

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 2, 2017

Administration:

The City Manager and Community Development met with ODOT staff this week to discuss and review ODOT's road closure plans and how it affects our local economy. We brainstormed ideas on handling truck parking during winter storm closures and ways to keep tourists, recreationists and employees moving throughout the region. The meeting was productive and we are going to work through the summer and fall to refine the different protocols to allow for travelers to get to Baker City and to support our local businesses.

June is here which means graduations are upcoming. Congratulations to all the graduates and here is hoping for great weather for all the events. Have a great weekend.

City Council

June 6th Special Session

Agenda Items:

- Ordinance 3354— Public Safety Utility Fee
- Discussion on 2017-18 Fee Resolution



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Zone 8 was billed on the 30th and included 467 residential and 19 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 103 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Thirteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and sixteen customers disconnected service from May 26th thru June 1st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Eight customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their services disconnected for non-pay. Two customers had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

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 2.16%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

- Three 2004 Birch Street LIDs were billed June 1st. The original assessment in 2004 for Birch Street improvements included four property owners for a total of \$90,416. The remaining balance outstanding is \$24,428.



Announcements:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	7	2	6
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	0
Electrical	4	6	2	2
Mechanical	0	2	2	0
Plumbing	0	0	0	0
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	8	15	7	8

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 972 Hillcrest Dr., Baker City— Garage repair
- 1205 11th St., Baker City— Accessory building repair
- 15101 Mill Creek, Baker City— Detached accessory building

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 375 N Main St., Halfway— Seismic retrofit
- 2001 Main St., Baker City— Interior addition of bathroom

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 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 June 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission will consider two applications:

- ◆ A proposal for the addition of living space to an existing single-family dwelling and an addition to an existing accessory structure. The subject property is addressed as 1827 7th Street and is located in the Industrial (I) Zone. Notices have been sent to all property owners within 100 feet of the subject property.
- ◆ A request for a variance for a freestanding sign exceeding the area allowance at 175 Campbell Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. Notices have been sent to all property owners within 100 feet of the subject property.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application for a accessory structure was approved at 1900 Clark Street in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ An application for a single-family dwelling was approved at 1341 7th Street in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A new free-standing sign was approved for a new sign at 2295 Windmill Road in the Commercial – General (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ An application for an expansion to an accessory structure was approved at 3545 Carter Street located in the Residential Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ An application for an accessory structure was approved at 900 Lund Lane in the Residential Low Density (R-LD) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 14th to May 20th the Fire Department responded to a total of **26** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	19
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	12
No Patient Trip	12

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 24



Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	2
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	4

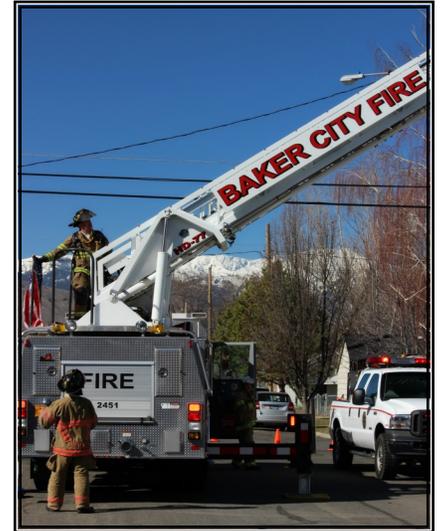
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	1

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



- ◆ 9th St.—Structure Fire
- ◆ Elm St.—Structure Fire

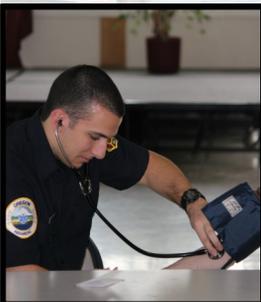


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	5
Personnel Arrived for Cover	4
Incidents Not Covered	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 91 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 8 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 June 6th.



"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 250 incidents and opened 36 new cases this past week.
 - Three of these cases initiated investigations into reported assaults, one of which was a Measure 11 Assault 2.
 - Six cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts.
 - One case resulted in an arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance—Heroin and another for Possession of a Controlled Substance—Methamphetamine.
 - Two individuals were arrested on outstanding warrants and another was arrested for a Probation Violation.
- ✪ BCPD personnel attended a department meeting to discuss this past year and opportunities for the upcoming year. Specific areas of discussion included: Operational Matters; Policy Matters; Personal / Professional Health; and Goals.
- ✪ 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 2 pending cases

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 1 animal complaint
- 2 dogs at large returned to owner

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Orange tagged 13 abandoned vehicles
- Issued 5 parking citations

