

# The Baker Bite

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## **City News:**

### **Planning Housing Assistance RFP**

The city received a grant to update the Development Code and Comprehensive Plan as it relates to housing. An RFP is a request for proposals. The city will conduct a selection process to invite qualified consultants/consultant firms to submit proposals for contracted services. The 3 main goals are:

1. Create Help Sheets to assist in developing housing.
2. Participate in Technical and Public meetings.
3. Suggested code amendments in compliance with OR statutes and administrative rules that may assist in helping in housing production.

Overall, they would like to make it easier to build affordable housing in Baker City.

### **Thank you**

A big thank you to Michael Russell for his hard work in bringing new ideas and initiatives to the Baker Municipal Airport. BMCC has a new drone school at BKE. Mike has worked to bring interested companies to BKE, to integrate BKE into Pendleton Airspace Range, and to collaborate with the Oregon Governor's Wildfire Advisory and Oregon Director of the USDA.

## **The Arts:**

### **Baker City Radio**

Listening to the AM/FM radio has become less common nowadays with streaming, satellite, and downloaded playlists. Now residents have the opportunity to listen to a true, based in Baker City radio station, KBZR 89.9, [https://www.kbzs.org/Baker\\_City\\_89.9\\_FM](https://www.kbzs.org/Baker_City_89.9_FM). While we have several stations serving Baker City, they are owned by parent companies located outside of Baker City. KBZR provides a platform for music, local interest and educational programming. Currently available online at KBZR.org, the station is working to erect a tower and begin broadcasting. Want to be a DJ? Broadcast Baker has a class starting October 1<sup>st</sup> that will meet Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 8pm. Email [info@kbzs.org](mailto:info@kbzs.org) for more info. Current live shows:

- Sunday: 11 am - 12 noon Eclectica at Eleven  
12 - 2pm Blue Mtn Folk & Newgrass
- Wed : 3- 6pm Rock n Roll Elementary School
- Fri: 9-11 pm The Boutique
- Sat: 10-11am Maxx's Time Machine



### **Quail Crossing Studio**

Becky Mancino Litke has a nifty art studio in Haines. She is having an open house Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. Becky and Sherri Kay Linnemeyer will be featured. Both Becky and Sherri are super active in the Baker City art community. With classes at Crossroads, frequent exhibits around town, helping the Little-Big Show and more these two inspire and support the arts in Baker City. Take a trip out to Haines, visit Becky and Sherri at Quail Crossing Studio, 645 3<sup>rd</sup> St, then stroll downtown to see the local businesses.

### **Restaurant Review:**

This week we will not feature one restaurant but you have the chance to sample most of Baker's eateries. **The Taste of Baker** happens on October 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm. Grab your tokens in advance at Ryder Brothers, Cheese Fairy, or Charley's Deli. Businesses set up downtown Baker City with tasty morsels. Walk from booth to booth and purchase treats with your tokens.

### **Hike:**

#### **Pine Creek Reservoir**

This maybe a hike, maybe not. There is a bad road all the way to the reservoir and quite ways past the reservoir, up a ridge. Depending on the capabilities of your transportation, this hike can vary. If you have a standard 4 wheel drive, then the road gets fairly impassable about 1 to 3 km shy of the reservoir. Wear good shoes as the road is very rocky. If you have an ATV you can go all the way to the end of the road. If you can make it to the end, climb the ridge and look over into Rock Creek Lake. If you qualify as a mountain goat there are several peaks around that are some of the highest in the Elkhorns of the Wallowa Whitman NF. To access the road take Pocahontas Rd from Baker to Pine Creek Lane, keep following Pine Creek Lane on into the mountains. There is a gate, just be sure to close it behind you. The road is open otherwise and may not be blocked by private property owners. There is a lot of private property so stay on the road.

<https://hikingbaker.com/hikes>

### **Business Spotlight:**

#### **Baker Food Co-op**

The Bake Food Co-op provides organic, natural and Non-GMO foods to Baker City. There is some locally sourced products available, a bulk section, alternative health remedies and more. The co-op makes fresh food as well. On First Fridays they feature a local artisan with products ranging from lotions to breads to jewelry. Check out our truly local food store. There are volunteer opportunities available to help.

### **Sports:**

#### **Home Games:**

Varsity Football 10/3 7 pm

Boys Soccer 10/1, 10/4

Girls Soccer 10/1

BMS Volleyball 10/3

### **Calendar Highlights (<https://hikingbaker.com/event-calendar>):**

10/2 Traits at Churchill

10/2 Terrific Terrariums at Jubilee

10/3 Banned Together documentary

10/4 National Public Lands Day

10/4 FFA BBQ

10/4 First Friday Art Walk

10/5 Quail Crossing Open House

10/5 Taste of Baker



### **Deaths:**

Death notices are available at the Baker City Herald with no subscription. Please consider a subscription. There are great articles being written about local happenings.

