

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update November 6, 2015

Administration

Thursday evening, the Baker City Fire Department and Barley Brown's hosted a successful fundraiser for the Baker County Special Olympics program. This fundraiser in particular supported the Anthony Lakes Special Olympic Ski Team.

Special Olympics Oregon provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children, youth and adults living with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. Special Olympics Oregon (SOOR) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization incorporated in the state of Oregon to provide sports training and athletic competition for persons with mental disabilities. If you are interested in learning more please visit: <http://www.soor.org>

Finance:

Message from the Finance Director: As of November 3rd the City has received current year property taxes of \$298,693 and prior year taxes of \$34,401.

Utilities

- ◆ 17 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 34 customers disconnected service from October 30th through November 5th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 87 residential and 247 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 48 or 14% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Nine residential customers (Zone 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

* Joint IAMP Meeting with County 6pm
Nov. 10th

November 10th Agenda Items:

- * BIG DEAL Grants Approval
- * Sam-O Swim Center Discussion
- * Graffiti Ordinance
- * Resolution for Connect Oregon Grant
- * New Street Closure Requirements
- * Marijuana Odor Discussion
- * City Manager RFP Review





City/County Planning Department

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council to approve the Interchange Area Management Plan, and related Development Code and Comprehensive Plan amendments, for I-84 Exits 302 and 306. A joint hearing between the City Council and Baker County Board of Commissioners will be held to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation at City Hall on **November 10th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.** Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website: <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>. Notice of the meeting was sent to over 250 property owners in the Interchange Areas.



The Planning Commission meeting for the month of November has been cancelled.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

A review of the allowed land uses was conducted for property at 2034 Auburn, in the Central Commercial (C-C) Zone.

Boards and Commissions Volunteers Needed

Baker City is looking to fill one position on the **Tree Board**. This board operates with 3 year term positions. The Tree Board has many duties, a few of these include:

- *To study, review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding the urban forestry program. The urban forest consists of vegetation within public parks and land as well as within the public right-of-way area.
- *Upon request of City Council shall consider, investigate, make findings and report upon any special matter or question within the board's scope.

If you are interested in volunteering please fill out an application online at: <http://bakercity.com/government/boards-a-commissions> or visit City Hall at 1655 1st Street.

Interested in planting a tree or maybe two yourself? In preparation for tree planting in the spring, the Baker City Public Works Department currently has grant funding available to assist property owners or renters with the cost of planting **street trees** at their property. A street tree is a tree which is generally located between the sidewalk and the street and is located within the public right-of-way.

Applications will be accepted November 1, 2015 through April 1, 2016 or until approved grant applications meet or exceed the grant funds available. Application can be found online at: <http://bakercity.com/2165/Tree-Board>





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

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- No new permits were issued this week for commercial projects.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 2603 1st Street, Baker City – 1753 sq ft utility building with 660 sq ft residential space
- 2312 14th Street, Baker City – 1004 sq ft residential space with 309 sq ft garage



Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	2	4	0	20
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	2	2
ELECTRICAL	6	2	2	12
MECHANICAL	2	2	3	10
PLUMBING	4	8	1	0
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	14	16	8	44

Historic District Design Review Commission

The Historic District Design Review Commission approved two BIG DEAL Grant applications to go before City Council for approval on November 10th for reimbursement of two projects in the Historic District.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT



During the week of October 18th - 24th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **22** emergency alarms.



FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	14
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	13
No Patient Trip	6

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

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

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

25 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company inspections
- ◆ Smoke alarm installations

- Fire / false alarm – 17th St.
- Fire / electrical – Birch St.
- Fire / false alarm – L loop

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 22 hours of in-house training:

- ◆ EMS – Chart review
- ◆ Fire – Truck operations, fireground operations



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on November 10th.



"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

✦ This past week BCPD handled over **130** incidents and opened **40** new cases. Seven of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants. Officers also investigated a death, which was determined a suicide by firearm. Also, Detective Lohner began a Measure 11 Sexual Assault investigation.

✦ **Officer Coleton Smith** returned from Florida with BCPD's new drug detection dog, Capa. They have begun what we hope to be a long and successful career together, serving our community.

✦ Chief Lohner met with staff at BMCC to talk about safety protocols and potential safety upgrades to their facility.

✦ 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 Activities:

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 6 old cases

Started 1 new case

One Court Order written for pending case

Followed up on 1 demolition permit complaint

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 new case

Closed out 1 case (dog euthanized)

Animal violations and complaints

Followed up on 1 animal complaint

Served one citation for dog at large

Followed up on 2 dog license violations

Issued 1 citation for failure to obtain a valid dog license

Parking Violations

Followed up on 3 parking complaints

Weed Complaint

1 Court Order written to abate property

Motor Vehicle Accident

Assisted with one accident

Found Property

3 found property cases

1 found item returned to owner



Quail Ridge Golf Course

With the golf season now over and winter on it's way, the Quail Ridge staff put fences and ropes around the majority of the greens on the golf course. We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy sledding, cross country skiing, etc. throughout the winter, but we ask that you please stay off the greens.



Traffic on greens compacts the snow turning it into ice which could cause severe damage to the closely mowed turf. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and hope you enjoy your time spent at Quail Ridge this winter.



Thank You!

The Tree Board would like to thank the team at the Quail Ridge Golf Course for donating approximately 50 tree water rings. These devices will further aid the Tree Board in finding helpful ways to encourage property owners to regularly water their street trees.





