

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 5, 2017

Administration:

This week has been busy putting together the budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The Baker City Budget Committee will be meeting on May 15th, 16th and possibly 17th to review the proposed budget and make any needed changes.

This Friday is “First Friday” in downtown Baker City. Come on down and meet friends and see what our downtown merchants have in store for the night. Crossroads Art Center is hosting a Community Open House and Fundraiser from 5:30 to 8:00 for the Baker Valley Education Foundation. Stop in and learn about what is going on.

The weather is changing. The blossoms are out and the trees are filling with leaves. Get out and enjoy the weather and the weekend.

City Council

May 9th Agenda Items:

- 2017 Poppy Day Proclamation
- Smallwood Kennel License Appeal
- Resolution 3790-Modifying Time Limited Parking
- Ordinance 3354-Public Safety Utility Fee



Finance:

As of May 1st, the City has received current year property taxes of \$3,028,774 and prior year taxes of \$137,857.

Utilities

- ◆ Fifteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and nine customers disconnected service from April 28th thru May 4th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today. This zone includes 85 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 54 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Eighteen residential customers (Zones 4 and 8) 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.



Announcements:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	6	2	9
Manu- factured Dwelling	1	0	0	1
Electrical	5	3	5	8
Mechanical	3	2	2	4
Plumbing	3	2	0	2
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	13	9	24

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1724 Cherry Street, Baker City— Install used manufactured home.
- 27781 Medical Springs Road, Baker City—New residence.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3950 17th Street, Baker City— Alterations to fire alarm system.
- 31690 Snake River Road, Oxbow— Storage canopy.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for May 31st, 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 May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Baker County Courthouse. The Planning Commission will consider a proposal for a re-plat of a subdivision at 3100 H Street in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A daycare facility within an existing commercial building was approved at 147 Bridge Street in the Central Commercial (C-C) Zone.
- ◆ A DMV land use compatibility authorization was approved for commercial vehicle sales 1950 Auburn Avenue in the Central Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A dog kennel radius map was generated for the City Police Department.
- ◆ A pre-application meeting was held for the proposed construction of an accessory structure and the addition of 50 square feet of living space to an existing residence in the Industrial (I) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of April 16th to April 22nd the Fire Department responded to a total of **40** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	35
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	28
No Patient Trip	10

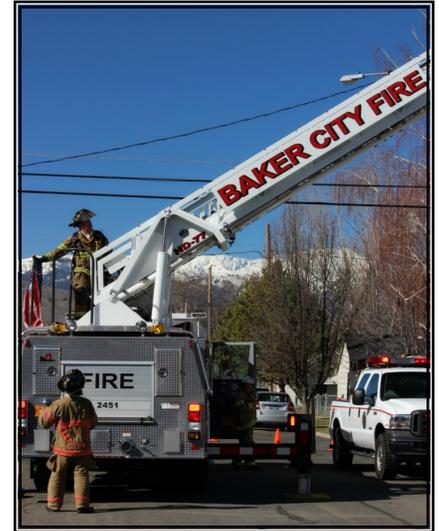
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 38

Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	8
Triple Calls	0
Public Assist	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	2

- ◆ Resort Street—Fire Alarm Activation
- ◆ Bridge Street—Vehicle Fire

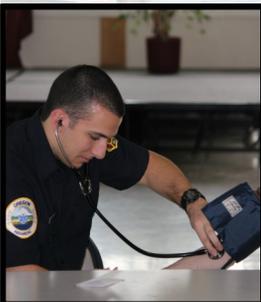


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	17
Personnel Arrived for Cover	7
Incidents Not Covered	11

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **34** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **4** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- **15.5** hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **1.5** hrs of 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 May 9th.



"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 215 incidents and opened 35 new cases this past week.
 - Five cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants and in addition, two separate incidents involving traffic related offenses resulted in the arrest of one individual for DUII and another for Driving While Suspended, Misdemeanor.

- ⊛ BCPD, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, hosted a National Drug Take Back Day, which gave citizens an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted and expired prescription medication. This event was very well attended and the Department collected 64 pounds in medication.

- ⊛ Chief Lohner attended the 911 user group meeting, an advisory committee for dispatch.

