

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update March 27, 2015*

## Administration

This week the City received a notice to proceed on the LAMP extension project from the grantors. This pathway post was so excited she was wearing her party hat.

The next Interchange Management Plan Public Workshop will be April 7th. More information available on page 3.

*(Photo by Scott Ungerecht)*



## Finance Department

**Finance Director**—The February financial report is available on the web at <http://www.bakercity.com/departments/finance>.

**Payroll**—82 employees were paid today including 17 paid volunteer firefighters and two part-time temporary employees including the hearings officer. Of those 82 employees 69 or 84% are signed up for direct deposit.

## **Utilities**



- ◆ 13 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 6 customers disconnected service from March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today, which includes 707 residential and 60 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 154 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 61 late notices were sent March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ 4 residential customers (Zone 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) 3 were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

## *City Council*

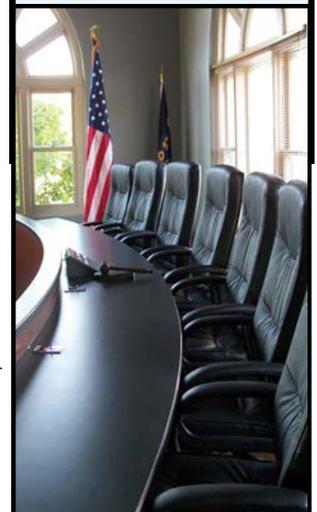
### *Agenda Items April 14th*

*\*Resolution 3744  
City Fees*

*\*Appoint volunteers  
to Boards &  
Commissions*

*\*Adoption of Council  
Goals*

*\*Removal from  
Rural Fire District  
Information*





# 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](http://www.bakercity.com/departments/building)



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

Issued a permit to change a covered porch to livable space at 885 G Street, Baker City.

Issued a permit for a new single family home with a detached garage at 42526 Salmon Creek Rd, Baker City.

### **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**

No new commercial permits were issued this week.

### Permits

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING*	1	1	1	4
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	1	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	5	N/A	5	N/A
MECHANICAL	3	4	0	0
PLUMBING	0	1	0	4
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

### Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

### Other:

No new information this week.

### Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



## Planning Department

A regional Planners Network Meeting will be hosted in Baker City April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting will provide training opportunities for Planners and Planning Commissioners from across Northeast Oregon on topics that will include floodplain development and the national flood insurance program, planning program updates, and economic development.

A floodplain development permit was issued for a new single-family dwelling at 213 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The applicant submitted the required documentation of the base flood elevation for their parcel.

**A sign permit was approved for Haggen’s at 1120 Campbell Street to replace three wall signs and add a new sign in the Baker Town Square freestanding sign cabinet.**



The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 32’ x 54’ accessory structure totaling ±1,728 square feet at 2203 Colorado Place in the high-density residential (R-HD) Zone. More information is available from the Planning Department, and comments will be accepted by staff in writing until 5:00 pm on the date of the hearing, or can be presented to the Planning Commission at the hearing.

An application to construct a new dwelling at 930 Quail Ridge Lane was submitted to the Planning Department. The single family detached house is being proposed by J. Petry General Contractors.

## **Interchange Area Management Plan Public Workshop #2**

Thursday, April 7th, 4-6pm at the Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall 1250 Hughes Lane

Please join the City, County and Oregon Department of Transportation to:



- Learn more about the work that has been completed to date
- Help the project team identify potential long-term transportation concepts



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 34 emergency alarms.**

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	2	Out of Town Transfers	0
City Calls	30	Airport Transfers	0
Patient Transported	22	Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
No Patient Trip	10	Simultaneous Calls	5
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>32</b>	Triple Calls	0

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	2
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>2</b>

- Structure fire – 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- Structure fire – Grove St.

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 32 hours of in-house training during the week.

- EMS – Case review, ride along
- Fire – Emergency driving, fire prevention review, company inspection class

## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Equipment Inventory—SCBA's & Turnouts

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Station tour



**The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on March 31<sup>st</sup>.**



"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



**BCPD handled over 150 incidents this past week, opening 23 new cases.** Two of these cases resulted in arrests for Domestic Assaults. Three other cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.



