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City News:

City Council

Baker Loves Bikes (BLB) presented the idea to put in a bike park. They requested permission from the city to remove an old basketball/ice rink and utilize land by the dog parks and skate park. The city council approved the request. All funding and maintenance will be performed by BLB.

The council read the new ordinance for the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) to begin the process of administering the tax that is collected in city limits. The county was administering the tax for the entire county based upon an intergovernmental agreement. The city withdrew from that agreement and will take over their portion of the TLT revenue. 70% of the revenue must go to tourism related activities or infrastructure.

The turn-out to council meetings is still very low. Please consider attending a meeting and learning how a meeting proceeds. They are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. City of Baker City Facebook page posts time and place.

The fire department is hiring 4 temporary wildland firefighters under a grant for 3 months this summer.

Community Outreach Center

New Directions Northwest has opened a Community Outreach Center. The center offers several services. Health screenings and referrals, employment services, harm reductions education and supplies, assistance with Hepatitis C testing and medications, onsite support groups, skills building opportunities, resources for those experiencing houselessness. The houseless resources include food/bottles water, hygiene kits, Home in a Bag, showers and laundry services. The facility has a small, outfitted kitchen for people to cook at. There will be special events including drive thru Narcan events, Friday lunch and learn, community partner resource days, and housing navigation sessions. People needing to warm up or cool off are also welcome. Their hours are Monday – Friday 9am to 4pm, but feel free to call 24/7 541-406-4444.



UnWINEd Walk

Wine Walk Already? Yep! June 19th from 5 to 7 pm. Start at Court Plaza. This month's walk supports KBZR radio (see article in this issue). \$12 gets you a glass which is your ticket to 8 to 12 fine establishments in Downtown Baker to taste what they are serving.

Hair Cut?

Need a haircut in Baker City. Here is a list of places and phone numbers:

- A Diva Salon and Day Spa: 541-523-4118
- Last Resort Salon: 541-523-0530
- Straight Edge Tony's: 541-403-0228
- Tanglez and Toez: 541-523-9630
- Hair Haven: 541-519-6583
- Sunkissed Salon: 541-519-6659
- BC Hair Company: 541-406-8016

Art:

KBZR radio

KBZR is officially on your local radio. It's been a dream for over a year, but the tower is officially up you can tune your dial (push the buttons) to 89.9 FM and hear this local Baker City station. KBZR has been streaming at kbzr.org while purchasing and erecting a tower. Online streaming will continue. They have been hosting some live events at schools and want to continue and expand these operations. KBZR frequently has DJ classes if you are interested in hosting a show. Some of the current shows include Maxx's Time Machine, Rock n Roll Elementary School, Eclectica at 11, Honky Tonk Tuesdays, Pap Lory's Classic Rock Extravaganza, Bee Side Soul and Blue Mountain Folk and New Grass. KBZR's home is at Churchill School. Churchill school has art studios, an event space, a hostel, and apartments. They are a large part of the cultural scene in Baker City. The event space can host dinners, movies, music, comedians, dances and so much more!



Sports:

Biking and more Biking

Baker City Cycling Classic starts in Baker on June 20th and lasts for 3 days. This consists of 4 stages: 2 days of road races and 1 day of time trial out on Pocahtontas and a criterium in downtown Baker City. Get out and enjoy the cycling action, but also be aware that more cyclists will be on the roads.



Several downtown spots will have space to sit with a cool drink to watch the criterium (If I am not working at the event, I plan to be at North 7).

Free Kidz Bike Race

The YMCA is sponsoring a free kid's bike race on the 21st. Please preregister and be there at 10:30. There will be 3 age categories. For more info visit: <https://www.bakerymca.org/>.

Restaurants:

Barley Brown's is celebrating 27 years. They are having music and food on the 13th and 14th between their buildings. Come down and have some fun.

Calendar Highlights: <https://hikingbaker.com/event-calendar>

6/13, 14 Barley Brown's 27th anniversary party

6/14 Soroptimist Walk for Awareness

6/14 Baker Farmer's Market

6/14 Oregon Trail Days

6/14 Hot Dogs and Hot Rods

6/14 Splash Pad Grand Opening

6/14 Summer Kickoff

6/14 Frank Carlson Music

6/14 Will Burton Music

6/16 Self Defense class

6/17 Mini Trees W/ Morgan Stone Music at Churchill

6/17,18 Auditions for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum at EORT

6/18,19 Rastelli Circus

6/20 Ron Wyden Townhall

6/20 start of the Baker City Cycling Classic

6/20 Bingo at the Golf Course

