

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update April 7, 2017

Administration:

The City has reached a tentative agreement with the Firefighters Association on a three and a half year labor contract. This concludes negotiations with all three labor unions.

The City is hosting an informational meeting with interested land owners to discuss land application of treated wastewater. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday April 11 at 5:00 pm. Representatives from our wastewater consultant Anderson Perry as well as Public Works staff will be on hand to explain the process and answer questions about timelines and procedures. The City is exploring building a new storage lagoon as well as supplying treated wastewater to area ranches. If you are interested, please stop in on Tuesday evening.

It looks like we may be in for a wet weekend. Stay dry and have a great weekend.

City Council

April 11th Agenda Items:

- Ratification of Baker City Fire Department Union Contract
- GSI Agreement
- Fee Resolution Discussion
- Watershed Discussion



Finance:

The February financial report is available on the website at <http://www.bakercity.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1317>.

As of April 3rd, the City has received current year property taxes of \$3,012,816 and prior year taxes of \$130,316.

Utilities

◆ Twenty-nine customers signed up for new water/sewer service and twenty-six customers disconnected service from March 31st thru April 6th. This includes all service changes.

◆ Zone 1 was billed on the April 4th. This zone includes 85 residential and 248 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 55 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.

◆ Zone 5 was billed today. This zone includes 459 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.

◆ Ten residential customers (Zones 1 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) five were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Receivable for April 7th

Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,840
Cemetery	\$2,594
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fees	\$1,291
Lien Searches	\$1,240
Ambulance	\$127,850
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$1,595
Street Patching & Miscellaneous	\$2,311
Economic Development Support	\$2,633
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$5,116
Property Lease	\$125
Water Hookups and Misc.	\$2,143
Miscellaneous	\$2,279
Total Billed	\$151,017



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	4	3	3	2
Manufactured	0	0	0	0
Electrical	5	3	3	5
Mechanical	2	4	3	1
Plumbing	0	2	0	1
Fence	5	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	12	9	9

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 143 Ibex St., Sumpter—demolition of existing manufactured home and patio cover
- 955 10th St., Baker City—new residential dwelling
- 2505 Indiana St. Baker City—16x18 patio cover repair
- 1827 7th Street, Baker City—interior wall & floor repair due to water damage

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 60 W Washington St., Huntington—conversion of existing residential structural to restaurant
- 109 Main St., Richland—20x20 addition to commercial structure

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

OTHER:

- 3950 17th St., Baker City—installation of fire sprinkler system

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission's hearing on April 19th at 7:00 p.m. has been canceled.
- ◆ The Planning Commission's next meeting will be held on May 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application was approved to construct a new single-family dwelling at 1724 Cherry Street, in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A new storage building to be used in conjunction with an existing cabinetry business has been approved at 2710 5th Street. The decision can be appealed within 14 days, and notice of the appeal period was mailed to all property owners within 100 feet, providing an opportunity to appeal by April 21st, 2017.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of March 19th to March 25th the Fire Department responded to a total of

36 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	15

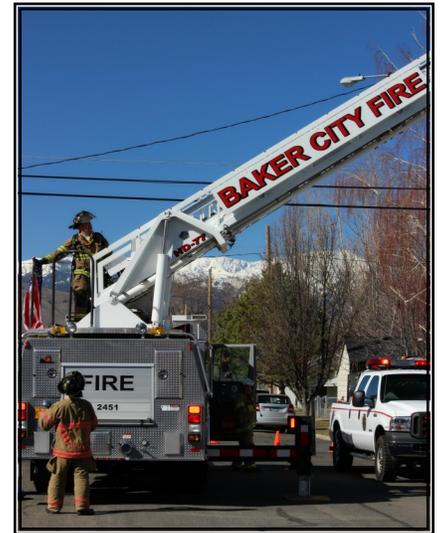
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 31

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	2
Triple Calls	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5

- ◆ 9th Street—illegal burn
- ◆ 10th Street—smoke investigation
- ◆ 12th Street—investigation



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	22
Personnel Arrived for Cover	11
Incidents Not Covered	12

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 66 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 8 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- 7 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 2 hrs Community Events



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 11th.



"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 40 new cases this past week.
 - Five of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.
 - Five of these cases initiated investigations into vandalism.
 - Four cases involved domestic violence.
 - Two cases involved juvenile runaways.
- ★ Chief Lohner participated in the monthly Baker County Dispatch User Group Meeting.
- ★ BCPD personnel ran a testing process for police applicants, in order to develop a pool of candidates that can be selected from in the future.
- ★ 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.