- ★ BCPD followed up on additional sightings of cougar activity in the city. As a result of the continued activity a live trap has been set with the hopes of capturing the animal
- ★ Chief Lohner met with St. Alphonsus personnel to continue security discussions and planning.
- ★ Chief Lohner participated in the Baker County Traffic Safety Committee meeting.
- ★ 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 5 old cases

Closed out 1 case

Started 2 new cases

#### Dog at Large

3 dogs at large returned to owner

1 dog at large impounded per owner

1 dog at large impounded for rabies hold

#### Parking Violations

Followed up on 2 parking violations

Issued 4 parking citations

#### Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 2 old cases

#### Dog Bite

Followed up on 1 case

#### Barking Dog Complaint

Followed up on 1 case

#### Dog License

Followed up on 2 old cases

### **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.



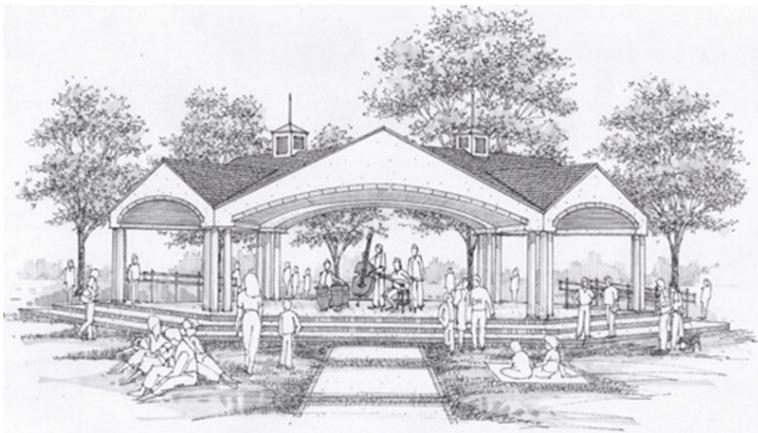
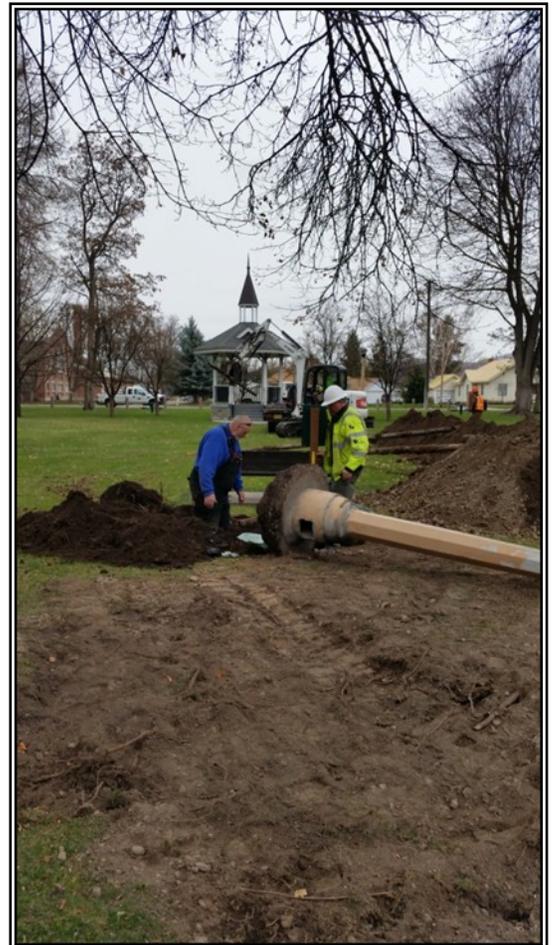
# Public Works- Parks Department

Public Works crew of Justin Plumbtree, Blain Leamaster, and Tim Shively performed work at the site of the future bandstand at Geiser-Pollman Park in preparation for start of construction on April 6. Work included replacement



of an old 4" cast iron water main line that will be under the foot print of the new building. A conduit was placed in the trench as well, in case new telemetry wiring needs to be installed in the future.

While the crew was onsite, other tasks were accomplished including removal of two trees, a bench, and a dog waste station. One of the post-top lights also had to be removed. A splice box was installed by staff electrician Steve Moudy (pictured to the right) in order to keep all the other lights in the park functional. All work was performed under the supervision of Construction Supervisor Larry McBroom. Parks Supervisor Joyce Bornstedt met with representatives for the Easter Egg Hunt and Miner's Jubilee to discuss and make adjustments to park areas used in order to accommodate the events while allowing for pre-construction, construction, and post construction related activities.



(A sketch of the projected bandstand)



## Public Works—Tree Board



Tree Board members recently worked with Courthouse staff to create a tree removal/maintenance plan for the County Courthouse property. Many of the street trees at the property have been topped throughout the years to accommodate overhead utility lines, have significant health problems, and/or have outgrown their surroundings and are impacting sprinkler systems and curbs/sidewalks.

Many of the street tree removals will be accomplished through the OTEC Tree Removal/Replacement Program. For every street tree removed by OTEC through this program, the property owner is issued a replacement street tree voucher.

A copy of the tree plan can be viewed at the County Courthouse. If you have any comments or questions regarding this plan, you may contact County Maintenance Supervisor Daniel McQuisten at (541) 523-6416 or via email at [dmcquisten@bakercounty.org](mailto:dmcquisten@bakercounty.org).

