

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update October 14, 2016

### Administration:

The City Council had a busy agenda on Tuesday night. They approved the City moving forward on discussions with DEQ to work on much needed improvements to our wastewater system. They also approved a new contract for the operation of Quail Ridge Golf Course. Mike Brooks, a long time PGA professional, who grew up in Baker City will be operating the Course for the next four years. We look forward to Mike's leadership and are excited about his energy and knowledge of the golf business. The Council also approved changes to the 911 Consolidated Dispatch agreement with Baker County. The agreement has been sent on to the Board of Commissioners for action.

Don't forget that the Crossroads Annual Banquet is Saturday night. It features a "beach theme" and an auction fundraiser will take place. Come on down to the Event Center and support our local art community. The fall rains are here. Have a good weekend.

### City Council

#### October 25th Agenda Items:

- Representative Bentz Presentation
- SAIF Presentation
- EDC Contract Review
- Sweeper Purchase



### Finance:

#### Utilities

- Twelve customers signed up for new water/sewer service and twenty-two customers disconnected service from October 7<sup>th</sup> thru October 13<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 1 was billed October 11<sup>th</sup> this zone includes 91 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 51 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- Zone 5 was billed today which includes 467 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 97 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- One residential customer (Zone 5) and was scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due). They were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

**Accounts Receivable**-Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent October 10th . The billings were as follows:



**Accounts Payable**-The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated October 10th.

Accounts Receivable	
Cemetery	\$ 3,184
Wastewater Maintenance	\$ 4,895
Street Cuts and Misc.	\$ 4,381
Lien Searches	\$ 2,480
Ambulance	\$ 189,675
Airport Hangar Rent and Ground Lease	\$ 1,874
Property and Weed Abatement	\$ 2,360
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$ 10,181
Misc.	\$ 3,202
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 222,232</b>



**Finance Continued:**

**LID Billings**

LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 1.84%. These LIDs can be paid off at anytime with interest charged through the payoff date.

Five 2006 Elm Street LIDs were billed October 10<sup>th</sup>. The original assessment in 2006 for Elm Street improvements included 21 property owners for a total of \$252,888. The remaining balance outstanding is \$32,952.

Six 2002 Indiana Avenue LIDS were billed October 12<sup>th</sup>. The original assessment in 2002 for Indiana Avenue improvements included 111 property owners for a total of \$378,860. The remaining balance outstanding is \$7,977.

**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	7	1	9
Manufactured Dwelling	1	0	0	1
Electrical	3	8	4	4
Mechanical	3	4	6	7
Plumbing	1	2	0	2
Fence	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

- 15868 High Country Rd., Baker City – 36x40 detached accessory structure

**COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**

- 3600 13th St., Baker City – 470 sq.ft. shop addition
- 3370 10th St., Baker City – 3840 sq.ft. interior remodel of office complex suite

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Meeting held October 5, 2016. Next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in Building Department offices.

**Planning Department:**

**Public Meetings**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on October 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss two issues:

- A potential violation of a condition of approval attached to Conditional Use Permit CUP-04-02, relating to the operation of four grass tennis courts located at 2995 Grace Street. This property is located within the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- An appeal of the Planning Director’s decision on a complaint regarding modifications made to a shop at 3060 College Street, located within the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.

Staff reports for both matters are complete and have been mailed to the Planning Commission.



## **Planning Department Continued:**



### **Projects and Land Use Decisions**

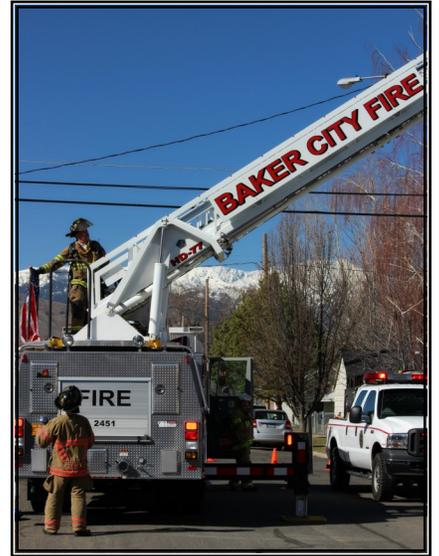
- ◆ Site Design Review was approved at 3825 23rd Street for a hop processing facility for Hop Heaven.
- ◆ Planning Staff held a pre-application meeting on Thursday to discuss a potential subdivision. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Planning Department, Public Works, Building Department, Fire Department, OTECC and the landowner. The property is located within the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ An application for a partition to divide one parcel into two has been submitted for 3510 Cedar Street. Notices were sent to adjacent landowners within ±100-feet, and the period of time for comments will be open until October 27th. The property is located within the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review and Lot of Record for a new single-family dwelling were approved at 1809 Balm Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review and Lot of Record for a new single-family dwelling were approved in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone located on Balm Street at Assessor's Map 09S4016DC, Tax Lot 9700.
- ◆ A 2,833 square foot addition to an existing single-family dwelling was approved at 1149 Church Street in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±120 square foot addition to an existing single-family dwelling was approved in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone at 2995 Myrtle Street.



