birch Street, Baker City – replace 24 x 40 garage.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- No new permits were issued this week for commercial permits.

Permits & Inspections

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	7	0	3
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	9	3	3	5
MECHANICAL	1	2	3	3
PLUMBING	2	3	1	3
FENCE	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	15	7	14

Historic District Design Review:

The HDDRC group met June 1, 2016 at 8 a.m. in the Building Department offices.

Consider volunteering with the Planning Commission!

The Planning Commission currently has one vacancy. The Planning Commission consists of seven members with four-year terms. The role of the Planning Commission is to develop, maintain and implement the Baker City Development Code to protect the integrity of the community's planning process, and to foster the community's long-term interests. The Planning Commission also makes recommendations to City Council for zoning and code amendments, and any other matter relating to the planning and development of the city and surrounding area.

The Commission meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. To apply visit www.bakercity.com, boards and commissions or stop by City Hall, 1655 1st Street.

V O L N T E E R

all that's missing is U!



Planning Department

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold their next meeting on June 15th. The agenda will include a work session and public hearing. The work session will begin at 6:00pm to address proposed changes to the Baker City Development Code, specifically:

- ◆ Modifications to Chapter 3.5 – *Signs*
- ◆ Discussion of the occupancy of RVs as described in Chapter 4.9.100 – *Temporary Use Permits*
- ◆ Clarifications to Chapter 5.3 – *Lots of Record* criteria
- ◆ Discussion of accessory structure size restrictions in Chapter 2.2 – *Residential Land Use Districts*
- ◆ Proposed additions to Chapter 4.3.160 – *Final Plat Requirements*.

The hearing will begin at 7:00 pm to review a request for a Conditional Use Permit, CUP-16-043, for the construction of a ±1,280 square foot shop with a ±448 square foot awning at 2368 15th Street, in the Residential – Medium (R-MD) Zone; and a request for a Variance, VAR-16-045, for a freestanding sign exceeding 15 feet in height at 2400 Broadway Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. Signs announcing the upcoming hearing were posted at both properties this week.

The work session and hearing are open to the public, and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- ◆ An application was approved for a new ±1,191 square foot single family dwelling and a ±900 square foot barn at 960 17th Street.
- ◆ An application was approved for a deck expansion and addition of a cooler room at 975 Quail Ridge Lane.
- ◆ A Sign Permit application at 2825 10th Street was approved to modify an existing sign for Farmers Insurance. The property is located in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.



- ◆ A Site Design Review application has been approved for a ±5,600 square foot addition to St. Alphonsus Hospital located at 3325 Pocahontas Road, in the General Commercial zone. Notice of the decision was sent to landowners within 100 ft. of property on May 23rd. The appeal period for the decision will end on Monday, June 6th.
- ◆ The appeal period for Site Design Review application has ended, and no appeals were filed. The approval for a ±4,000 square foot addition to an existing manufacturing facility located on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 10th Street is now final.
- ◆ On May 18th, 2016, the Planning Commission approved an application for a Conditional Use Permit, CUP-16-030, for the construction of a ±1,200 square foot shop at 605 Foothill Drive. Notice of the decision was sent to landowners within 100 feet of the property and the appeal period for the decision is open until 5:00 p.m. on June 3rd, 2016.



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 May 15th–21st, the Fire Department responded to a total of **47** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

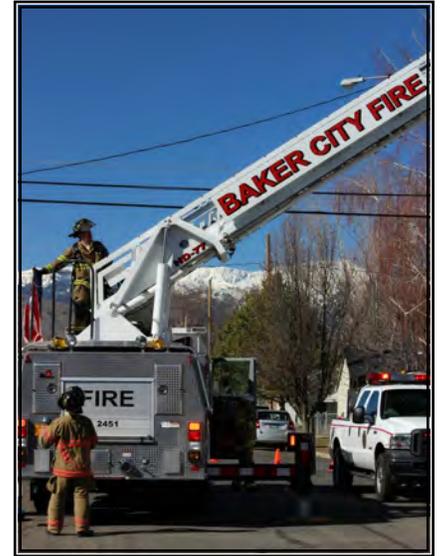
City Calls	34
Rural Calls	11
Patient Transported	32
No Patient Trip	13

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 45

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



Airport Transfers	3
Out of Town Transfers	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Simultaneous Calls	7
Triple Calls	1

- ◆ Fire – 17th St. / Alarm activation
- ◆ Fire – Balm St. / Burn complaint

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **52** hours of in-house training:

