



# NEWSLETTER

July-September 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

### July

- 1st- Baker City Cycling Classic (Last Day)
- 3rd- 4th of July Parade
- 6th- First Friday Art Walk
- 12th- 16th- Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally
- 19th- Wine Walk benefiting Baker City Downtown
- 21st- Miners Jubilee Parade
- 28th- Chalk it Up to Art
- Movies in Central Park (Every Thursday @ Dusk)

### August

- 3rd- First Friday Art Walk
- 4th- East/West Shrine Game Parade (window decorations for players needed)
- 16th-19th- We Like 'Em Short Film Festival
- 16th- Wine Walk benefiting The Lions Club
- 25th- Memory Cruise
- Movies in Central Park (Every Thursday @ Dusk)

### September

- 7th-First Friday Art Walk
- 8th - 15th- Cycle Oregon Classic
- 15th- Salt Lick Fundraiser
- 20th- Wine Walk benefiting Baker County YMCA

## Committee Updates

### Organization

- **Introducing New Board Members:** Rob Dennis, Carol Phillips, Kari Bachman, and Jay Wilson. Thank you for your commitment to our Baker City Downtown.
- **Outgoing Board Members:** Thank you Beverly Calder and Rick Stout
- **New Members:** Rob Dennis, Vision Wealth Management, Charley's Deli & Ice Cream, Cody's General Store, Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Debbie Does..., Elkhorn Embroidery, Hatch Baker, Latitude 45 Grille, Sweet Wife

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Baking, Haskell Building, LLC, Barley Brown's Beer—Brewery and Taphouse, Barley Brown's Brew Pub, Geiser Grande, Simonski-Davis, LLC

- **Become a Member:** [Membership Application](#)

## Promotions

- **Hell's Canyon Motorcycle Rally (July 13th-16th):** A sub-committee was formed to work with future organizers to ensure that there is more collaboration and communication between event organizers and downtown businesses. This sub-committee will also be working with city officials to set up guidelines for all events held downtown. For more information, please contact Rob Dennis @ 541.519.2379
- **UnWINEd Downtown (every Third Thursday from 5pm-8pm):** 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 July 19<sup>th</sup> and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Baker City Downtown. Proceeds will be used to help with marketing costs and upcoming downtown events. If you would like to sign up for the next Wine Walk, please contact Tori Brown @ [tori@barleybrowns.com](mailto:tori@barleybrowns.com).
- **Miner's Jubilee Sidewalk Fair (July 20th-July 21st):** Downtown businesses and property owners are asked to activate their storefronts by joining us for a Sidewalk Fair during Friday and Saturday of Miners Jubilee from 8am-4pm! The Sidewalk Fair can be a sale, a fundraiser for a local charity, or anything creative to get people out and walking around our downtown! Please sign up by July 11th by emailing [bakercitydowntown@gmail.com](mailto:bakercitydowntown@gmail.com) and let us know what you are planning to do!
- **Bicycle Rides NW (July 24th-July 26th):** A group of 300+ riders will be visiting Baker City for Bicycle Rides NW. Although they will be staying at the Fairgrounds, organizers would like to promote out downtown area as a place to shop, dine, and unwind. For more information about this event, please attend the next Promotions Committee meeting on July 2nd at 5:30pm at Hatch or contact Rob Dennis @ 541.519.2379.

## 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.

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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.
  - [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.
- ★ Look on the [Baker City Downtown Website](#) for further grant opportunities. If you know of any other grants that can benefit Baker City Downtown please let us know so we can spread the word.

## Design

- **Planning some Beautification?:** Contact The Historic District Design Review Committee, Commonly known as HDDRC. This committee is appointed by the City Council for their expertise and interested in historic rehabilitation. This committee is tasked with reviewing proposed changes to buildings within the Historic District (whether they are historic buildings or not). The Historic District is a 14 square block section of downtown Baker City generally bounded by Baker Street to the North, Resort Street on the East, Auburn Street on the South and the alley between First and Second on the West. If you plan on making changes to your building, for example, paint, signage, etc. you must contact the Historic District Design Review Committee. For additional information, please contact the Permit Technician in the Building Department at 541-524-2054.

## Exciting Updates

- We would like to welcome several new businesses to Baker City Downtown: The Trailhead, The Cheese Fairy, Pressworks, Royal Artisan & Silk Butters & Beauty Barrel.
- Congratulations to Baker City Herald and Casa on their new locations.
- A new art installation, Damhsa Geoiméadrach, can be found outside of the U.S. Bank Building.

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- **Beautify Baker:** A group of volunteers working to keep weeds and debris cleaned up along the City's right of ways (12 zones). Julee Hicks has graciously adopted the downtown corridor. If you or someone you know needs help cleaning up a portion of downtown or you want to help volunteer for this amazing group, please contact Julee @ 523-5460.
  - If there are any new businesses, change of ownership, or location changes. Please email [bakercitydowntown@gmail.com](mailto:bakercitydowntown@gmail.com) to share the exciting news!!

BCD Website: [Baker City Downtown](#)