

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update July 5, 2019*

## **Administration:**

Old West Federal Credit Union in Baker City had an unveiling of an art piece in front of their building on Broadway Street this week. The display is of a large branding iron with their logo and is dedicated to the agriculture industry. They specifically dedicated the piece to Lew Robbins, who was a long time agriculture and FFA Advisor for many years. The sculpture was created by the Baker FFA Chapter with many of the materials donated by local businesses. Drop by and look at this wonderful addition to our business core.

Our new interim Police Chief was sworn in on Monday. Join me in welcoming Ray Duman as our new leader of the Police Department. He joins the force as we get ready for the many events that are scheduled for the summer.

### **City Council Agenda**

#### **July 9th**

- AFSCME Contract
- PriorityONE Contract
- Samo Swim Center Contract
- Parking Resolution
- Grant Resolution
- Grant Funding



Starting on July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally gets underway, followed the next weekend by the Miners Jubilee.

Enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and festivities.



## **Planning Department:**

### **Public Meetings**

The next regular Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for July 17, 2019, at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

**Work Session:** A public work session for the potential updates to the Development Code and the economic section of the Baker City Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Copies of the work session materials will be available for inspection on or before July 10, 2019, at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. All materials can be viewed for no cost, or provided at a reasonable cost; digital versions can be e-mailed for free. Comments on the proposal may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. If you have questions, please contact the Planning Department at [planning@bakercounty.org](mailto:planning@bakercounty.org) or 541-523-8219.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	10	5	7
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	9	4	11	4
Mechanical	6	6	5	5
Plumbing	0	2	3	1
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 32127 Rice Road, Unity—addition
- 36569 Snake River Road, Huntington—deck addition
- 247 Church Street, Halfway—new garage
- 255 Manilla Street, Sumpter—new residence
- 17319 Wingville Road, Baker City—residential demolition

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 3325 Pocahontas, Baker City—addition/alteration to the fire sprinkler system
- 250 Campbell Street, Baker City—restoration of fire suppression system
- 2990 D Street, Baker City—bus barn roof addition/replacement/repair

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 10, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.





The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 28th through June 3rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **40** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	26
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	8
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>31</b>



Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	2
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	3
Dispatched Alarms	6
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>9</b>

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	13
Persons Arrived for Cover	5

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **22 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **8 hrs** of Fire Training
- **16 hrs** of EMS Training
- **8** Burn Permits Issued
- **12 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on July 9th.





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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- ✪ During the previous week, BCPD handled over 215 incidents and opened 47 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ Interim Chief Ray Duman was sworn in as acting Chief of Police for Baker City. Chief Duman is a Baker City resident with 25 years of experience working for Oregon State Police in a variety of administrative and supervisory roles. Please join us in welcoming him to the Department.
- ✪ COPs (Citizens on Patrol), during the Baker City Cycling Classic, assisted with escorting pelotons of bicyclists from Baker High School out Highway 30 during the first day of racing and again for the Anthony Lakes Tour d'Horn stage, held on the last day of racing.
- ✪ Gun locks are available upon request from the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue. These locks, donated courtesy of Project ChildSafe, are available during regular business hours. Please note, the lobby is closed during the lunch hour. More information about Project ChildSafe can be found at <https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>.
- ✪ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various Officer Safety topics.



## **Code Enforcement Weekly Activity**

### **Property Maintenance**

- Investigated twenty complaints
- One joint inspection with the Fire Department
- Issued one citation
- Opened eight cases
- Responded to ten preventative contacts

### **Animal violations and complaints**

- Impounded seven dogs
- Responded to eight dogs running at large
- Responded to seven other animal complaints
- Issued one citation

### **Parking violations**

- Followed-up on nine complaints
- Orange tagged three vehicles
- Issued two citations
- Responded to nineteen parking complaints

### **Miscellaneous**

- Assisted in eight weed complaints
- Four community service stops
- Responded to thirty contacts within the community



### Public Works: Watershed



Scott and some of the summer crew have been repairing broken fence lines around the watersheds.

Left: Snowpack around Goodrich Reservoir has diminished considerably, however the reservoir is full (right).



Left: While going to the top of Marble Creek Pass to check on the fence condition, it was obvious there is still a drift blocking the road.

### Public Works: Watershed Pipeline Project

The first truckload of ductile iron pipe arrived at the Elk Creek staging area and was offloaded Monday morning. Craig put out some signage to direct the drivers who are unfamiliar with the area.



A tarp system was used to protect the pipe while in transit.

Each piece of pipe was inspected for damage before unloading.



Justin and Scott unloaded the first trucks. Each piece of pipe weighs approximately 1,890 pounds. Justin used the Volvo loader to perform the work.





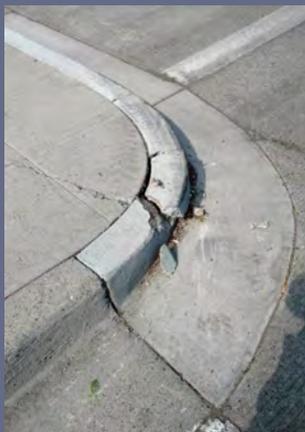
## Public Works: Streets Department



Several members from Public works have been involved in crack filling the streets this summer. Jake and Riley, along with summer workers Cayn, Dylan, Caden, Hunter and Zach have all taken turns filling in cracks on Baker City streets. Here they are working to fill cracks on "D" Street between College and 10th Street.



The Public Works department completed the preliminary work on the Washington Street project. There is still water line work and street patching to be done. Blain and Riley performed an emergency water project further east on Washington Street. Kris constructed a short section of concrete on the Washington Street bridge as part of that project.



Left: It was reported that a curb had been broken at the northwest corner of Court and Main Streets, most likely caused by someone driving over it. It is scheduled to be repaired early next week.

Right: A truck hauling dust abatement liquid leaked product onto Campbell and Main Streets this week. Public Works worked with ODOT to clean up the material.





## Public Works: Water Department



Left: Tom responded to a water leak on Baker Street. Water was coming up out of the ground about 50 feet beyond the meter. The meter was promptly turned off.



Right: A resident was without water this week because their line running from the meter to the house had developed a leak. As soon as Public Works became aware of the problem, an emergency locate was called in and the meter was re-located to its proper position in front of the house being served.



Blain and Riley installed the water line and a plumber is set to install the new line running between the meter and the house.

Right: Hydrant Flushing continued this week.

Left: Weeds are cut around the hydrants and date is entered electronically into a handheld computer.



## Public Works: Wastewater Department



Baker City Public Works has been assisting the City of Sumpter by providing them advice on their wastewater treatment system, and helping them with replacement parts.

Left: A broken fire hydrant stem connect and its replacement.

Right: A Romac solid sleeve repair clamp.



Left: A large tree fell across the Powder River nearly blocking the entire river. Public Works promptly removed the hazard.



Right: Baker City has a handful of lines requiring cleaning more frequently. Here Karl is cleaning under Clifford Street that runs north to Washington Street.





### Public Works: Wastewater Department continued



The crew of Karl and Rick returned to Unity and proceeded to cut the roots from inside their 8” wastewater collection mainline.

Once cleaned out, the mainline showed a major offset in the pipe connection which will need repairs in the future.



### Public Works: Shop

We finished the repairs to the airport’s fuel truck and it is back in action.



After replacing this truck’s ignition, it is back in service.

This truck had the shift linkage break. Parts have been ordered and we should have it back together next week.



The heater hose started leaking on this piece of equipment. We brought it to the shop and made the necessary repairs.