

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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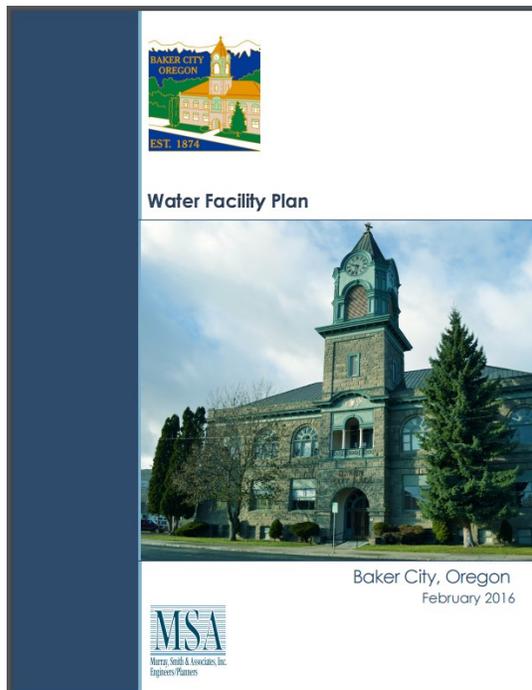
Weekly Update March 4, 2016

Administration:

The Baker City Council will begin considering a new Water Facilities Master Plan for the City at the March 8th City Council meeting. You can review the draft plan at the following link: <http://bakercity.com/2227/Water>



(Goodrich Reservoir in the summer.)



City Council

March 8th Agenda Items:

- *City Manager Recruitment Update
- *Award Golf Course Design Contract Bid
- *Water Facilities Master Plan
- *Liquor License Application
- *STP Agreement

Finance:

Finance Director-The budget committee met on March 2nd for an interim budget meeting to discuss 2014-15 audit results, current year to date revenue and expenditures compared to budget and for budget training. The training presentation is available online at www.bakercity.com under the budget committee tab.

Utilities

- ◆ 24 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 17 customers disconnected service from February 26th through March 3rd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 88 residential and 244 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 45 or 14% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 84 late notices were sent March 1st.
- ◆ Five residential customers (Zone 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) no services were actually turned off.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- No new commercial permits were issued this week.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 0 Goodrich Creek Lane, Baker City – New residence
- 2610 14th Street, Baker City – Interior remodel

Historic District Design and Review Commission

On 2/24/2016 reviewed and approved projects:

1901 Main Street, Baker City – Exterior alteration and color.

1702 Main Street, Baker City – Replacing existing signs with energy efficient, slightly altered signs.

2035 2nd Street, Baker City – Adding sign to corner of property.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	2	1	5
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	1	8	2	3
MECHANICAL	1	5	0	1
PLUMBING	1	2	0	1
FENCE	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	5	17	3	10

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00pm to discuss revisions to the Baker City Development Code – Chapter 3.5 – **Signs**. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend and discuss changes with the Planning Commission.

Training

Planning Department staff attended a Floodplain Managers training in Weiser, Idaho on Wednesday, March 2nd. This training session covered floodplain development permits, flood map change requests, FEMA flood insurance for communities and much more.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

A Land Use Review application was approved for an accessory dwelling at 2644 Walnut Street. A Land Use Review application was approved for a fruit stand at 3685 10th Street. The Planning Department received a Land Use Review application for a new dwelling at 1610 Balm Street. The application was sent out for interdepartmental review and a decision will be issued after this review period ends.



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 February 14th-20th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **31** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES **31**



Airport Transfers	5
Out of Town Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	3

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	0

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES **0**



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **45** hours of in-house training:

- Fire – Fire size up, Incident Command, Fire behavior
- EMS – Medical scenarios, BLS instructor update

STATION MAINTENANCE

32 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 March 8th.



"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 **120** incidents and opened **36** new cases. Six of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants. Another one of these cases resulted in the arrest of a local woman who assaulted multiple people, including a police officer and a corrections deputy.
- ★ Chief Lohner participated in the quarterly Major Crime Team meeting, which consists of **members from the Baker County District Attorney's Office, the Baker County Sheriff's Office, the Oregon State Police and our agency.**
- ★ **Officer Coleton Smith resigned as the agency's canine handler and Sergeant Wayne Chastain assumed those responsibilities.** Since Sergeant Chastain had previously been trained as a canine handler, there will be little lost time with this transition and there will be no monetary cost to the **canine program's dedicated budget.**
- ★ 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 5 old cases
Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

Animal Violations and Complaints

Followed up with 1 animal complaint
Followed up with 1 dog bite complaint
Started one new dog bite case
2 deceased animals removed from private property

Dangerous Dog

Followed up with one existing case

Parking

Followed up on 2 violations
1 abandoned vehicle orange tagged for removal
Issued 1 parking citation

Livestock Permit

Followed up with 1 permit

Kennel Permit

Followed up on 1 expired permit

Building Code Violation

Started one new case

Found Items

1 found bicycle

Graffiti

Followed up on one old case

Justice Court

Attended 4 Court hearings



PUBLIC WORKS



Tree Board volunteers have started 2016 with a **BANG!** Over **100** street trees have been pruned in the last month by volunteers along: Resort Street, Baker County Fairgrounds, Broadway Street, Main Street, and Brooklyn Primary School.

