

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update April 14, 2017

Administration:

The City Council met this week to set goals for the upcoming fiscal year. They reviewed last year's goals and set an ambitious set of goals for the Council and staff to work towards in the coming budget year.

The City Manager and Public Works staff toured a piece of forest land that Councilor Arvid Andersen had done some consulting work on. He showed us where fire had approached the property and then laid down when it came to a properly thinned and maintained healthy forest. I am hopeful that Councilor Andersen can share his thoughts with our local Forest Service personnel.

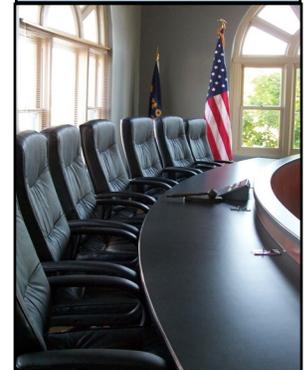
The City Manager, Public Works Director and representatives from Anderson Perry met with interested landowners to talk about the potential for using wastewater for irrigation of pasture land in the Baker Valley. There appeared to be significant interest and the City will continue the dialogue over the next few months.

Don't forget the Annual Easter Egg hunt at Geiser Pollman Park at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Then join the Baker County Shrine Club for the Shrine Rodeo at 11:00 a.m. at the Baker County Fairgrounds. Have a great weekend.

City Council

April 25th Agenda Items:

- Audit
- Parking Resolution
- Youth Center Discussion



Awards and Proclamations:



Mayor Downing accepted a WATERS award from Rob Grandinetti of EPA Region 10 for the UV Treatment Facility project. WATERS stands for a project that is Well-Planned, Affordable, Transferable, Efficient, Resilient and Sustainable.

Dispatchers are always there to answer the call, providing an indispensable service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

During Public Safety Telecommunications Week--or any day of the year--thank the heroes behind the scenes .



Mayor Downing, Lindsay Hodgson and Jessica Lynch.



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Twelve customers signed up for new water/sewer service and four customers disconnected service from April 7th through April 13th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed on April 11th. This zone includes 457 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 87 or 19% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today. This zone includes 487 residential and 55 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 101 or 19% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Seventeen residential customers (Zones 2 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Payable

The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated April 11th.

LID Billings

LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 2.05%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

- ◆ Five 2006 Elm Street LIDs were billed April 10th. The original assessment in 2006 for Elm Street improvements included 21 property owners for a total of \$252,888. The remaining balance outstanding including interest is \$31,886.
- ◆ Four 2002 Indiana Avenue LIDS were billed April 13th. The original assessment in 2002 for Indiana Avenue improvements included 111 property owners for a total of \$378,860. The remaining balance outstanding including interest is \$4,722.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	5	1	9
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	2
Electrical	8	1	5	13
Mechanical	4	4	4	2
Plumbing	2	2	0	1
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	12	11	27

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 44919 Pine View Road, Baker City—Installation of new manufactured home

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

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

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

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A Land Use Review application was approved for a ±128 square foot expansion to St. Alphonsus Medical Center, located at 3325 Pocahontas Road in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone. The approval also includes the reconfiguration of an existing parking lot.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ A Sign Permit application for a new wall sign at 500 Campbell Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone, was approved.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of March 26th to April 1st the Fire Department responded to a total of **37** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	26
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	27
No Patient Trip	7

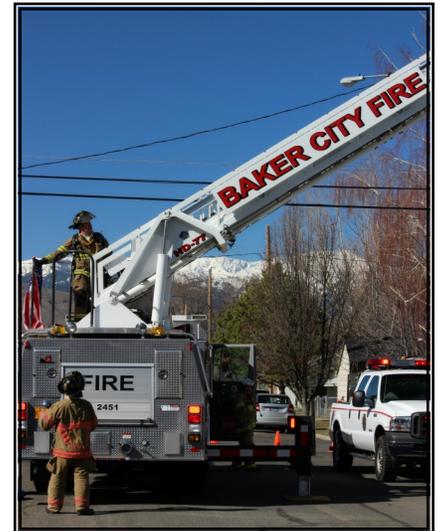
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 34

Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Simultaneous Calls	10
Triple Calls	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	2
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3

- ◆ Lund Ln.—Fire Alarm
- ◆ 4th St.—CO Alarm
- ◆ Foothill Dr.—Burn Complaint
- ◆ I-84—TC Rollover

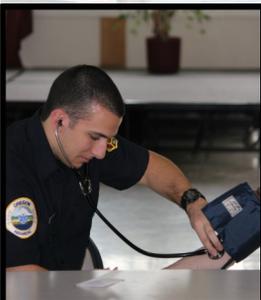


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	19
Personnel Arrived for Cover	8
Incidents Not Covered	13

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **39**hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **44** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- **11** hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **1** 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 18th.



"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 163 incidents and opened 32 new cases this past week.
 - ◆ Seven of these cases stemmed from dogs running at large, requiring the response of either a patrol officer or the code enforcement officer who impounded the dog until the owner could be located to claim their dog. We would like to remind pet owners that as the weather improves, the number of calls for dogs running at large tends to increase and in turn, the number of dogs impounded also increases. A Dog Running at Large citation carries a \$500.00 fine and this does not include the costs associated with claiming a dog from impound. In addition, dogs residing within City limits must have a valid dog license issued through the Water Department at City Hall. For more information regarding requirements for the keeping of animals within the city limits, please click on the attached link:

<http://www.bakercity.com/DocumentCenter/View/651>.