- ⊛ 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 4 pending cases
- Closed out 2 cases (compliance gained)
- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Issued 1 citation for no kennel permit
- Issued 1 citation for no dog license
- Followed up on 3 dog at large violations
- Followed up on 1 dangerous dog case
- Followed up on 1 dog bite complaint
- Followed up on 1 livestock permit violation
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Parking Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 7 parking violations
- Issued 1 parking citation
- Multiple verbal warnings
- 9 abandoned vehicles orange tagged

Miscellaneous

- 1 found item
- Followed up on 1 driving violation
- Issued 1 citation for a temporary use violation



Public Works: Reservoir

Crews continue to work on converting an old lab room at the Water Treatment Plant into a restroom.

Pictured here, the sewer lateral has been extended toward the building and a hole has been cut through the exterior stem wall for the drain pipe penetration.

A local plumber will install the interior plumbing and make the final connection at the building as required by the plumbing code.



Public Works: Water Department



Looking at this picture you can hardly tell that on Saturday night water was rushing out of the ground at the rate of over 1,300 gallons per minute.

Using the precise instrumentation at the Water Treatment Reservoir it was determined that the water leak began at 7:18 p.m. At 7:27 Public Works was notified through a phone call from Dispatch. Dennis immediately responded to the site. Water control valves at intersections were promptly turned off stopping the uncontrolled flow of water by 7:49 p.m.

The crew of Justin, Blain and Jake F. worked into the night to repair the leaky pipe.

Public Works: Wastewater Department



A resident on Main Street requested that his wastewater lateral be repaired. The estimated cost of repair was paid and the work was completed Monday. The old terra cotta pipe was found to be infested with tree roots and in poor condition.



Blain and Scott used the Vactor truck to excavate around existing underground utilities and expose the broken lateral pipe.

Here you can see the old terra cotta pipe and several tree roots in the area.



The City of Union requested assistance this week cleaning out the Digester part of their wastewater treatment system. Karl took Baker City's Vactor truck to their facility and assisted them in the process.

In essence the Vactor truck was used as a huge shop vac by vacuuming solids from the Digester which were then placed into their "drying bed".





Public Works: Street Department

Thursday was the first day that Public Works patched streets in 2017. Since the last time that asphalt was available for purchase from one of the LaGrande asphalt plants Baker City Public Works has accumulated 17 water and/or wastewater trenches to patch.

The insulated truck which is used to haul asphalt can haul 12.0 tons of hot asphalt. Trenches patched Thursday include wastewater trenches on 3rd Street, Estes Street, Cherry Street and Grove Street. Plus a water service trench was patched on Cherry Street.



Both a water service and wastewater lateral trench were patched on Cherry Street.



Blain and Scott have applied tack oil to the trench edges in preparation for patching on Estes Street.



Justin and Jake F., work to dig out gravel from the location to be patched on 3rd Street.



Here's the completed Estes Street patch.

Blain and Scott place traffic cones around the patch on 3rd Street. This patch will be completed next week when we patch again.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

Our Street Sweeper Needs Your Help!



The City street sweeper is having a difficult time getting close to the curb in many areas throughout town due to low hanging tree limbs. Section 94 of the Baker City Municipal Code requires that property owners maintain **12' of clearance above streets and 8' of clearance above sidewalks.** Please go outside and look at your trees. If they need pruned, please prune them properly or call a professional tree company. Proper pruning techniques can be found at : www.arborday.org and do a search for "**pruning.**" A list of local tree companies is available in the Public Works Department.



Public Works: Shop



The airport fuel truck had its engine serviced, ignition repaired and the pan plug replaced.

Wes replaced the battery and the starter on this Public Works vehicle.



Wes and Scott installed new brushes and shaped and seated them, and surfaced the contact ring for the generator at the hydro plant. It is ready for when the exciter is reinstalled next week.

The sander was pulled out and the tailgate installed for summer use.



Wes and Scott pulled the saltier and put the summer tires on the truck and it is back in service.



This truck had broken and bent handles due to all of the snow hauling this past winter. Repairs were made and it is now ready to help patch city streets.

The air suspension was acting up. A problem with the pressure switch and the air bag dump valve is the cause. Parts have been ordered and it will be repaired.





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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