Tree Board Chair Clair Button has also been working with property owners to demonstrate proper tree pruning techniques. Pruning trees at a young age to begin addressing possible future conflicts with sidewalk/street clearance is ideal.

Remove the following on young trees:

- ⌘ Broken branches.
- ⌘ Branches competing with the leader.
- ⌘ Swollen branches from insect eggs or stings.
- ⌘ Tree tags.

A plethora of information about proper tree pruning techniques can be found at www.arboday.org.





Public Works –Wastewater



A local drain cleaner requested that two laterals be **inspected with Baker City’s push cam.** To the left, Keith is operating the push camera for a house on 4th St. Laterals are the responsibility of the property owner between the building and wastewater mainline. The drain cleaner was charged for this work.

A contractor (PEC) was hired to line several wastewater lines in town using the CIPP (Cast in Place Pipe) process. To the right is one of their trucks working on Auburn Avenue.



Roots had found their way into one of the City mainlines in an alley. Blain and Matt worked to excavate and replace a portion of the line. In the photo to the left, Karl and Scott assisted them with the Vactor truck by hydro excavating around the existing mainline. Blain and Matt completed the repair while Karl and Scott continued cleaning catch basins.



Public Works –Water



An unusual water leak surfaced early this week on the north side of Washington Street. To the left you can see water running into the street. An emergency locate was immediately called in through the utility notification center (calling 811).

Once utilities were marked, the Vector truck was used to hydraulically excavate the site.



Above you can see the hole in the copper pipe where water was spewing out. Matt used a 3/4" x 6" repair clamp to stop the leak.



Once the leak was fully repaired Jay connected to the line and traced its underground location. Additional work is scheduled today to eliminate the section of corroded pipe.

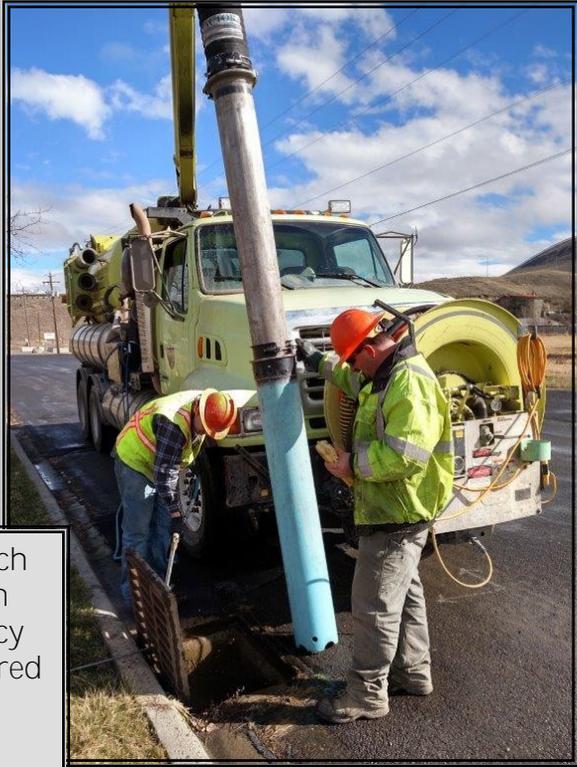


Public Works –Street

Steve “Tip” used a grinder, belonging, to the 5J School District to remove a trip hazard from the curb at the southeast corner of Broadway and Main Street.



Some grading of gravel streets was completed this week as well. Above, Blain is cutting a shallow ditch on David Eccles Road to control drainage water. Because high pressure petroleum transmission lines cross in this area, pipeline representatives requested to be on site while the work was being done.



One crew this week also worked on inducting catch basins in Baker City. Doug prepared a catch basin route cleaning sheet which improved the efficiency of cleaning. To the right, Karl and Scott are pictured cleaning a catch basin on Baker Street.



Public Works –Shop



Wes and Doug brought in the sweeper for service and inspection. During inspection they found a bad radiator and the pump to lift the bed was not working. There were a few other minor repairs for them to continue work on next week.

Wes and Doug replaced the front brake rotors and pads, turned the rear rotors and installed new pads on a police car. The car was put back in service in a short amount of time.



This onboard compressor was not working. The mechanical crew found a bad starter switch and replaced it.



Quail Ridge Golf Course



Quail Ridge Golf Course is excited to announce the course is now open for the 2016 season!

2016 Season Pass Rates:

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

(All Passes Include Unlimited Range Balls)