

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 31, 2017

Administration:

It is hard to believe that today is the last day of March. As we move further into Spring many community events are taking place.

Tomorrow, April 1st, Crossroads will be holding their “Feed the Arts Soup Dinner” at Community Connections. If you are interested in attending be sure to purchase your tickets by 5pm April 1st from Crossroads Carnegie Art Center located at 2020 Auburn Avenue.

Anthony Lakes Ski Resort will be ending its season this Sunday, April 2nd. It looks to be a beautiful weekend so be sure to head up the mountain if you can.

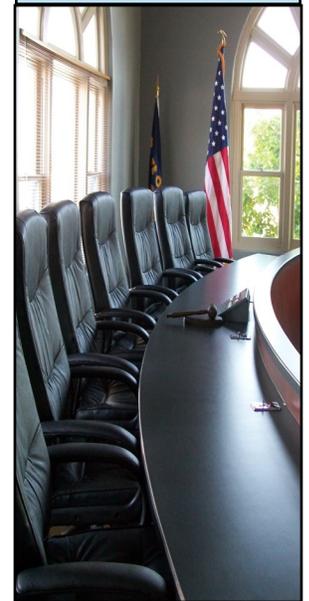
On May 5th, the Department of Human Services will be hosting a free “Poverty Simulation Workshop”. This workshop is designed to increase understanding of poverty and how it affects Baker County. Space is limited. To register for the event please click on the following link: [Poverty Simulation Workshop](#).

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

City Council

April 11th Agenda Items:

- TBD



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Zone 8, which included 459 residential and 19 commercial accounts, was billed on the 29th. Of those accounts 98 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Thirteen customers signed up for new water/sewer service and sixteen customers disconnected service from March 24th thru March 30th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Eighteen customers (Zones 4 and 7) were scheduled to have their services disconnected for non-pay. Five of those customers had their services disconnected until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll

Seventy-five employees were paid today including eleven paid volunteer firefighters.

Of those 75 employees, 70 or 92% are signed up for direct deposit.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	7	1	5
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	6	7	7	3
Mechanical	3	6	1	0
Plumbing	0	2	0	3
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	22	9	11

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 205 E. Adams, Huntington— 12x16 attached patio cover

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 300 Oregon Trail, Huntington—2 storage covers framed between 3 outbuildings

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

◆ The Planning Commission's next meeting will be held on April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A detached storage shed located at 2513 Washington Avenue was approved in the Residential-Medium Density Zone.
- ◆ A Temporary Use Permit was approved at 3720 Campbell Street in the Residential Medium-Density zone.
- ◆ An application was submitted for a new storage building to be used in conjunction with an existing cabinetry business at 2710 5th Street. Notice of the proposal was mailed to all property owners within 100 feet, providing an opportunity to comment by April 4th, 2017.
- ◆ Proposed changes to the Baker City Development Code have been adopted through Ordinance No. 3351. These updates went into effect on Thursday, March 30th, 2017. Please visit the Baker City website for the updated Development Code.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of March 12th to March 18th the Fire Department responded to a total of

37 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	10

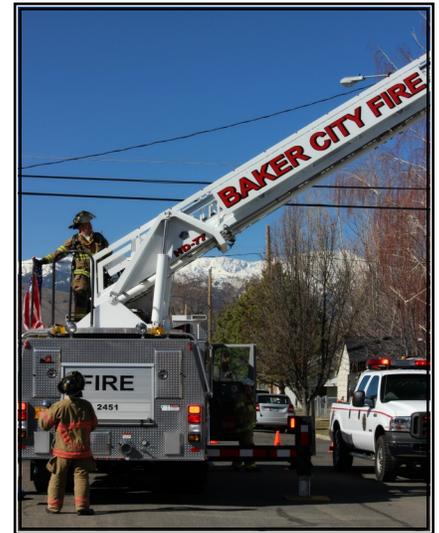
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 27

Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	9
Triple Calls	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	10
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	10

- ◆ Church Street—Burn Complaint
- ◆ 17th and Auburn—Auto vs. Power Pole
- ◆ K Street—Vehicle Fire
- ◆ 7th Street—Trash Fire
- ◆ Hospital Detector Activation
- ◆ Walnut Street—Gas Leak

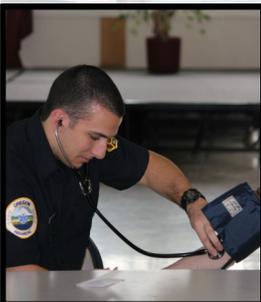


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	10
Personnel Arrived for Cover	6
Incidents Not Covered	5

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 18 hours of Fire/EMS or safety training
- 48 hours of station and equipment maintenance
- 9 hours of fire prevention 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 April 4th.



