

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update October 21, 2016

### Administration:

It has been a busy week in the City Manager's office. I met with a couple of downtown businesses to visit about the Main Street Program. I also attended the Transient Lodging Tax Committee meeting, the 911/Consolidated Dispatch meeting and the Baker City Planning Commission meeting. On Tuesday night I attended the Baker Food Coop Board meeting and met a great group of folks that have a passion for healthy affordable food. We discussed ways that they can improve their building and façade.

The leaves are really starting to fall and the Elkhorn and Eagle mountains look like winter has arrived. It is nice to see all the snow up high. For any of you who know my father Fred, we are having a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration at the golf course on Saturday from 2-4. Stop by and say hello. Have a great weekend.

### City Council

#### October 25th Agenda Items:

- Representative Bentz Presentation
- SAIF Presentation
- Performing Main Street Review
- Sweeper Purchase
- Central Park Labyrinth



### Finance:

This week the City received the property tax certification from Baker County. The following is a comparison between property taxes budgeted and actual property taxes raised.

	2016			
	Taxes Assessed Before Compression	Loss Due to Compression	Total Taxes Raised	Taxes Estimated to Be Collected at 92.8%
Actual per Assessor	\$ 3,427,689	\$ (138,997)	\$ 3,288,692	\$ 3,051,906
Estimate per 2016-17 Budget	3,375,454	(125,000)	3,250,454	3,016,421
Difference				\$ 35,485

### Utilities

- Sixteen customers signed up for new water/sewer service and twenty-three customers disconnected service from October 14<sup>th</sup> thru October 20<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 2 was billed October 18<sup>th</sup> this zone includes 458 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 79 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- Zone 6 was billed today which includes 484 residential and 57 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 88 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.



## **Planning Department:**

### **Public Meetings**

- ◆ The Planning Commission held 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. The hearing was continued until November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
  - 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. The Planning Commission adopted additional findings of fact and, based on those, the decision will be reviewed.

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

- ◆ 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 27<sup>th</sup>. Signs were also posted at the property. The property is located within the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A re-plat application (RP-16-074) has been approved for a re-plat of an existing property into two parcels. The 14-day appeal period ends on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The property is located at 3925 Grace Street, and is also known as Tax Lot 801 of Map 09s40e19ad in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone. The re-plat seeks to separate four grass tennis courts from an existing single-family dwelling.
- ◆ A Sign Permit Application was received requesting two freestanding signs and a wall sign for Calvary Chapel located at 1668 Valley Street in Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone.
- ◆ A Temporary Use Permit Application (TUP-16-100) was received for 1341 7<sup>th</sup> Street; to site a trailer on the property while a home is re-built, replacing one destroyed previously by fire. The property is located in the Residential- Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.

## **Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	6	8	1	6
Manufactured Dwelling	1	3	0	0
Electrical	11	4	6	8
Mechanical	4	2	8	11
Plumbing	2	3	0	1
Fence	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

- 1610 Baker St., Baker City— Demolition of existing house
- 1809 Balm St., Baker City—New 1550 sq. ft. residence
- 1815 Pear St., Baker City— New 20x25 metal carport
- 2995 Myrtle St., Baker City— 120 sq. ft. addition to shop
- 3305 Place St., Baker City— Foundation repair/replacement
- 37860 Indiana Ave., Baker City— Garage remodel
- 44879 Barbara Circle, Baker City— New 2363 sq. ft. residence

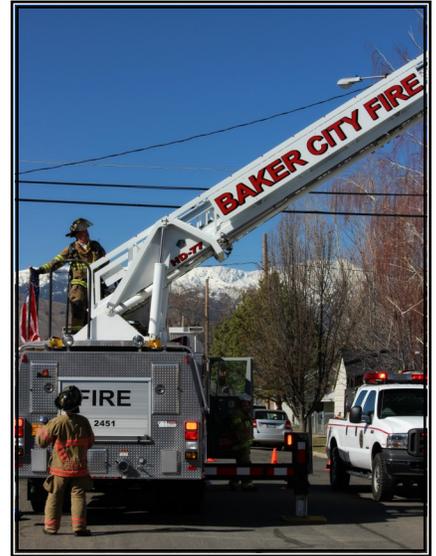
**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Meeting held October 19, 2016. Next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in Building Department offices.



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 **October 2nd** through **October 8th**, the Fire Department responded to a total of **43** emergency alarms.



## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	33
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	26
No Patient Trip	13

**TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 39**

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>4</b>



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	6
Triple Calls	0

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

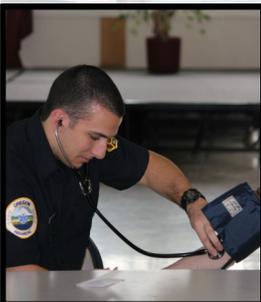
This week the BCFD completed **20** hours of in-house training. Fire—Engine operations, Firefighter safety, Aerial operations

## STATION MAINTENANCE

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

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company Inspections
- ◆ School fire drills—Harvest Christian Academy
- ◆ 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 25th.



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# **POLICE** **DEPARTMENT**

- ★ BCPD handled over 150 incidents and opened 41 new cases this past week.
  - One of those cases resulted in the arrest of a Baker City man for Burglary 1 and Theft, after he allegedly broke into an apartment and stole approximately \$182 worth of Marijuana related items.
  - Ten of these cases initiated investigations of alleged Frauds & Thefts.
  - Five of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants and one for a probation violation.
- ★ BCPD officers also arrested Joseph Dial, who had fled from law enforcement after the car he was travelling in almost struck two police officers. Dial was arrested for a felony parole warrant and also charged with drug possession.
- ★ In a separate event, BCPD officers arrested Danny Dial, who was also wanted on a parole warrant. The twin brothers are being held in the Baker County Jail.
- ★ 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 4 pending cases
- Issued 3 citations for non-compliance
- Closed out 1 case (property in compliance)

### **Animal violations and complaints**

- Issued 1 citation for a turkey at large
- 2 dogs at large impounded
- Followed up on 2 animal complaints
- 2 animals at large returned to owner
- 1 Dangerous dog case closed (dog euthanized)
- Issued 2 citations for no dog license

### **Parking**

- Followed up with 4 violations
- Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle

### **Weeds**

- Followed up on 2 weed violations

### **Found Item**

- 2 found bicycles

### **Development Code**

- Followed up on 1 TUP violation
- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance with TUP regulations



## 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.**



Tree Board volunteers pruned over 70 street trees on Resort Street over a two-day period. The trees were planted in 2013 during the Resort Street improvement project. This is the fourth structural pruning performed by Tree Board volunteers since the trees were planted. Board members are reviewing options to replace the Resort Street trees that have died over the last few years.

Crews have been working this week cleaning catch basins in the area north of Campbell and west of Main. It is important to keep the catch basin grates and sumps clear of leaves and debris to prevent them from clogging and creating flooding issues during rain events. Scott is using a spray wand to loosen the debris inside a catch basin sump as Karl prepares to induct the debris with the Vector truck.





## Public Works-Watershed



With winter fast approaching, neighboring ranchers have moved their cattle out of the high country and away from the watershed boundary. This allows City crews to go into the watershed and lay down the perimeter fence. Laying down the fence helps to prevent damage caused by heavy snow and falling limbs and makes the task of getting the fence back into service much more efficient in the spring. This picture shows the fence along the crest of Marble Creek Pass just before it was laid down this week.



Recent snows and high winds have created a beautiful wintery landscape at the summit of Marble Pass.



# Public Works-Mountain Pipeline Project

Although recent rains have created some damp soil conditions on the project, crews continue to make excellent progress with the installation of the new pipeline. The moist soils have slowed the progress slightly because the crusher bucket works more efficiently with dry soil conditions. However, by carefully separating the soils during excavation, the crews have been able to keep the crusher bucket in operation and continue making steady progress on the installation.



Above, Jake F. guides the next segment of pipe into place while Justin operates the excavator.



The picture above gives an inside view of the existing 12” concrete pipe that is being replaced. Here the top half of the old pipe was broken off during construction of the new pipeline, revealing a root mass that had made its way through one of the joints of the pipe. This situation is repeated many times along the length of the old pipeline. Root masses inside the pipe impede the flow and greatly reduce the water-carrying capacity of the pipe. The new pipeline is tightly sealed at each joint and will not allow these types of roots to intrude.



# Public Works-Shop



Winterization efforts continued this week with both the roller and fire suppression tank.



Steering issues brought this emergency services vehicle into the shop. After inspection of the front end, and an alignment, this vehicle is back in service (pictured to the left).



Lights were rewired in the patient compartment and it's back in operation (above).



A faulty glow plug relay was causing issues with engine start up. It was replaced as well as a remote to control the inverter charger.



**Public Works: HAPPY RETIREMENT**

*Thanks Tiny for 18 years!  
You will be missed. Enjoy retirement.*