On April 29th, 2017 from 10am to 2pm the Baker City Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for safe disposal to the Police Department located at 1768 Auburn Avenue, Baker City, Oregon on Saturday, April 29th from 10am -2pm. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

For more information, please contact: Administrative Assistant, Phoebe Wachtel at (541) 524-2014, ext. 20 or Evidence Technician, Lynn Magnuson at (541) 524-2014, ext. 29

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Followed up on 3 pending cases

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 3 animal complaints
- Followed up with 1 livestock permit
- Impounded 1 dog at large
- 2 dogs at large returned to owner

Parking

- Issued 1 parking citation
- Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle

Miscellaneous

- Followed up with 2 fence permits
- Followed up on 3 Temporary Use Permit complaints



Public Works: Water Department

One of our fire hydrants on David Eccles Road was damaged earlier this week by a careless driver. An eyewitness described a dark colored (black, charcoal gray or blue) four door Dodge pick-up driving in a reckless manner along David Eccles Road. The pick-up ran into a fire hydrant and damaged it. The pick-up is suspected to have body damage from the collision. The fire hydrant is scheduled to be repaired next week. If anyone has additional information concerning this accident they are encouraged to contact the Baker City Police Dept. at 541-524-2014.

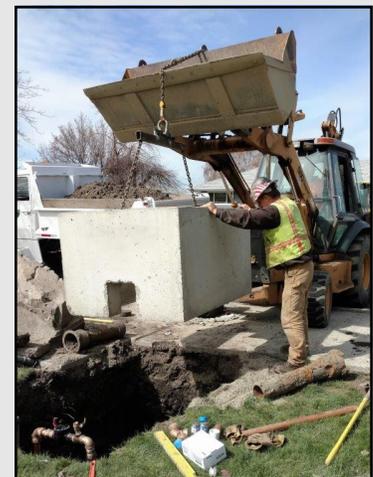


Unlike in the movies, when fire hydrants are hit by vehicles they are designed so that water flow automatically stops....so no water was seen shooting into the air.

A water meter is being installed in Baker City's Cedar Acres Park. A prefabricated concrete vault will be used to protect the new meter and backflow device.

The new water meter and backflow preventer are plumbed in to the 2" water service line on the park property.

Pictured below Blain and Scott connect the lifting chain onto one of the vaults which Public Works built using steel reinforced concrete. The Case backhoe was used to move the vault into position.





Public Works: Water Department Continued

G Street Water Mainline Project:

After disinfecting the new mainline, the water was sampled and sent to the lab to check for the presence of bacteria. After the sample came back clean, crews worked to connect water services over to the new pipeline and to finish construction of a fire hydrant that connects to the new mainline.



Karl works to backfill and compact the trench line after the water service was switched over to the new pipeline for one of the residences on G Street.



Justin, Blain, and Jake F. worked to expose the new tee and complete the installation of the new fire hydrant that will help to improve fire protection for residences on G Street.



Pictured above is the completed fire hydrant.

Public Works: Reservoir

The new 12" ductile iron pipe line was installed earlier this week at the reservoir site. The line was pressure tested and disinfected. The water from the line was sampled and sent to a laboratory in Pendleton for testing.

Once the sample is proven to be bacteria free the line will be put into service and a new meter installed.





Public Works: Street Department

A new ADA ramp is being constructed directly adjacent to the new water meter and picnic table in Cedar Acres Park. Pictured below, Justin and Blain are removing the old concrete, preparing the base for new concrete and setting wooden forms for a portion of the new sidewalk and ADA ramp.



The contract bid for this year's chip seal rock was awarded to Harney Rock. Their rock pit is located between Haines and North Powder. Starting this past Monday morning they began their delivery of the 1,200 tons of rock. The rock is delivered via a "belly dump" truck. This requires that the dumped rock be pushed up using a loader to create a pile. Craig is using the City's 1984 Case Loader to form a pile from the row of dumped rock.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

The Public Works crew repaired a wastewater lateral for a house on Broadway Avenue. The house had been having sewer problems for quite a while. The owner just recently decided to pay for the necessary repair work. The lateral was excavated near the mainline in the alley. It was then determined that the blockage was located at a cast iron 90 degree fitting and where the connection had shifted. The new PVC 90 degree elbow is much slicker on the inside than cast iron pipe so material shouldn't hang up inside to cause another blockage.



Before



After

The heavy duty electrical cable which is necessary to operate the wastewater inspection camera developed a problem last week. A new cable was ordered and installed this week.

Connecting the new cable to the spool is difficult to accomplish and must be done correctly. Karl and Jake F. work to make the connection.

The 1,000 foot long cable is carefully reeled onto the spool and then connected onto the tractor unit.



Tom assisted a local plumber and resident by using the VIVAX VCAM push-cam to inspect a lateral to a house on East Street.



Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

A property owner on 9th Street requested that the lateral serving their rental house be relocated to a different location within the alley.

The work was prepaid and scheduled to be done Thursday. Blain and Karl are preparing to excavate for the new lateral installation. 



The new lateral is being installed onto an old 8" concrete line which had been lined using the CIPP process in 2013.