# Volunteer

*Lend a hand...make a difference!*  
*There is still one position vacant on the Tree Board. Contact Luke Yeaton at 524-2033 or [lyeaton@bakercity.co](mailto:lyeaton@bakercity.co) for more information.*



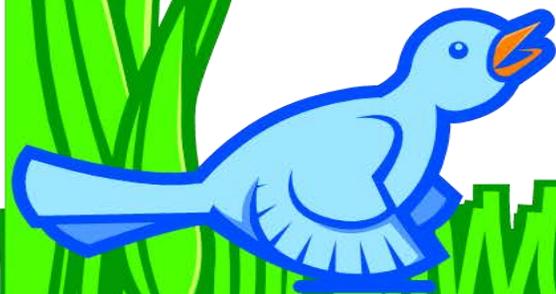


**Public Works-Cemetery**

**2015  
Annual  
Mt. Hope  
Cemetery  
Cleanup  
April 6 - April 24**

**Please remove all  
decorative items  
during this time. Items  
may be placed on  
grave sites again  
beginning April 25th.**

**Thank you for  
your cooperation.**





# PUBLIC WORKS Water Department

Blain and Tim removed a section of curb along 10<sup>th</sup> St., North of 'H' Street, and will have a new curb in place by noon on Friday.



Justin and Jason fixed a joint leak on the Carter Street line on Thursday.

Goodrich Reservoir pictured last week. While it looks like there is a lot of snow, it is still below average.





## PUBLIC WORKS

Monday morning a report was received that a storm water catch basin at the corner of 3rd and Broadway was not draining. The cause was promptly investigated. The Vector Truck was used to clean the line and induct the water which would not drain.



Public Works Department is working with O.D.O.T. to improve the "ride quality" over five of the wastewater manholes on Campbell Street. To the left, an O.D.O.T. crew is using a diamond tipped grinder to "shave down" the concrete around four of the manhole lids on Campbell Street. The concrete on the fifth manhole is badly cracked and will be re-poured with steel reinforced high strength concrete.

To the right is an alley approach/sidewalk on 5th Street which is in very poor condition. An underground locate has been requested for the location and it will be repaired within the next two weeks.



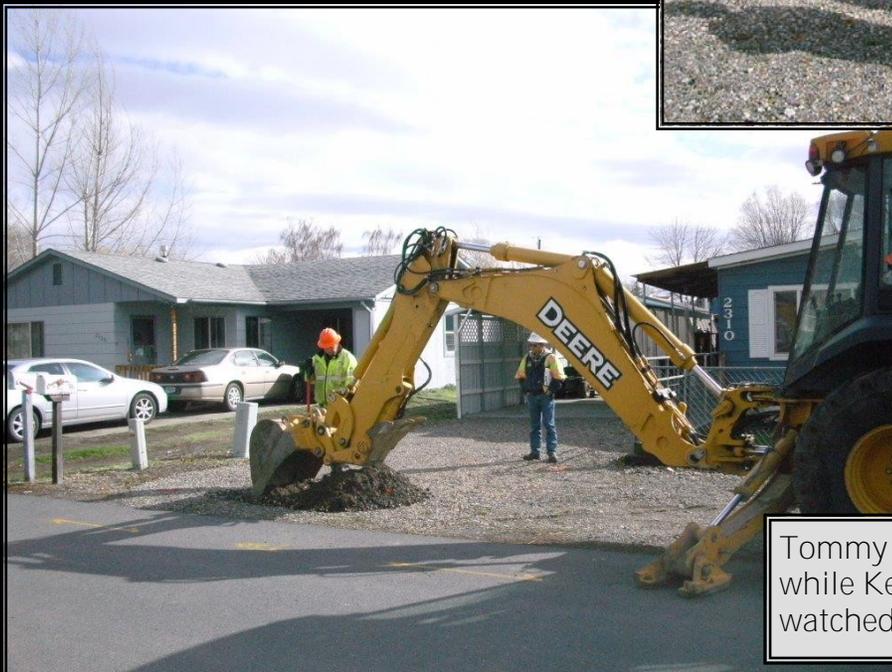


# PUBLIC WORKS Wastewater Dept.

While video-inspecting lines on 3rd Street this week, tree roots were encountered. If left unchecked, tree roots in wastewater lines will continue to grow and eventually will plug the mainline. Roots were removed from the line by blasting them from the pipe by using a "bulldog" nozzle. On the far right are the tree roots which grew through the joints of the Terra Cotta Pipe in the 3rd Street wastewater line. Both the T.V. van and the Jetter were used to remove the roots from the line.



Crews also worked this week raising existing manholes to the street surface. On 21st Street a wastewater manhole was within three feet of the High Pressure Tesoro Petroleum Pipeline. The local Tesoro representative (Warren) is required to instruct the excavation crew prior to any digging.



Tommy operated the backhoe while Keith and Warren watched for buried utilities.