

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update November 4, 2016

Administration:

Community members and agencies are gearing up this week to hold the first of many seminars focused on workforce development. The first workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 8th at the Baker County Community Events Center. The workshop is designed for local businesses, owners, supervisors and managers to discuss customer service, hiring employees, employee retention and building your business. Please check out the flyer included in this weekly update for more information. We hope to see you there.

The City of Baker City is currently looking to fill volunteer positions on the Tree Board, Airport Commission, Golf Board and Planning Commission. This is a great opportunity to get involved in your community and local government. Additional information regarding board duties and meeting times is available at www.bakercity.com where you may also apply.



Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend. Be sure to turn your clocks back Sunday morning. Have a great weekend!

City Council

November 8th Agenda Items:

- FBI Academy Update
- Public Arts Commission Vinyl Wrap Presentation
- Airport Bid Award



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Twenty customers signed up for new water/sewer service and eleven customers disconnected service from October 28th thru November 3rd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed November 2nd this zone includes 711 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 170 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 465 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Ten residential customers (Zone 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) six were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and work session at 7:00 p.m. on November 9th to discuss the following:
 - ◆ Continuation of a hearing from October 19, 2016: 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.
 - ◆ Work Session: Updates to the Baker City Development Code, namely revisions to Chapter 3.5 – *Signs* and Chapter 4.3.130 – *Preliminary Plat Requirements*, as well as the development of exactions criteria for public developments within city limits.

Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A property line adjustment application was approved between two properties located in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone at 3100 H Street.
- ◆ An accessory structure was approved at 1555 Balm Street, in the Residential- Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A Home Occupation Permit was approved for an engraving business at 2525 3rd Street, located within the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.

Building Department

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	10	5	20
Manufactured Dwelling	1	1	0	2
Electrical	6	5	6	18
Mechanical	3	3	2	14
Plumbing	0	5	0	3
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	10	24	13	57

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 26507 Malheur Line Rd., Huntington—Installation of a pre-fab control building

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 44042 Gossi Rd., Oxbow—Expansion of single car garage to double
- 44054 Gossi Rd., Oxbow—Expansion of single car garage to double
- 44062 Gossi Rd., Oxbow—Expansion of single car garage to double
- 44058 Clark Rd., Oxbow—Expansion of single car garage to double



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 16th—October 22nd**, the Fire Department responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	13
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	36



FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4

A big "Thank You" to Broncs & Bulls, Thatcher's Ace Hardware and The Grove Team, for their support! Their donations purchased an additional 120 fire alarms and the Baker City Fire Department met its goal of installing 500 fire alarms in Baker City.



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

- ◆ Fire— 15th/Burn Complaint
- ◆ Fire—Washington/Burn Complaint
- ◆ Fire—Carter/Carbon Monoxide Alarm
- ◆ Fire—17th/Odor of Natural Gas

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **54** hours of in-house training. Fire – Pipeline emergencies and farm emergency rescue

STATION MAINTENANCE

432 hours of station, apparatus and equipment maintenance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company inspections
- ◆ Fire drill at North Baker School



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

- ★ BCPD handled over 170 incidents and opened 38 new cases this past week.
 - One of those cases resulted in the arrest of a Baker City woman who choked and punched her pregnant daughter-in-law.
 - Eleven of these cases initiated investigations of alleged Frauds & Thefts.
 - Two of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants and one for a probation violation.
- ★ BCPD officers continue to take reports from businesses that are accepting the fake \$100 bills, which clearly state on them that they are for "Motion Picture Use". BCPD continues to urge businesses to educate their employees on how to properly identify counterfeit money.
- ★ Chief Lohner met with other public safety officials to discuss options for classes to teach, in partnership with the school district, during their Friday Academy.
- ★ 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 2 pending cases
- Started 1 new case
- Issued 3 citations for non-compliance
- Followed up on 1 complaint

Animal violations and complaints

- 2 dogs at large impounded
- Followed up on 2 animal complaints

Parking

- Followed up with 5 violations
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles
- Issued 3 parking citations

Found Item

- 1 found item
- 1 found item returned to owner

Development Code

- Followed up on 1 TUP violation

Kennel Permits

- Followed up with 1 kennel permit

Weeds and Grass

- Followed up on 1 violation



Public Works: Parks

A section of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway was closed intermittently this week while pathway maintenance is being performed. Local Contractor, Tony's Tree Service, is installing HDPE root barrier along both sides of the trail from just north of the 'H' Street bridge north approximately 610 feet. This section of the pathway has seen repeated heaving and cracking, mostly caused by roots from nearby trees growing under the paved surface. The roots are being mechanically cut, and barrier is being installed to a depth of approximately 24 inches. The damaged asphalt areas will be dug out and patched as soon as weather permits next spring. This work is being funded in part by a Cycle Oregon grant and matching funds in the Parks Department.





