

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 3, 2017

Administration:

After a year of study and input from the community, the Council approved changes to the Baker City Development Code. A huge thank you goes out to the Planning staff and the Baker City Planning Commission for all of their work.

Over forty business owners turned out to hear a presentation from Sheri Stuart, Oregon Main Street Coordinator, about the benefits of the Oregon Main Street Program. It was really great to feel the energy in the room. The take away from the meeting was that the group was going to work hard with all affected to restart the downtown organization and proceed towards Baker City becoming a Performing Main Street once again. For those who missed the meeting, stay tuned as more discussions are being planned.

This Saturday is Snow Blast up at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort. Come up to the hill and enjoy the great food and fun. The fireworks show starts after dark and is truly spectacular. Have a fantastic weekend.

City Council

March 14th Agenda Items:

- Local Community Advisory Council Update



Finance:

Finance Director

- ◆ The budget committee will meet March 7th at 6:00 pm for an interim budget meeting for training, to meet with the City auditor and to discuss current year to date revenue and expenditures compared to budget.

Utilities

- ◆ Ten customers signed up for new water/sewer service and eight customers disconnected service from February 24th thru March 2nd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 which included 708 residential and 58 commercial accounts was billed February 28th. Of those accounts, 170 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 1 will be billed today. This zone includes 87 residential and 250 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 55 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ This week 42 residential customers (Zones 3, 4 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) ten of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Payable

- ◆ The second of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated February 27th.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	5	2	7
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	3	5	21
Mechanical	4	1	2	2
Plumbing	2	2	0	2
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14	11	9	32

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 93 Foothill Dr., Baker City—Carport addition.
- 43736 Pocahontas Rd., Baker City—30x60 detached accessory building, replacement.
- 42791 Nye Rd., Baker City—New residence.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2295 Windmill Rd., Baker City—Interior addition of walls.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The City Council held the third and final public hearing to review proposed changes to the Baker City Development Code via Ordinance No. 3351 on Tuesday, February 28th. As approved, these updates will go into effect on Thursday, March 30th, 2017. Please visit <http://www.bakercity.com/2268/Baker-City-Development-Code-Update> for more information about the Development Code update, and feel free to contact the Planning Department with questions.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

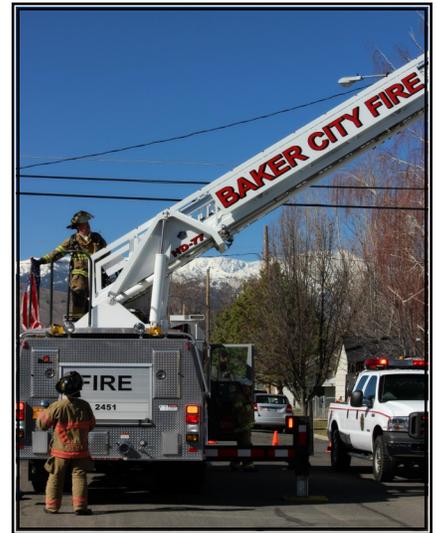
- ◆ An extension of time for an approved Temporary Use Permit at 2705 Myrtle Street in the Residential Medium-Density (RM-D) was approved.
- ◆ A Home Occupation Permit was approved for the sale and transfer of firearms at 1525 East Street, located in the Residential High-Density (RH-D) Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review application was approved for establishment of a ±452 square foot retail space to an existing structure at 2295 Windmill Lane within the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone. The existing structure houses an industrial manufacturing operation.
- ◆ Four floodplain determinations were completed for property owners requesting the determination for flood insurance purposes.
- ◆ Planning conducted a site visit in collaboration with Public Works and the Fire Department to review the existing development for an application for a replat located at 3100 H Street in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 12th to February 18th the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	23
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	9

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	29
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FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	1
TOTAL FIRE	1



◆ Washington Street—Fire Alarm



Airport Transfers	3
Out of Town Transfers	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	2
Triple Calls	0

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Personnel Arrived for Cover	6
Incidents Not Covered	7

STATION MAINTENANCE

50 hours of station, apparatus and equipment maintenance.

Additional tasks included:

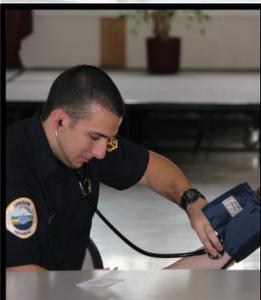
- Wash Apparatus
- Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Management Training
- EMT Training
- Cardiology Training

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 14 hours of in-house training.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Blood Pressure Checks



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 7th.