The crew followed these steps to successfully attach the new lateral onto the CIPP line:

1. Karl drilled the outside of the old concrete line with a masonry drill so the concrete could be removed.



2. Next he used a hole saw of the exact size necessary to cut the a hole in the liner.



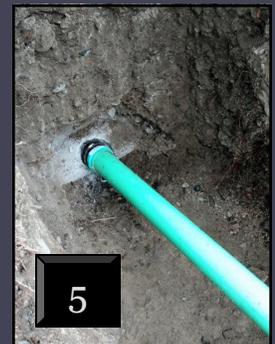
3. The hole is ready to receive the black rubber "boot" portion of the insert-a-tee.



4. Once the "boot" is in place the PVC portion of the insert-a-tee is driven in to provide a firm water proof seal. A wooden block is used to prevent damage to the plastic fitting while driving the pipe into its final position.



5. Next a piece of PVC pipe is inserted into the insert-a-tee fitting to complete the Public Works portion of the project.



The property owner will then cut off the pipe at the proper elevation to provide for 2% slope from the house to the alley.



Public Works: Shop Department

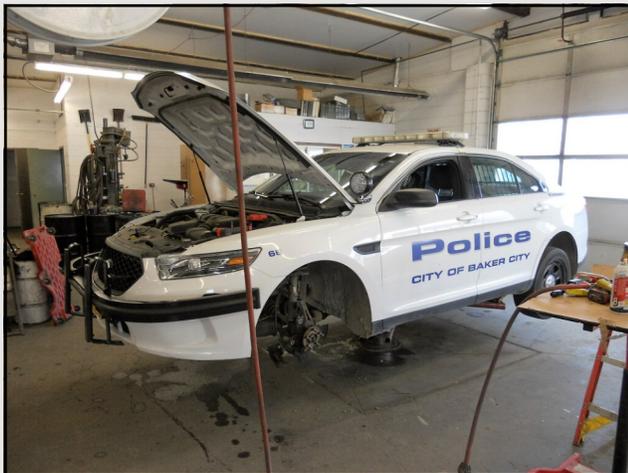


Wes and Scott serviced the transmission on the Vector truck in preparation for its trip to Halfway next week.

Repairs to the transmission output shaft seal and hydraulics are being made this week. This vehicle will be back in service early next week.



Wes and Scott installed new front and rear tires and the tractor is now back in service.

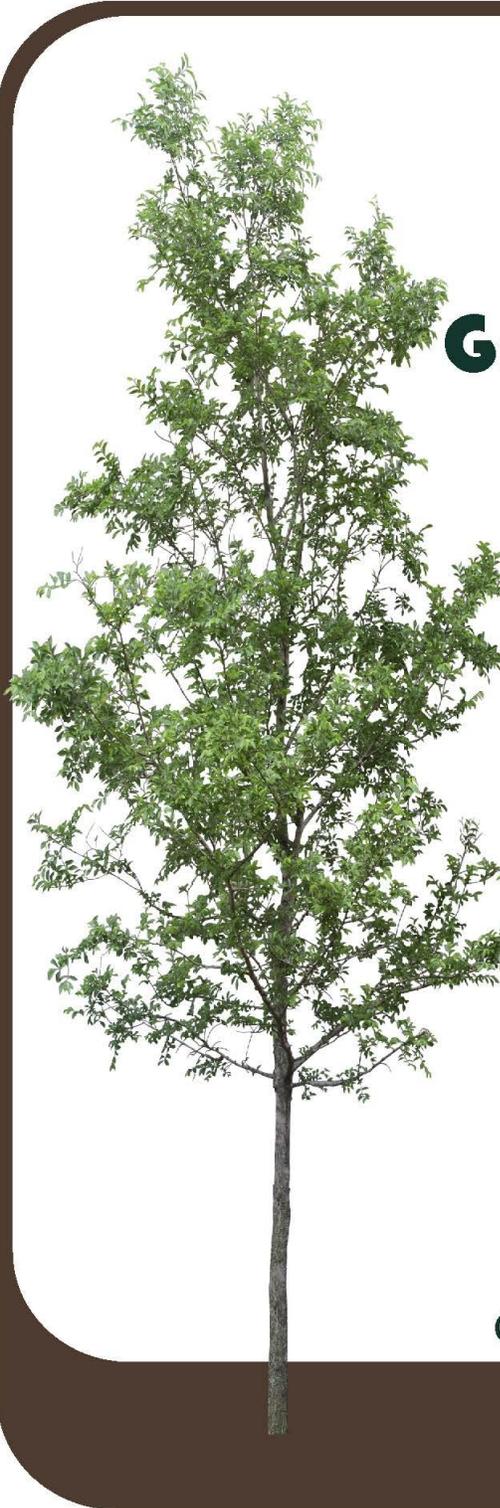


This police car is having its struts and brake pads replaced and rotors turned. It will be back in service by Friday afternoon.





Public Works: Street Tree



2016/2017 Street Tree Grant Application

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

Grant applications will be accepted by the Baker City Public Works Department April 3, 2017 through June 16, 2017. Grant funds are available only to plant street trees (trees within the public right-of-way).

Click on the following link for additional information and application:

[Street Tree Application](#)

Questions: Please call Jennifer in the Public Works Department at 541-524-2063 or jmurphy@bakercity.com.

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