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 September 25th through October 1st, the Fire Department responded to a total of **31** emergency alarms.



## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	20
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	7

**TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26**

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>5</b>



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

- ◆ Fire—17th/Burn Complaint
- ◆ Fire—Elm/Odor Investigation/Natural Gas Leak
- ◆ Fire—Washington/Burn Complaint
- ◆ Fire—4th/False Alarm

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **68** hours of in-house training.

EMS – Tourniquet training, Radiological emergencies

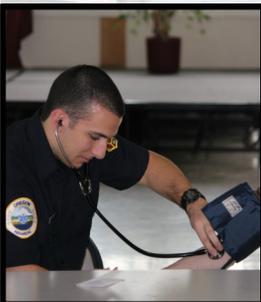
Fire — Aerial operations, Firefighter rescue, and Traffic Incident Management

## STATION MAINTENANCE

**40** hours of station, apparatus and equipment maintenance.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company Inspections
- ◆ School fire drills
- ◆ Station Tour



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on October 18th.



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# **POLICE** **DEPARTMENT**

★ BCPD handled over 200 incidents and opened 36 new cases this past week.

One of those cases resulted in the arrest of a La Pine woman (formerly Baker City) for two counts of Attempted Assault I, who refused to comply with orders and nearly struck two police officers with her vehicle as she fled.

Nine of these cases initiated investigations of alleged Frauds & Thefts

Six of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants and one for a probation violation

- ★ Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman attended a meeting regarding the Kids and Cribs Program established in our community, in an attempt to prevent co-sleeping deaths.
- ★ Chief Lohner met with the Law Enforcement representative from our insurance provider, which is City/County Insurance (CIS).
- ★ 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 Activity**

### **Property Maintenance**

- Followed up on 6 pending cases
- Issued 1 citation for non-compliance
- Closed out 1 case (property in compliance)
- Checked 1 unsafe building for compliance

### **Animal violations and complaints**

- Issued 1 citation for dog at large
- 2 dogs at large returned to owner
- Issued 2 citations for a barking violations
- Followed up on 3 animal complaints
- Impounded 1 dog at large
- Followed up on 1 dangerous dog case
- Started 1 new dangerous dog case

### **Parking**

- Issued 1 parking citation
- Followed up with 4 violations
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles

### **Weeds**

- Followed up on 2 weed violations
- Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

### **Found Item**

- 1 found bicycle
- One found item returned to owner



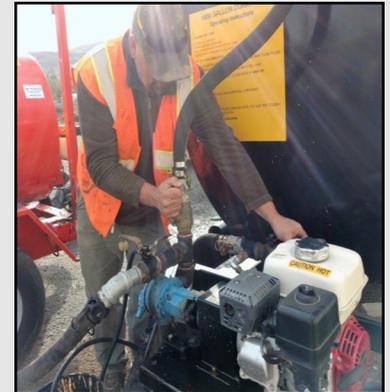
## Public Works-Streets

**The fall season is upon us, and the Public Works Department would like your help in keeping our streets clean!**

**Please do not rake or blow fallen leaves or other debris into the streets. Street sweepers are not designed to pick up limbs, large or wet pieces of debris or piles of leaves.**



Karl and Scott worked this week to control weeds in city maintained sections of town. Here they are working at the intersection of Reservoir Road and Indiana Avenue (left).



Karl worked on an emulsion storage tank to prepare it for winter weather. This tank is shared between Baker City Public Works and The Baker County Road Department (right).

## Public Works-Water



As required by the Oregon Health Division the accuracy of the Ultra Violet light intensity sensors are tested and the results reported monthly. Tommy and Craig successfully checked the calibration of the lamp intensities. Everything was found to be in excellent adjustment.



## Public Works-Wastewater

A new lateral was installed Thursday on 1st Street to replace an existing lateral which had become completely plugged with roots. The crew of Blain, Karl and Scott worked to "zip" the asphalt surface, uncover the existing active line, excavate for the new line and install 21 feet of new 4" P.V.C. pipe. A contractor is expected to complete the pipe installation work between the street curb and the building Friday.



Karl is directing Scott, who is operating the loader to pulverize the asphalt (left).



Pictured above, Blain is operating the backhoe to excavate for the new lateral while Karl and Scott use the Vactor Truck to carefully uncover the existing live lateral behind the curb.