Grass and Weed complaints

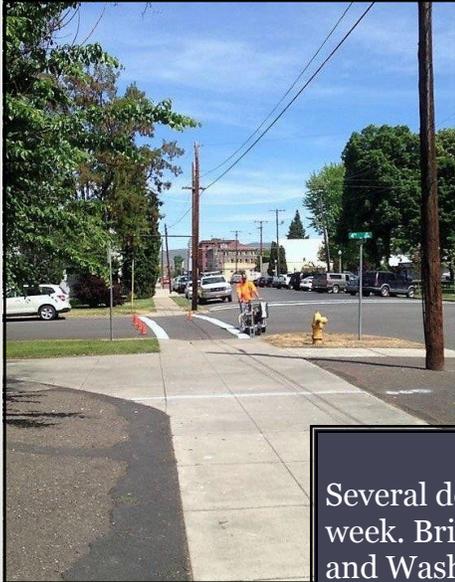
- Followed up with 14 violations

Miscellaneous

- Followed up with 2 alleyway complaints
- 1 Found item
- Followed up with 1 fence violation



Public Works: Street Department



Several dozen crosswalks throughout town were painted this week. Brian is painting a crosswalk at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets.

Crews completed tree planting work last week downtown.

Blain and Scott are working to jackhammer concrete at one of the tree wells (pictured left).

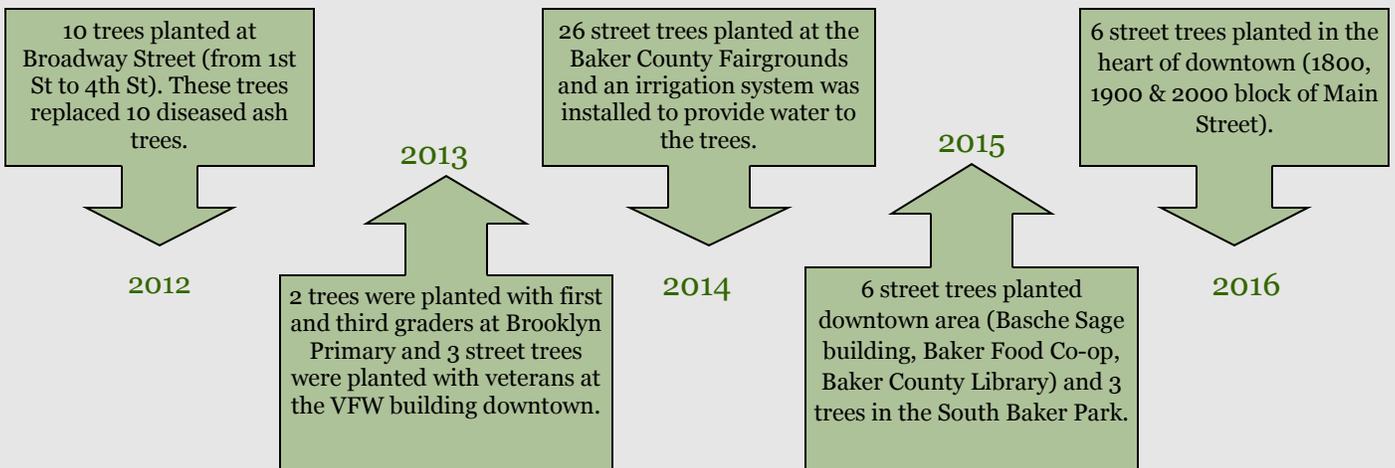
Jennifer carefully situates one of the new downtown trees on the gooseneck trailer for transportation to its final destination (pictured right).





Public Works: Street Department Continued

In 2015 the Baker City Tree Board voted to concentrate their annual tree planting efforts to revitalize the landscape in the downtown area. The Main Street trees were planted during the highway reconstruction in the '80s. Since that time, many of the trees have died or have almost reached the end of their lifespan. The tree wells created during the 1980's reconstruction project are only 4'x4', and some have curbing around the tree well which further limits the tree's growing area. As new trees are planted downtown, existing tree wells are expanded and root barrier is installed below the surface which encourages the roots to grow further down than they normally would. As tree wells are expanded or new ones are created, the adjacent building's window space and facade are taken into consideration in regards to the tree's placement in relation to its future growth. This project has been made possible through the Anthony Silvers Street Tree Trust.



Pictured left, Scott Foss is using a saw to address a block of concrete found within an existing tree well. Pictured right, Scott and property owner Carol Phillips plant the new tree at 1910 Main St.



