

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 13, 2015

Administration:

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a meeting on February 18th in the council chambers in Baker City Hall. The commission will be discussing the band stand project and the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway extension project. If you have any comments about either of these projects please come to the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The City Council will be holding a Special Meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. to continue the discussion of marijuana dispensaries within the area. Last Tuesday at the Regular Meeting, Police Chief Wyn Lohner provided the City Council with the option to prohibit dispensaries. City Council decided to continue the discussion to consider all options managing dispensaries.

The Airport Commission will also be meeting Tuesday the 17th at 5 p.m. at Baker Aircraft Facility.

City Council

*Agenda Items
February 17th*

(Special Meeting)

**Business License
Discussion*

Finance Department

Accounts Payable: The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated February 10th.

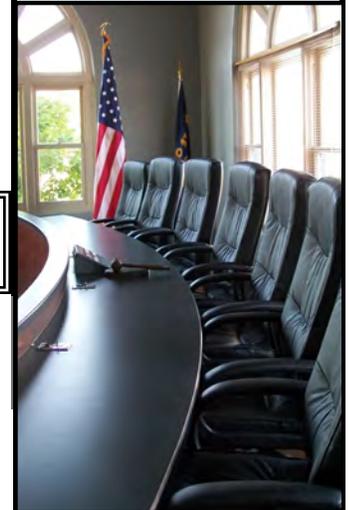
Accounts Receivable: Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent today. The

Utilities



- ◆ 17 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 14 customers disconnected service from February 6th through February 12th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today, which includes 477 residential and 53 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 80 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 1 residential customers (Zone 5) was scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) and was turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Cemetery	\$ 987
Wastewater Maintenance	\$ 1,685
Lien Searches	\$ 800
Ambulance	\$ 296,431
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$ 4,273
Property & Weed Abatement	\$ 3,023
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,534
Total	\$ 310,733



billings were as follows:



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical on new and remodel construction within Baker County. For more information please visit: www.bakercity.com/departments/building



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

A permit was issued for a new garage at 300 3rd Street in Richland.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

A permit was issued for an interior remodel at 2200 Resort Street.

A permit was issued for 2 sets of exterior stairs at 925 3rd Street in Haines.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING*	1	3	2	4
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	N/A	1	N/A
MECHANICAL	1	3	0	4
PLUMBING	2	2	0	1
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	11	8	3	9

Historic District Design Review Commission

The next HDDRC will be February 18th at 8am in the Building Department at City Hall.

Other:

No new information.

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.



Planning Department

A sign permit application was approved for Rite Aid at 1217 Campbell Street. The sign permit included the removal of two wall signs, a revamped main wall sign and an awning sign.



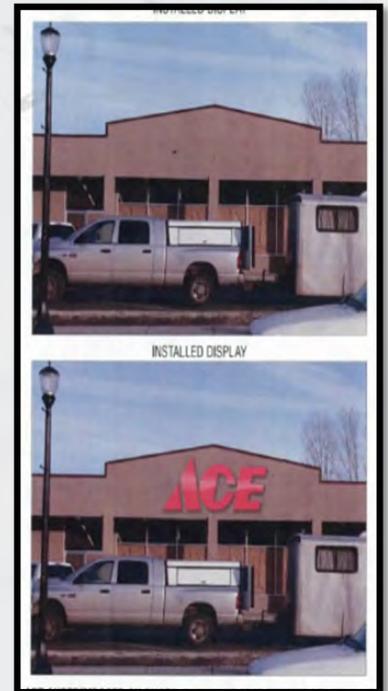
A sign permit application was approved for Thatcher's ACE Hardware at 2200 Resort Street. The sign permit included three new wall signs and replacement of the face of an existing free-standing sign.

The Planning Department hosted a pre-application conference to review a proposal from Blue Mountain Oil Company to install a card lock distribution system at their bulk plant location at 2885 13th St.

A Land Use Review application was approved for new home construction at 1760 Church Street.

A Land Use Review application was approved for enclosing an existing porch and converting it into a living space at 885 F Street.

A map was provided to the Baker City Police Department to assist with notifications for a kennel application.



