

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update April 29, 2016

Administration:

As most of you may have heard, the Discovery Channel show, Gold Rush has begun work in Baker County. The City/County Building Official, Ken Hall went out to the site Wednesday to perform site review for temporary structures. To the right is Todd Hoffman of Gold Rush and Ken Hall, Building Official. Baker City welcomes the whole crew and wishes them the best of luck mining!



City Council

*May 10th Agenda
Items:*

**Resolution 3770
City Fees*



Finance:

Payroll - Eighty-one employees were paid today including fifteen paid “volunteer firefighters” and one hearings officer. Of those 81 employees 76 or 94% are signed up for direct deposit.

Utilities

- ◆ 13 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 8 customers disconnected service from April 22nd through April 28th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 467 residential and 21 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 89 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 97 late notices were sent April 26th.
- ◆ Four residential customers (Zone 7) 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.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT



RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- ◆ 13932 S Rock Creek , Baker City – 295 sq ft addition to residence
- ◆ 47950 Foothill Road, Haines – New residence

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- ◆ 4100 Indiana Avenue, Baker City – cover over generator
- ◆ 42566 Old Foothill Road, Richland – 50x50 & 50x75 detached utility buildings

Permits & Inspections

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	6	4	7
MANUFACTURED	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	1	9	2
MECHANICAL	1	0	2	0
PLUMBING	3	4	2	1
FENCE	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	11	17	10

2016 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards

Announced: Individuals, organizations and projects that have made outstanding contributions to preserving Oregon heritage will receive Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards May 5 in Salem. The public is invited to attend the presentation with pre-ticketing required. From Baker County, **Gary Dielman** for his decades-long work preserving and writing about the history of Baker County, including the 10,000 historic images collected by the Baker County Library District.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission will be held on May 18th. The Planning Commission agenda includes review of proposed changes to Baker City Development Code Chapter 3.5, Signs, and a request for a Conditional Use Permit, CUP-16-030, to construct a 1,200 sq. ft. shop at 605 Foothill Drive. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the meeting.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

A Single Family Dwelling was approved through a Land Use Review at 1640 Baker Street. The property is located in the High Density Residential Zone.

The Planning Department and Public Works met with a landowner of property in the area of Oak and H Streets to discuss development options for the property.

Notices were mailed to property owners within 100 feet of 605 Foothill Drive to provide information about the Conditional Use Permit application and upcoming hearing. Notice was also posted at the property. The Planning Department conducted a site visit to collect information for the upcoming Planning Commission hearing.



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 10th–16th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **42** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	30
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	14

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 36



Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4
Simultaneous Calls	4

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	6
TOTAL FIRE	6



- Fire – Balm / Illegal burn
- Fire – Bridge / Police assist
- Fire – Washington / Brooklyn School / Fire alarm
- Fire – Campbell / Burn complaint
- Fire – Virginia / Vehicle fire
- Fire – 3rd / False alarm



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **57** hours of in-house training:

- Fire – safety training, department operations

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- BP checks at the senior center
- Business inspections
- Smoke alarm installations
- CPR class for Public Works
- Station tour for 20 children and 5 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 May 2nd.

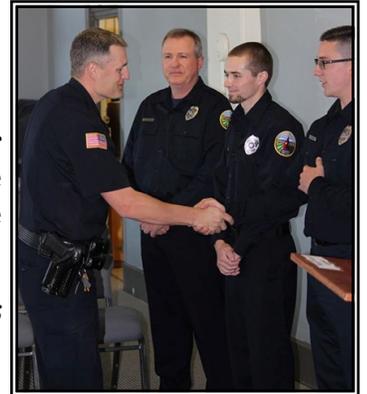


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POLICE **DEPARTMENT**

- ★ During this last week, BCPD handled over **174** incidents and opened **25** new cases including arrests for outstanding warrants.
- ★ BCPD staff participated in the swearing in of the department's four newest additions to the Reserve Police Officer program. We welcome Reserve Officer Jacob Hobbs, Reserve Officer Cody Kirby, Reserve Officer Daniel Koopman and Reserve Officer Zachery Thatcher.
- ★ Members of BCPD attended *Generation Death –How America Creates Teen Killers and Mass Murders* training presented by Phil Chalmers. This training was held in Baker City.
- ★ Officer Shannon Regan, as a member of the Northeast Oregon Regional SWAT team, attended hostage negotiation training in Bend.
- ★ 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

Followed up on 1 old case
Started 1 new case

Found Item

1 Found item

Animal Violations and Complaints

Issued 1 citation for no dog license
2 Dogs at large returned to owner
Followed up on 1 barking complaint

Development Code Violations

Followed up on 1 fence complaint
Followed up on 1 violation

Parking

Followed up on 5 parking violations

Dangerous Dog

Attended 1 hearing



Public Works



This week Justin worked on the Goodrich Road to smooth the surface. Baker County Road Department loaned their Grid Roller to the City for the work.



To the right is the smooth surface after the leveling and rolling work was completed in this section.



The snow in the watershed has receded significantly with the warm weather and recent rain. To the left you can see the Marble Creek Diversion structure still has some snow.



Public Works –Wastewater

A wastewater issue occurred in a resident's lateral on First Street this week. Keith and Rick worked to inspect the lines to determine if any of the laterals were shared between residents.



A two man crew worked in the City of Richland vacuum testing manholes and pressure testing new manholes and lines. To the left, Karl is pressure testing one of the manholes.



Scott was also part of the crew out in Richland testing lines and manholes. To the right, Scott is inflating a bladder in one of the lines.



Public Works



A contractor has been working to replace a concrete approach onto Birch Street this week. They completed pouring concrete today and requested that Public Works patch the asphalt on Tuesday, May 3rd. Fortunately, asphalt is available to purchase in La Grande that day.

This time of year it is important for property owners to remember to trim any foliage that may block the visibility of street signs, especially stop signs. To the right is the intersection of Oak and Campbell Streets where the stop sign is covered and the trees need trimming.





Public Works –Shop

This week Doug built new doors for the cement light poles around town.



The passenger side door outside handle had quit working on a patrol car. Doug and Wes found the linkage broken inside of the door and replaced it.

There have been problems with the primary alternator going out on one of the ambulances. It was decided to upgrade from a 135 amp to a 240 amp alternator to remedy the issue. Crew will be working on this vehicle today.