- ★ Chief Lohner attended the OACP (Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police) Annual Conference in Bend, Oregon.
- ★ 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



Public Works: Water Department

The damaged fire hydrant along David Eccles Road was replaced Thursday. New fire hydrants cost approximately \$2,000.00 depending upon the make and height of the hydrant.



A small water leak was detected by Tommy when he was reading water meters this week.

The leak is a small hole in the copper meter setter part of the connection. It was decided to request an underground utility locate before proceeding with the repair in case repair efforts were unsuccessful and a major leak developed which would require excavation.



Crew completed work this week on the "G" Street water line. All water test results came back clean.

Justin and Scott worked to complete connections at the "G" and 9th Street intersection.



Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department



An old concrete vault behind one of the buildings at the Geiser-Pollman Park was eliminated this week.

The old concrete showed signs of distress. Baker City's mini-excavator equipped with a hydraulic concrete breaker was used to demolish the old concrete.



Public Works: Street Department

Strong winds last week blew the roof off a mobile home located on Washington Avenue. Public Works responded to the site closing Washington Avenue until airborne metal roofing sheets could be secured.



A new stop sign at the intersection of Hughes Lane and Cedar Street was installed this week. A red reflective vis-z-shield was installed on the post to improve visibility.

Recycled chip-seal rock swept from the 2015 chip-seal project was used to improve the gravel streets in the area around Wade Williams Baseball Field.



Public Works: Storm Water Department

Strong winds last week filled in one of the storm water drainage ditches with tumble weeds.

This ditch along the "D" Street right of way will be cleaned of weeds and other debris before the end of the day Friday.





Public Works: Street Department

Treated and disinfected water from the Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to be discharged to the Powder River as per the D.E.Q. permit.

The ponds and surrounding areas are utilized as breeding grounds for waterfowl. Here a pair of Canada Geese made their nest on the edge of Pond "A".



A property owner on Broadway contacted Public Works because they were experiencing wastewater problems. The manhole in the alley was uncovered and inspected for problems. Here you can see that the level of flow in the manhole is normal. What is different with this manhole is that it is square in shape. This is one of the few square manholes within the City's wastewater collection system.



Blain and Jake F. worked to repair a section of street curb on Spring Garden where a wastewater repair had been completed the previous week.

Wooden sets were formed and Blain and Jake work to finish the concrete work on the curb section of the repair.



A resident contacted Public Works about a wastewater problem they were experiencing in their house on Auburn Avenue. Rick responded to the site and cleaned the City main line in the street.

This line is only 6" in diameter and has had a history of tree root problems. Although no major blockage was encountered while cleaning, the line will be inspected Friday to determine the cause of the problem.





Public Works: Shop Department



Scott is sharpening the flail mower blades and rebuilding the head plate in preparation for spring cutting.

Wes and Scott serviced this ambulance, performed a safety check and repaired wiring.



The outrigger switch was repaired on this engine and it is back in service.



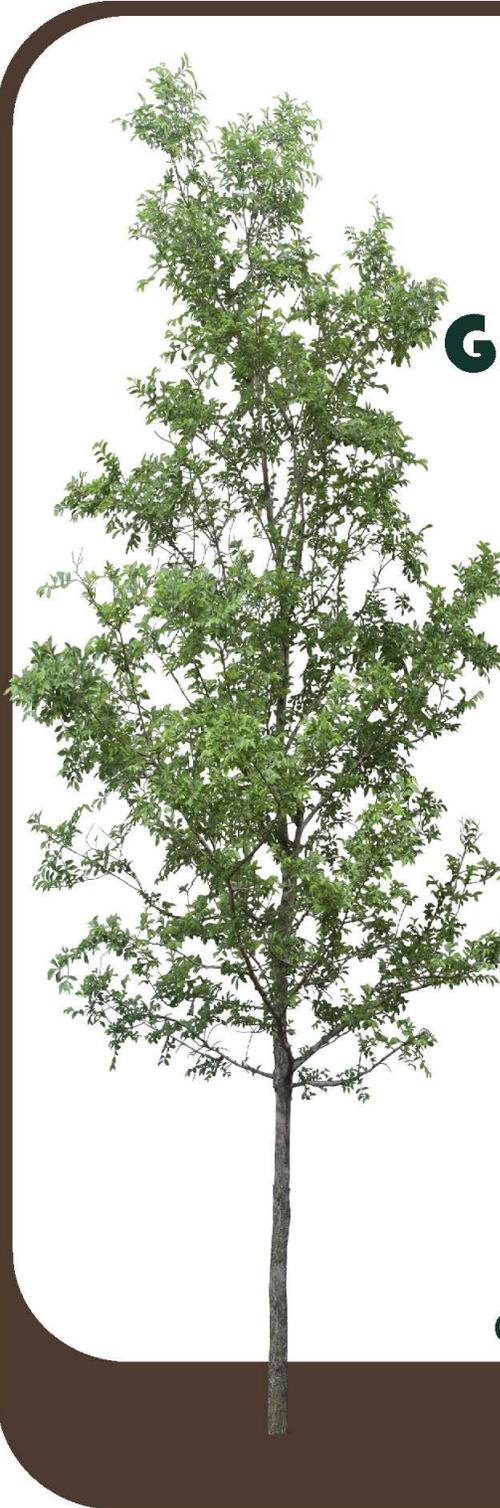
The snowmobile trailer's six prong electrical plug was replaced with a seven prong RV style plug.

Wes and Scott put new tires on the front of this backhoe and had the tires filled with fluid.





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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