Fire – S-290 Wildland fire training intermediate fire behavior

EMS – Splinting

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ Smoke alarm installations
- ◆ Safety presentation at senior center for 95 adults



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

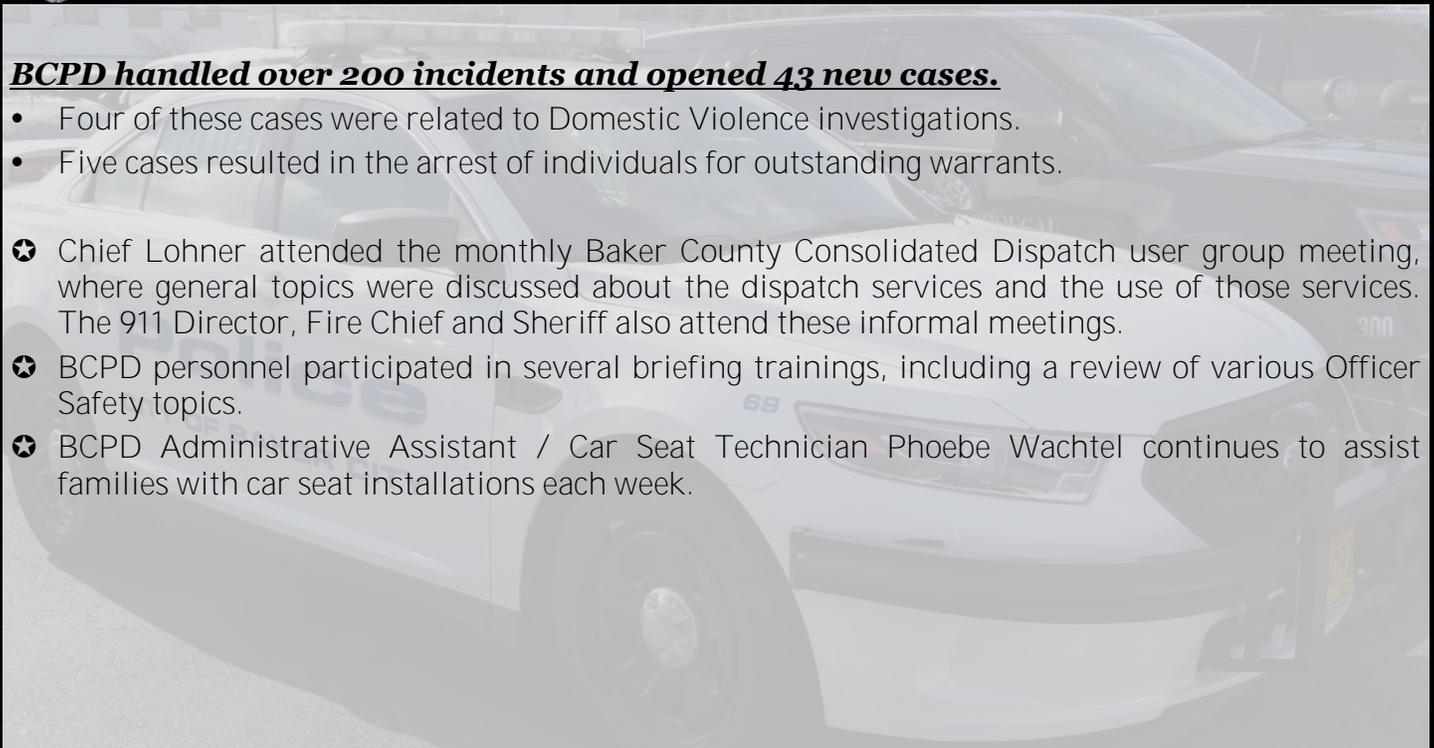
Don't miss the next check on June 7th.



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POLICE **DEPARTMENT**



BCPD handled over 200 incidents and opened 43 new cases.