Planning Commission

The next Baker City Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00pm at Baker City Hall. The agenda will include:

- *A Conditional Use Permit application requesting approval to build a bandstand in Geiser-Pollman Park, submitted by Bandstand Committee chair David Hunsaker. The park is located at the corner of Campbell and Grove Streets.*
- *A Conditional Use Permit application requesting approval to build a trailhead and parking area for an extension of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway. The trailhead is proposed to be located at 945 Resort Street.*
- *Election of the Planning Commission Chair and Vice-Chair.*



Quail Ridge Golf Course

Quail Ridge is excited to announce that it will be opening for play today, Friday, February 13th!

The course will stay open as long as the weather allows. If Baker City receives snow or heavy rain the course may be closed temporarily until the course becomes playable.

The team looks forward to seeing everyone out on the course and wishes everyone a fun and successful 2015 golf season!

Season passes are now available!

The 2015 fee schedule is as follows:

- Annual Adult Single Pass: \$770
- Annual Couple Pass: \$1080
- Annual Family Pass (with children 18 and under): \$1180
- Annual College Pass (ID Required): \$250
- Annual Junior Pass (18 yrs and under): \$125
- Annual High School Golf Team Pass: \$125
- Corporate Annual 2 Person: \$1500
- Corporate Annual 4 Person: \$2800

Punch Cards:

- 20-9 Hole Rounds Punch Card: \$320
- 20-18 Hole Rounds Punch Card: \$500

2015 USGA Handicap: \$39.50

Private Cart and Cart House Fees:

- Annual Private Cart License: \$145
- Annual Cart House Lease (Gas): \$135
- Annual Cart House Lease (Electric) \$210
- (Cart house leases must be paid no later than June 1st.)

For more information please call Quail Ridge at [541-523-2358](tel:541-523-2358)



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Last week the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	5	Out of Town Transfers	2
City Calls	19	Airport Transfers	0
Patient Transported	16	Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
No Patient Trip	8	Simultaneous Calls	3
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	24	Triple Calls	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5



- Structure fire – 3rd St
- False alarm – 17th St
- False alarm – Resort
- Haz Mat response – 2nd St

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 21 hours of in-house training during the week.

- EMS – Advanced Airway, Rapid Sequence Intubation
- Fire – Incident Command, Accountability, Command Strategy and Tactics

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

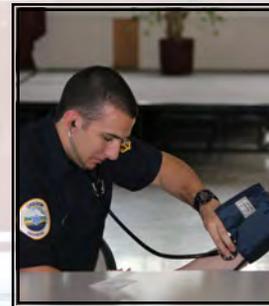
62 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Ambulance 2421 inventory

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on February 17th.



"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 this past week, opening 29 new cases. Among these cases were several arrests, which related to drugs. Most notably, BCPD officers arrested a Baker City resident who was in possession of a 1/2 pound of Methamphetamine.



- ★ Chief Lohner met with Public Safety Representatives of City County Insurance Services and participated in a "Best Practices Survey Audit" of the police department.
- ★ 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

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 7 old cases

Closed out 1 case

Started 1 new case

Animal complaints

Follow up on 2 complaints

Dog License

Started 5 new no dog license cases

Followed up on 2 old cases

Assisted dog license sale 2/11/15

Dog at Large

2 Dogs at large returned to owner

2 Dogs impounded

Followed up on 1 dog at large.