"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 180 incidents and opened 31 new cases this past week.
 - ◆ BCPD personnel served two separate drug related warrants and seized almost an ounce of Methamphetamine, along with a .40 handgun, drug paraphernalia and a small amount of cash.
 - ◆ Six of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.
 - ◆ Four of these cases initiated investigations into vandalism.
 - ◆ Three cases involved Domestic Violence.
 - ◆ Two cases involved four reported runaways.
- ✪ Chief Lohner participated in the Baker County Transportation Safety Committee Meeting.
- ✪ 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.



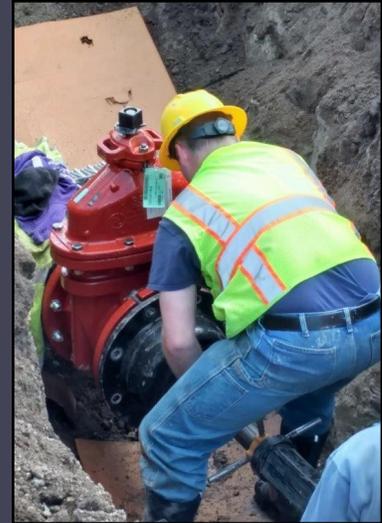


Public Works: Water Department

Crews worked on two major water projects this week. One at the City reservoir site and the other an 8" mainline installation on "G" Street near Baker High School. The City of LaGrande's Public Works crew was hired to bring their specialized equipment and perform three "hot taps": two at the reservoir facility and the other on a live water mainline on "G" Street.

Performing the "hot tap" process instead of cutting into an active water mainline to install fittings and valves avoids issuing a boil water order and bacteria testing for those residences which are connected onto the line being worked on.

The "hot tap" process keeps dirt and other contaminants from entering into the water distribution system. Pictured right, two members from the LaGrande Public Works Department are performing one of the hot taps near the City reservoir Monday morning.



The "G" Street water mainline extension was scheduled during the week of spring break to minimize disruption of Baker High School activities.

Early Monday morning Tommy and Scott began excavation of the "G" Street line.



Pictured left, Justin has attached the tapping sleeve and 6" valve in preparation for the "hot tap" work.



Public Works: Water Department Continued

The tapping sleeve and 6" valve were installed. The tapping tool cuts out the side of the existing (live) water line pipe while the line is still under pressure.

The stainless steel tapping sleeve helps maintain the integrity of the pipe even though a substantial amount of the pipe has been cut out and removed.



Justin is excavating and installing pipe while Scott backfills and compacts material over the new line.

A new fire hydrant near the intersection of 9th and "G" Streets will be installed as part of this project. Justin and Jake F. work to install the valve for the fire hydrant before the pipe is laid into the trench.



Pictured above, Steve is operating the GPS surveying instrument while Scott continues to backfill and compact the trench.



Public Works: Wastewater Continued, Storm Water & Streets

The CIPP lining crew from Montana completed their work on Baker City's wastewater and storm water lines this week - over 4,400 feet of lines were relined.

The laterals entering into the newly lined pipes are temporarily blocked because of the installation of the new liner. After the liner is successfully installed and cured a hole is cut in the liner from the inside to once again allow flow from the house to the wastewater collection line.

One of the mainlines which was lined this year was on Colorado Avenue where roots had grown on the inside of the lateral and gained access into the mainline. If the liner were cut out for the lateral from the inside, the roots would continue growing into the mainline and could eventually grow big enough to block the entire pipe. Therefore it was decided to have a Baker City crew excavate and install a root proof connection into the new liner. Pictured right is an "insert-a-tee" and PVC pipe that was used to create a root proof connection.



A local business reported to Public Works that a storm water vault appeared to be out of position in a gravel section of Court Street. Truck and other vehicular traffic had caused the steel ring and lid to shift causing a potential hazard if left in disrepair.

Tommy and Jake F. began excavation work earlier this week. A new concrete section will be installed and substantial backfill material used to create a firm base.

Recent wet weather made for good conditions for grading streets.

Pictured right, Blain is grading a short section of 12th Street using the City's 1982 Cat grader. Following the grader, Karl used the rubber tired roller to compact the gravel surface in an effort to keep it smooth as long as possible.





Public Works: Shop Department



Three control valves were replaced as well as a battery on the Jetter.

The Code Enforcement vehicle had its winter tires and tail light replaced.



Last week, Shop Manager Wes Dexter received training on the City's new Crosswind street sweeper. Pictured below is the production of a street sweeper from frame to finished product. It takes them about a week and a half from beginning to end.



This is a picture of the originally designed sweeper that was sold to the City of Boise, ID in the early 1900s.