- Four of these cases were related to Domestic Violence investigations.
- Five cases resulted in the arrest of individuals for outstanding warrants.
- ★ Chief Lohner attended the monthly Baker County Consolidated Dispatch user group meeting, where general topics were discussed about the dispatch services and the use of those services. The 911 Director, Fire Chief and Sheriff also attend these informal meetings.
- ★ 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 Activities:

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 5 old cases
 Started 2 new cases
 Issued 2 citations for non-compliance
 1 Property in compliance (case closed)

Graffiti

Followed up with 1 violation

Weeds

Followed up on 3 new weed complaints
 Checked 22 properties for compliance

Animal Violations and Complaints

Issued 1 citation for no dog license
 Followed up on 2 animal complaints
 2 Dogs at large returned to owner
 Followed up with 1 pending Dangerous Dog case

Development Code Violations

1 New Temporary Use Permit(TUP) violation
 Issued 1 citation for no TUP

Parking

Followed up with 8 violations
 Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles
 Issued 3 citations for violations
 Impounded 1 vehicle for a parking violation



Public Works

Baker City Public Works Crew worked on a very difficult wastewater project this week on Grandview Avenue. A resident there developed sewer problems last week and requested that their lateral be replaced. The failing lateral had originally been installed by a contractor across a neighbor's yard in the 1970's. It was decided to relocate the lateral from private property to within the street right of way. Several underground utilities were in conflict with the new alignment and the soil was made up of sand and gravel from an old Powder River channel. Sandy soil is unstable and highly susceptible to cave-ins. That in conjunction with the deep excavation trench led to many embankment failures. Trench shoring was used through the entire process.



To the left, Justin is using the asphalt Zipper to pulverize the street surface.



The new lateral was installed through the wall of the manhole. Here Karl is checking the slope while Matt makes elevation adjustments to the pipe.

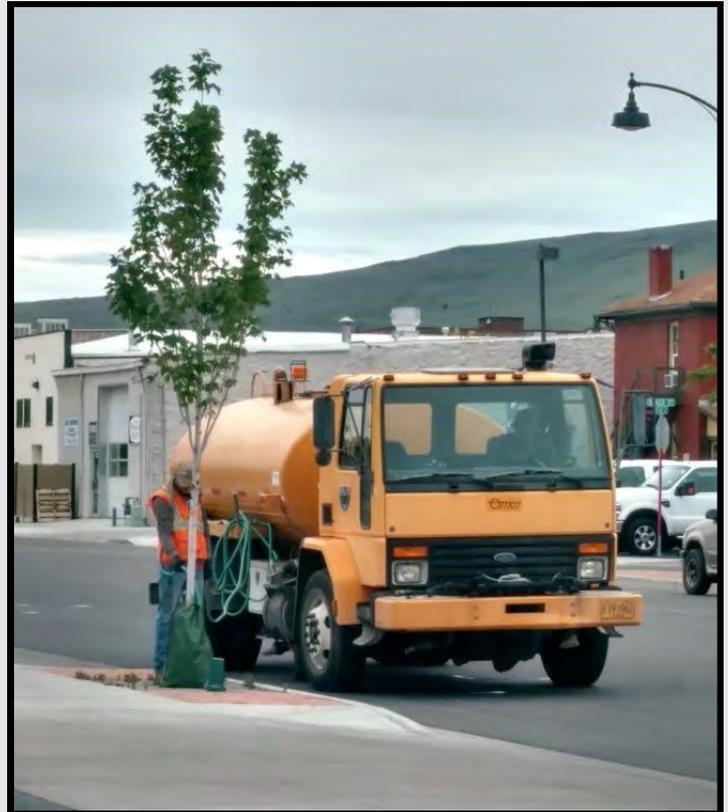
The unstable bank material caved off into the trench many times. Justin operated a large rented track-hoe for the project.





Public Works—Streets

The tree gators were installed back onto the Resort Street trees to aid the adjacent property owners in keeping the trees watered through the summer months. They were filled this initial time by a city crew. The property owners will need to continue to fill them throughout the upcoming summer months.



Tom met with Baker 5J School District employees to assist them with a drainage problem at South Baker School. Improvement work is set to begin early this summer.

Dennis loaded wood from an OTEC tree project into a dump truck for disposal.





Public Works- Water



A water leak was discovered this week on Carter Street. To the left, Blain and "Tip" repacked the joint and installed a bell clamp to stop the leak .

The Crew of Scott and Stephen completed fire hydrant flushing this week. Below. the crew is trying out a new diffuser borrowed from the City of North Powder. It worked very well for reducing the velocity of the water coming from hydrants.



Public Works- Shop

Wes serviced the upper motor of the sweeper and started the service on the lower motor and found the air conditioner unit seized. He ordered a new one that will be here soon. Also this week Wes:

- replaced the thermostat and gasket on a police vehicle;
- Worked on the engine of an ambulance and continues to put it through a series of tests;
- Worked on the thermostatic control on the k-9 police vehicle; and
- repaired a demo-saw