"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 150 incidents and opened 31 new cases this past week.
 - Five of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants and two others resulted in arrests for probation/parole violations.
 - Six of these cases initiated investigations for reported thefts and frauds.
 - One of the fraud case's resulted in the service of a search warrant where a dozen social security cards were found, along with numerous other personal documents that did not belong to the suspect.
- ✪ BCPD also served a drug related search warrant at 980 Resort Street. Methamphetamine and paraphernalia were discovered in the search.
- ✪ BCPD personnel continue to train on the MILO Use of Force simulator, provided by DPSST.
- ✪ 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

- Started 2 new cases
- Followed up on 2 pending cases

Animal Complaints

- Followed up on 2 animal complaints
- 1 dog at large impounded
- 2 dogs at large returned to owner
- 1 horse at large returned to owner
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large and no dog license
- Followed up on 2 barking complaints

Parking

- Followed up on 6 parking violations
- Issued 8 parking citations
- Orange tagged 4 abandoned vehicles
- Multiple verbal warnings

Temporary Use Permit

- Followed up on 1 pending violation

Unnecessary Noise

- Followed up on 1 complaint



Public Works: Wastewater

A Public Works crew has been working on one particular wastewater issue this week. This 12" diameter line on Birch Street had become plugged last week because of the build-up of grease and sediment.

They cleaned the line several times using the jetter with a high pressure nozzle. This removed some of the grease/sand material from the inside of the pipe but as shown in this photo there was still considerable build-up remaining. Because of the heavy traffic in this area (Birch and Campbell) they began work at 4 a.m.

Thursday morning they used a hydraulic root saw to cut the remainder of the grease from the inside of the pipe. This shows the importance that restaurants have working grease traps and that they keep them clean.



A wastewater problem was reported this week by a resident on Main Street.

The Jetter was used to clean the line. The line was then video-inspected to attempt to determine the cause of the problem. Later Public Works inspected the private lateral and determined two problems in the lateral. The lateral was then repaired by the homeowner.

Public Works: Stormwater

Keith and Rick used the Vactor truck to induct sediment from a sediment vault at the intersection of Pear and Auburn Avenue.





Public Works: Water

Public Works is currently exercising water valves. It is very important that water mainline valves be closed and then re-opened every other year. This year the crew is "exercising" valves in zones 3 and 4. If valves are not operated regularly they will seize up and become useless.

Pictured right, a leaky valve on Birch Street was discovered by the crew when exercising valves. It has been "called-in" for an underground locate and is scheduled to be repaired next week.



Water flow adjustments had to be made this week to increase the amount of water to the Water Treatment Plant to meet customer demands and also to continue Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Injection. The metal screens at Mill Creek had to be cleaned to allow for the stream water to enter the pipeline. There is still a considerable amount of snow at all three of the sites where water adjustments had to be made. Currently there is 2.5 million gallons of mountain line water coming to town, 1.2 million gallons for ASR Injection and 1.3 million gallons to meet customer needs.



The Marble Creek Diversion Control Structure.



The Little Mill Creek Diversion Control Structure.

Above is a photo of the Mill Creek Diversion. Notice the shovel visible in the photo. Several feet of snow had to be removed before the water control valves could be accessed and adjusted and the screens cleaned.



Public Works: Facilities

Minor repairs of facilities were completed this week.

Pictured right, Kevin is working at the warehouse facility.



Public Works: Parks and Recreation

Justin, Blain and Karl worked to prepare locations for pouring concrete bases for new picnic tables in three of the smaller city parks yesterday (South Baker Park, River Park and Cedar Acres Park).



Pictured left, the area in Cedar Acres Park has been excavated and formed in preparation of the new picnic table.

More base rock and then rebar will be placed before the concrete is poured.



Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott serviced and performed a safety check on the dump truck. Brakes were adjusted, the fuse panel was repaired and the mirror bracket was replaced.



The low pressure quick connect gun on the Vactor truck was replaced as well as a split fitting that was leaking. The Vactor truck is now back in service.



The fluids were checked and batteries charged on this Public Works truck. It is now ready for crews to use and begin patch work.

Wes and Scott repaired the transmission shift handle, replaced the canopy hydraulic shocks, added a lock for the rear doors and repaired the driver's door dome light switch. This Facilities truck is now back in service.





Public Works: Anthony Silvers Street Tree Grant

Grant applications for downtown street tree improvements will be accepted by the Baker City Public Works Department from March 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017. This grant is made possible through the Anthony Silvers Street Tree Trust Fund. Please click on the following link for program background, requirements and application [2016/2017 Silvers Street Tree Grant](#).



2016/2017 Street Tree Grant Application Downtown Street Tree Improvements

**Made possible by Anthony Silvers.
a man with a passion for trees.**

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