Public Works-Street

Leaf season has arrived. Please remind your neighbors not to rake leaves from yards into city streets.



It appears that a local resident on 4th Street has been overcome with leaves. Both sweepers are typically used in tandem this time of year to try to keep up with the falling leaves.

Pictured below, Karl operates the Elgin mechanical sweeper to pick up heavy debris.



Matt is shown here cleaning one of the internal screens in the Swartz sweeper so that it will be more efficient sweeping leaves. Leaves are dumped in the City Warehouse yard and hauled to the local landfill.



Craig operates the Case loader to fill a dump truck bed for a trip to the landfill.



Public Works-Streets Cont.

Normally the month of November is the last month of the calendar year that hot asphalt is used to patch city streets. On Thursday, approximately 12 tons of asphalt was used to patch 15 different locations in town. The crew of Tommy, Keith, Glen, Scott and Jake F. used the patching truck and patched the larger patches while Jake J. and Tom used a backhoe to haul asphalt to several smaller patches throughout town. Jake is compacting hot asphalt into one of the potholes on Indiana Avenue.



Public Works-Water

Because of the wet conditions on the mountain line pipeline replacement project the crew was able to bring the street grader back into town so that gravel streets could be graded. The pipe hauling trailer will be disconnected, minor maintenance repairs performed on the grader and then Blain will begin grading gravel streets Thursday morning.



Public Works-Wastewater



A resident stopped by City Hall this week to report that she had a plugged sewer line. Public Works responded immediately to the residence and checked the wastewater collection lines. Keith and Karl video-inspected the line and lateral connection. The lines were found to be flowing properly. The owner was advised to contact a plumber or drain cleaner to assist her in curing the problem.



Public Works-Community Services



Several dozen lighted barricades, traffic cones and construction signs were put out Monday morning for the downtown "Trick or Treat" event. Keith and Scott picked up barricades Tuesday morning after the "Trick or Treat" was complete.

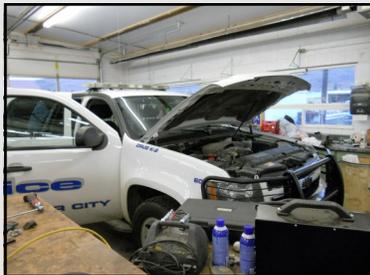




Public Works-Shop



Started shuttling snow tires to the Ford garage for the Baker City Police Department in preparation for the winter.



We replaced the battery and tested charging system and returned to the Baker City Police Department.



We serviced and performed a safety check.



We replaced the rear brake pads and turned the rotors and the vehicle is back in service.

The rear brake pads and calipers were replaced and rotors were turned. This patrol car is back in service.



Deciding Whether to Attend?
The Baker County Workforce Initiative events are focused on...

BAKER COUNTY WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

A Series of Workforce Workshops and Seminars



November 8th Meeting

November 8th, 2016

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Baker Event Center

2600 East St. Baker City, OR

8:00 am - 8:25 am **Registration**

8:25 am - 8:30 am **Introduction**

Bill Harvey, Baker County Commission Chair

8:30 am - 9:00 am **Opening Speaker**

Kim B. Puzey, Port of Umatilla General Manager

9:00 am - 9:30 am **Eastern Oregon Visitors Association**

Alice Trindle

9:30 am - 10:00 am **Session 1 - Hospitality: Service that Sells**

Value of Customer Service

Creating a "Pop" Environment

10:05 am - 10:35 am **Session 2 - Hiring Employees & Employee Retention**

Hiring Employees - Finding the Right Fit

Employee Retention - Return on Investment

10:40 am - 11:10 am **Session 3 - Building Our Business Environment**

Community Cross Selling

Resources Available to You

Value of Networking

11:10 am - 11:30 am **Closing Statements**

Future Presentation and Summit Meetings

11:30 am - 12:00 pm **Networking Opportunity**

Business owners having trouble finding and retaining employees.

Business owners looking to get additional value out of their employees.

Business owners finding it difficult to motivate their workforce to be customer friendly.

Partners

Baker City
Baker County Chamber
Baker County Economic Development
Baker Technical Institute
Basecamp Baker
Blue Mountain Community College
Blue Mountain Community College SBDC
Business Oregon
Department of Human Services
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
WorkSource Eastern Oregon