Blain is placing bedding rock over the new pipe while Scott works inside the protective trench shoring.

The new lateral was installed and the trench was backfilled and compacted by early afternoon.



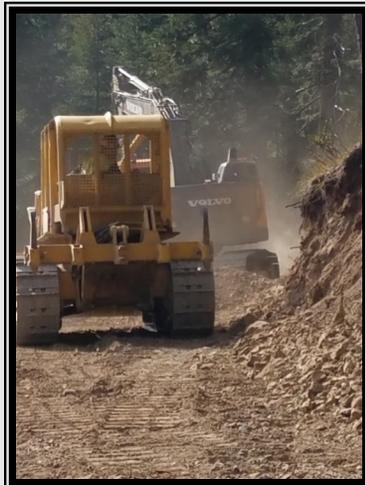
In addition to installing the new lateral, the old lateral connection into the main line will need to be exposed and permanently decommissioned to prevent roots from growing down the old lateral and plugging the main line. Here, the crew is "zipping" the asphalt for this portion of the project. This work will be done after the new lateral is connected to the line coming from the building by the contractor.



## Public Works-Mountain Pipeline Project

Work on the Mountain Pipeline Replacement continued again this week. The crew has developed a system in which they tackle the project in stages of about 1,000' at a time. This has proven to be very successful and efficient so far. First, they widen the road to gain enough space to complete the excavation and provide a safe platform to operate equipment. Next they haul in the pipe and fittings and stage it along the route. And finally they dig the trench and install the pipe before repeating the process on the next segment.

This week, the crews worked to widen an additional 1,000' of road so that the pipe installation could continue. Blain, pictured right, operates the City's dozer while Justin runs one of the rented excavators in the background.



Once the road is widened, the surveyors follow right behind staking the proper grade and alignment for the pipeline. Steve is shown setting up the gun over a control point and bringing up the proper coordinates on the data collector (pictured below).



Each section of pipe must be hauled up the mountain from its staging area near the bottom of Goodrich Lane. A log trailer pulled by the road grader is used to complete this work. The articulating grader does an excellent job of maneuvering the pipe around the sharp corners along the pipeline road. Here Matt moves the grader into position as Justin prepares to unload the pipe.



Staff plans to continue the work on the project as long as the weather allows in order to gain the maximum use out of the equipment that has been rented. Only time will tell how long Mother Nature will allow the work to continue. In the meantime, the crews will continue with the installation as quickly as the conditions and terrain will allow.



## Public Works-Shop

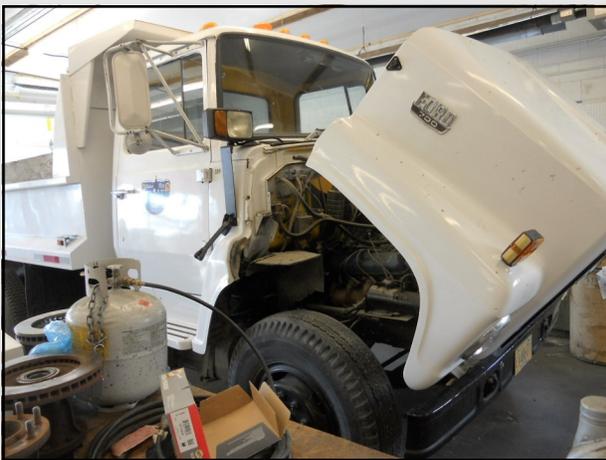


Front end brakes, rotors, and calipers are being replaced on this service truck and it should be back in service next week (pictured on the left).

The sweeper had a starting issue and we found problems with one of the electronic control module's on board computers. We are in contact with Elgin to resolve the issue.



We serviced the sweeper motor and the chassy motor, repaired an antifreeze leak and replaced the fan belt. The sweeper is back in working order (pictured below).



This dump truck received a complete tune up including adjustments to the timing and it is back in service.



## Baker City Partners for PAWS

Dog  
Park!



**October 20th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**

Fetch your friends and join us for an informational meeting to learn about a potential **Dog Park** in Baker City.

**Presented by:** Baker City Partners for PAWS @ City Hall Council Chambers



### What is a dog park?

Wikipedia definition:  
"A dog park is a park for dogs to exercise and play off leash in a controlled environment under the supervision of their owners."

### Why dog parks are good for the community:

- A dog park creates a community center of activity where friends and neighbors gather.
- Dogs that are highly socialized & exercised are happier, healthier, and less aggressive in behavior.
- Dog parks encourage people to exercise & stimulate social interaction with others.

### **Partners for PAWS**

Community Volunteers  
Baker City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
Baker City Parks Department

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