Public Works



This week, Blain and Tim worked on forming a curb radius at Cherry and Church.



Justin and Matt finished filling a section of the Elk Creek Pipeline previously installed. The line was filled with a strong solution of chlorinated water to disinfect it prior to placing the waterline in service.



Justin spent an afternoon this week working on the lower section of the Goodrich Creek Road making it more accessible for crews.



PUBLIC WORKS

Karl and Steve dug out a section of concrete which had settled due to a water leak on Court Street. Concrete is scheduled to be poured at this location on Friday.



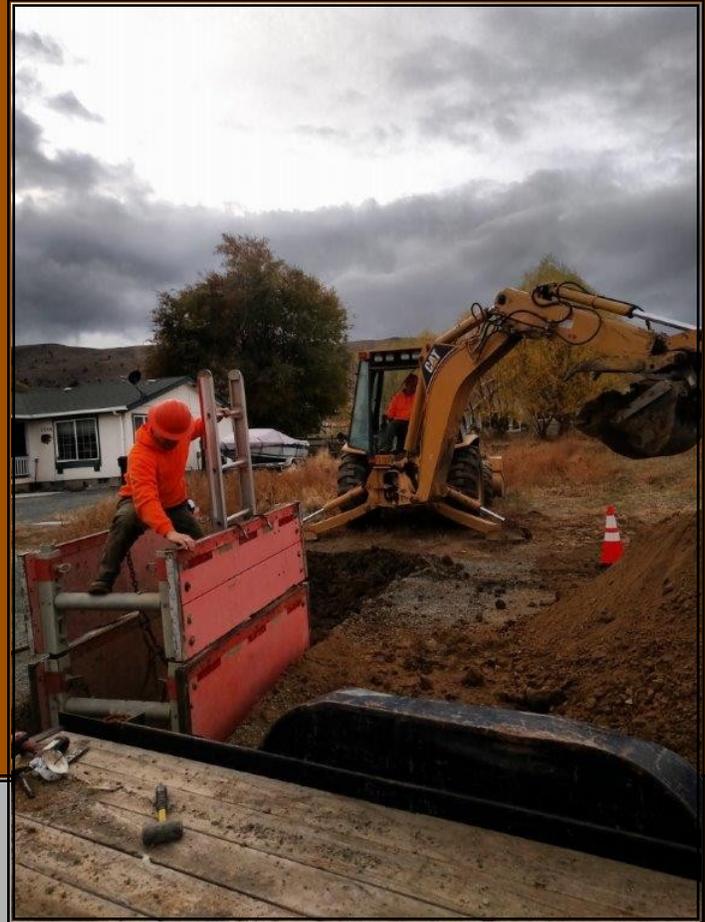
Street sweeping is ongoing each day in an effort to keep up with the falling leaves. Please remember not to sweep leaves out in the streets as the street sweeper was not manufactured for high volume.



Justin and Matt relocated a water meter on 5th Street between D & E.

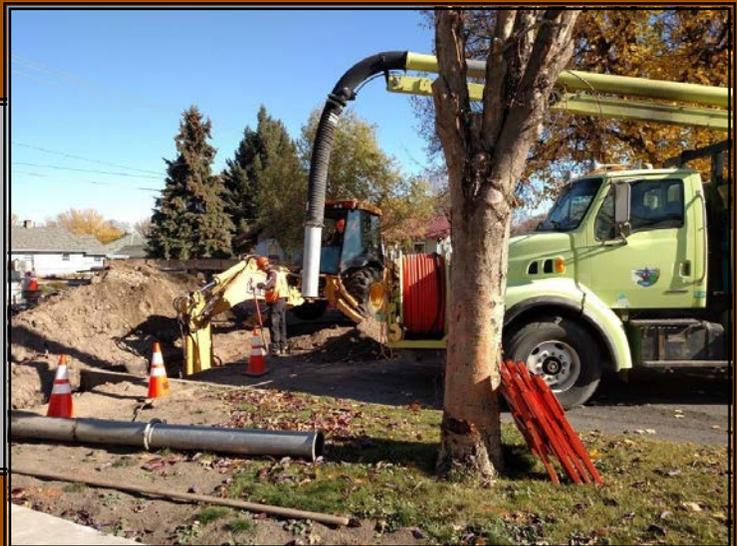


PUBLIC WORKS



A new wastewater lateral was requested on 16th Street this week. Justin and Matt installed the pipe from the mainline towards the location of the house which is soon to be built. Matt drilled the P.V.C mainline in order to attach the new lateral. After the connection onto the mainline was completed Matt climbed out of the shoring as Justin continued to operate the backhoe.

A resident on 6th Street requested that their lateral within the street right of way be replaced with new P.V.C. pipe to remedy chronic **blocking in the line.** Baker City's Vector Truck was used to hydro excavate to the existing pipe elevation.





The pool resurfacing project began this week. In order to complete this process the pool will be closed to the public, anticipating closure for the month of November.

The new admin vehicle that was purchased from Gentry Ford was prepped this week for Tommy to start taking water samples to Pendleton. Studs were put on the car and floor mats inside for bad weather.



We rebuilt the deck gun valve and the layflat hose valve. We found the electric fuel pickup pump was leaking ordered a new one and installed.



In preparation for the winter months, crews mounted the sander to one of the Public Works utility trucks.

