



# NEWSLETTER

April- June 2018



## Baker City Downtown Quarterly Newsletter

This newsletter is targeted to business owners and downtown patrons to inform and excite about past and upcoming events that Baker City Downtown is hosting.

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## Events

### April

- 5th-Business After Hours Hosted by Carpet One
- 6th - First Friday Art Walk
- 19th- Wine Walk Benefiting Baker City Farmers Market

### May

- 4th- First Friday Art Walk
- 17th- Wine Walk Benefiting Baker Youth Activities Center

### June

- 1st-First Friday Art Walk
- 7th- Outdoor Movie in Central Park
- 14th-Outdoor Movie in Central Park
- 21st- Wine Walk Benefiting Soroptimist International of Baker City
- 21st-Outdoor Movie in Central Park
- 29th Baker City Cycling Classic

## Committee Updates

### Organization

- Updating our Baker City Downtown website with a map of our downtown and grant information
- **Seeking members for Baker City Downtown:** Becoming a member of Baker City Downtown offers advantages to downtown business and property owners:
  - Grant assistance
  - Downtown networking
  - Business promotion
  - Newsletter
  - Use of future downtown coordinator
  - Voting privileges in the Baker City Downtown Elections
- **Annual Meeting:** Baker City Downtown is hosting its annual meeting May 22nd at the Crossroads Carnegie Art Center. Annual meeting will begin at 6pm. All dues must be paid prior to voting.

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## Promotions

- **UnWINEd Downtown:** On the Third Thursday of each month, BCD will be hosting “UnWINEd Downtown”, a fun event that will benefit a different local charity. The next wine walk will be on April 19<sup>th</sup> and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Baker City Farmer’s Market. So, spring into action, grab some friends - let’s raise a glass and raise some funds!

## Economic Development

- **UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:** There are several upcoming grants that will be available to downtown business and property owners. Links to the applications can be found on our website.
  - Big Deal Grant
    - This grant program is administered by the Historic District Design Review Committee through the City of Baker City. Grants may be awarded for up to \$500. There is a 1:1 match requirement.
  - Certified Local Government Grant
    - Every other year the Historic District Design Review Committee applies for matching funds through the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Property owners with buildings located within the historic district can apply for these funds to be used for preservation projects, i.e. awnings, paint, windows, etc.
  - Main Street Grants
    - Diamonds in the Rough: Deadline: May 9th. Grants may be awarded for up to \$20,000. Requires a 1:1. Grant is used to restore or reconstruct the facades of buildings that have been heavily altered.
    - Revitalization Grant: Applications will be taken late 2018 and may be awarded up to \$100,000. The purpose of the program is to: acquire, rehabilitate, and construct buildings on properties in designated downtown areas statewide; and facilitate community revitalization that will lead to private investment, job creation or retention, establishing or expanding viable businesses, or creating a stronger tax base.

## Design

- Working with BCSCC and LCAC on a sign for Central Park
- Review previous plans for the Court Street Plaza and present some ideas of what we would like to see happen to the City.
- Discussing options for flowering baskets or planters downtown.
- Rob Dennis new Committee Chair

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## Economic Vitality

- Working on gathering info for a packet that would go out to new businesses in our downtown district

## Exciting Updates

- We would like to welcome several new businesses to Baker City Downtown: Off the Hook, Stirrup/Direct Hit Outlet, Crosshair Custom, Appliances & More, and the new location of the EO Regional Theater.
- A new “Ecosystem” art installation can be found at City Hall and there are two murals at Court Plaza by Megan McGuinness.
- BCD will be seeking nominations for the 2018 Main Street Awards. Some of the categories include: Outstanding Historic Renovation, Best Facade Improvement, Best Beautification Project, Outstanding Partnership and Main Street Volunteer of the Year--just to name a few. Be thinking of who you would like to nominate this year and contact BCD!

BCD Website: [Baker City Downtown](#)