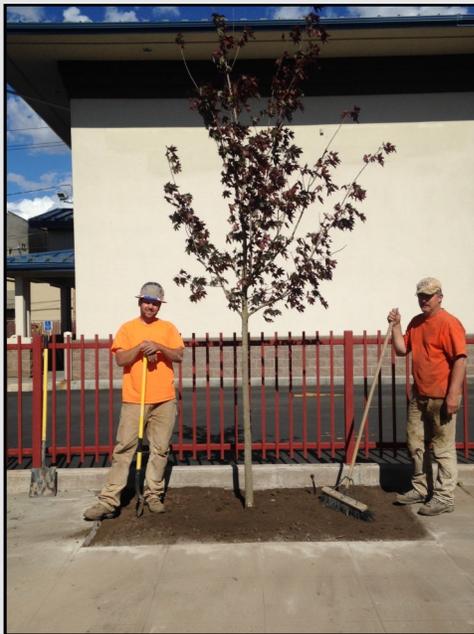
Public Works: Street Department Continued



1809 Main Street (before): An existing tree well being expanded to accommodate a new tree.



1809 Main Street (after): An Apollo Maple in its new home.



1901 Main Street (Glacier 45): Two Chanticleer Pear trees were planted at Glacier 45. The Court Street tree well is a new tree location, and it looks fantastic!

Although a new tree was planted at the property's Main Street frontage last year, it did not survive. The property owner applied for two new trees through this year's grant.

1990 Washington Street: Scott and Blain hesitantly posing for a photo op after planting the last tree of the project! Two street trees were planted through this year's downtown tree grant at Umpqua Bank. Four additional street trees were also planted by Umpqua Bank at the property last week. These six trees replace six trees that were removed in 2015.





Public Works: Water Department

Last Friday the Public Works Department was informed of a water leak in the basement of a building. In this case the leak was in a pipe prior to the city water meter. Dennis and Tom responded to the site, reduced pressure in the main line in the street, cut and capped the leaking pipe and stopped the leak.



Street sweeper operator Matt spotted water coming up in the center of "B" Street on Tuesday while sweeping streets in the area.

Dennis responded to the site to determine the source of the water. Scott and Blain Zipped the asphalt and worked to repair the leak.

The leak was caused by an old galvanized waterline which used to serve a residence on the South side of "B" Street.



The old water line was decommissioned Wednesday to stop the leak.



Public Works: Water Department Continued



Crews continue to work cutting roots and improving road access.

This photos shows the limited amount of working room available after road widening work has been done. The pump shown in the distance is used to supply water to the Jetter truck for propelling the root cutting saw.



Blain is operating a rental track hoe to improve the pipeline road for safe travel.



Karl, Scott and Jake F. work to expose the old concrete pipe and cut roots.



Pictured above are some of the roots which were cut from the inside of the mountain line pipe.

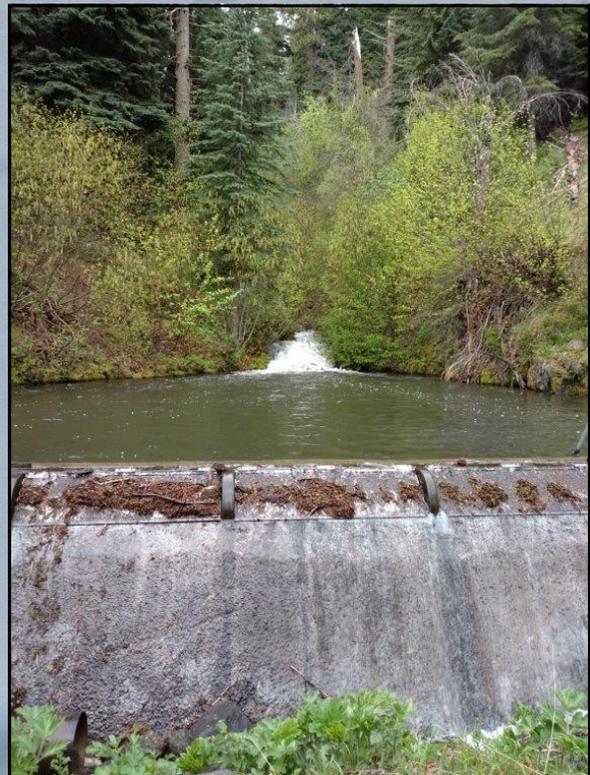


Public Works: Water Department Continued



Doug is at the Big Mill Creek diversion structure. Additional pipe work had been scheduled for June - but because of the substantial flow of water from this drainage the work has been rescheduled until late summer or early fall.

Plenty of water is currently available in the Elkhorn Mountains. This picture is of Salmon Creek on Thursday.





Public Works: Shop

The Shop is pleased to report that sales through the GovDeals.com this past week have been going very well and successful bidders have already been coming by to pick up their items.



Wes and Scott started tearing down the zipper and preparing to replace the seals, bearings, and grinding tips and mounts on the wheel.



Brian Johnson helped in the Shop this week by building the electric bases for the tree wells.



The Shop vehicle was serviced and fully inspected this week.