Parking Violations

Followed up on 2 parking violations

Issued 6 parking citations

Livestock Permit

Started 1 new case

Temporary Use Permit

Started 1 new case

Fence Complaint

Followed up on 1 new fence/building complaint

Prescription Drug Drop Box

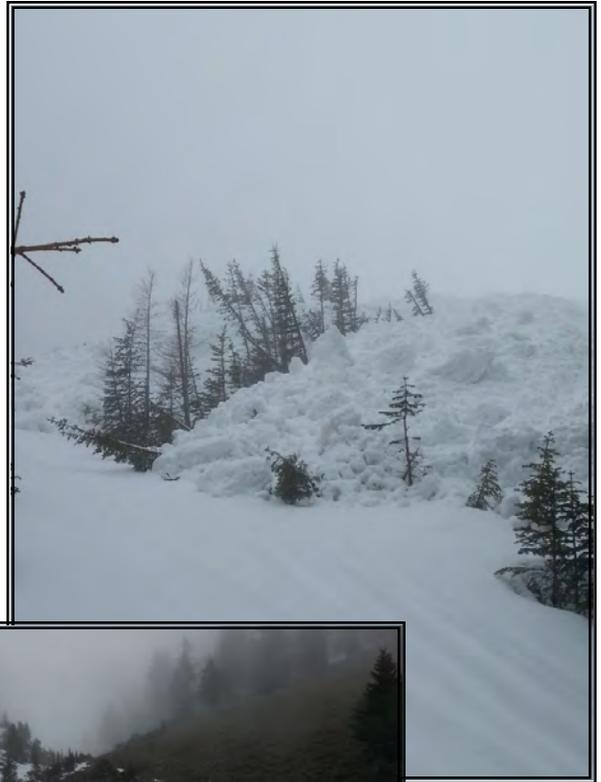
Since December 2013, a prescription drug drop box has been installed in the lobby at the Baker City Police Department, allowing citizens to drop off outdated or unneeded prescription drugs at any time. This new option is in addition to the BCPD bi-annual prescription drug take back program, initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.



PUBLIC WORKS

Water Department

Water Treatment Specialist Jake Jones attempted to snowshoe into Goodrich Reservoir on Tuesday. Approximately 1/2 mile from his destination he encountered a large avalanche, which he chose not to cross over due to safety concerns. Looking at the watershed snow conditions he found that the snow depth is what could typically be found in late April or early May. The double gates (pictured below) at the beginning of the Auburn Pipeline Road, are at the 5,500 ft. elevation. Even though this area receives southern exposure, there should be at least a couple feet of snow on the ground. Jake was **able to drive the City's ATV to the 6,200'** elevation before having to proceed by snowshoes. There are still patches of snow in the shaded areas of the Elk Creek drainage, but the lower, south exposures are nearly void of snow. **There should be at least 18"-24"** of snow on the slopes above the diversion at this time of year, and access only available via snowmobile; crew were able to use a pickup truck instead.



The aquifer for the City's well, which is located at the Water Treatment Facility, is now being injected with treated water from the facility at a rate of approximately one million gallons per day. Aquifer injection could last into June if there is an adequate water supply from the **City's Watershed.**



PUBLIC WORKS

Last week the Public Works Department received a call from a concerned citizen about a leaning street light. This light was originally installed by a developer approximately 20 years ago. Tommy and Blain temporarily braced the light by chaining it to a concrete ecology block. To the right, Blain and Tim are removing material from around the base of the light pole to make room for the concrete.



Steel reinforcing rebar was attached into the light pole base to provide strength for new concrete.



Blain and Tim are shown here finishing the new concrete surface.



PUBLIC WORKS Cont.

Moisture content in the gravel streets was near optimum for grading this week. To the right, **Justin is grading on “G” Street between 10th and 11th Streets.**



Gravel streets are normally rolled after grading to help them maintain their shape. Above, Justin is grading and Jason is rolling.



PUBLIC WORKS Cont.

This week the wastewater crew visited a few locations and found all mainlines clear. To the right, a line near the intersection of Hughes and Cedar Street is being cleaned. Because of the high traffic volume, traffic control was required in order to work safely. While Keith cleaned the line, advanced signage and three flaggers (Craig, Dennis and Karl) controlled traffic.



A line near the center of Campbell was video-inspected by Keith and Karl. The lateral to the south was inspected and appeared to be in good condition.

Keith and Karl worked on 7th Street using the Vactor Truck to remove build-up which has been filling the line and reducing the capacity of the **15" diameter main line.**





PUBLIC WORKS *City Shop*

The City maintains a few pieces of equipment that are used at the Golf Course. Wes is pictured to the right working on one of the Toro utility carts. Crew checked it over, changed the oil and greased it; there were a few rattles that were addressed also.



Wes is pictured replacing the starter on one of the 10 yard dump trucks.

Once a year the City asks a local contractor to check all of the fire extinguishers; each one is looked at and any repairs that are needed are taken care of.

