

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update October 4, 2019*

## **Administration:**

Baker City received a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for our all access playground at Geiser Pollman Park. This is the final piece of the fundraising for this effort. The Parks Department will be working to put together the criteria for the playground and will begin to hold public meetings to find out what our citizens vision for this project will be. The Parks Board has worked hard on this project and we hope to break ground in the Spring.

Today is First Friday in downtown Baker City. Many of the businesses will be open late so come on down and enjoy the fall weather. Don't forget that tomorrow is the "Taste of Baker" from 4-7 pm. Main Street will be closed for this event so walk on down with your tokens and enjoy some really great food and drink. Have a fantastic weekend.

## **Planning Department:**

### **Public Meetings**

The next Planning Commission meeting is set for October 16, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider:

- ◆ A Conditional Use Permit application for a ±70-foot-tall wireless communication tower (cell tower) within the 1400 Block of D Street (the property does not have an assigned address at this time).
- ◆ A Variance application for the minimum lot size standard for a single-family dwelling at 1855 Ash Street.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and submit testimony, either in writing or orally at the hearing. Only comments on the relevant approval criteria are considered evidence. Contact the Planning Department for information about approval criteria.

### **Land Use Applications**

- ◆ An application has been approved for a pub house, event space, nano-brewery, and short-term vacation rental at 1790 Washington Avenue. Notice of the approval has been sent to nearby landowners. The comment period is open until 5:00 pm on October 15, 2019.
- ◆ An application for a new single-family dwelling was approved at 725 L Loop in the Residential Low-Density Zone.
- ◆ An application to construct two residential additions was approved at 801 Broadway Avenue in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ An application to construct a residential addition was approved at 1720 4<sup>th</sup> Street, located in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.



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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- ★ During the previous week, BCPD responded to over 147 incidents and opened 25 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in a scenario-based two day Active Shooter Training that took place at Brooklyn Elementary School. Baker City Police, Baker County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police participated in the training alongside members of Union and Umatilla counties as well as dispatchers, EMTs and paramedics from the Baker City Fire Department. This training was brought to Baker City by trainers from Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and featured community members, including students, acting as role play members during the scenarios which made the training more realistic. Additional information regarding this training can be found in an article published by the Baker City Herald: [https://www.bakercityherald.com/news/local/police-preparation/article\\_5679df1a-e533-11e9-a462-dffa01fac371.html](https://www.bakercityherald.com/news/local/police-preparation/article_5679df1a-e533-11e9-a462-dffa01fac371.html).
- ★ BCPD welcomed Lieutenant Ty DUBY who was sworn in this past week. Lt. DUBY, who recently retired from the Oregon State Police, has over 25 years' experience in law enforcement and is a Baker City native. Please join us in welcoming Lt. DUBY to our ranks.
- ★ 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**

### **Property Maintenance:**

- Followed up on 4 previous complaints
- Responded to 5 new complaints
- 2 Preventative contacts
- Opened 2 cases
- Followed up on 4 pre-citation weed complaints
- Issued 1 weed citation

### **Parking Violations and Complaints:**

- Responded to 13 complaints
- Followed up on 5 previous complaints
- Issued 7 citations
- Issued 2 written warnings
- Orange-tagged 3 vehicles
- Responded to 3 camping complaints

### **Miscellaneous:**

- 3 Found items
- 2 Community service stops
- 17 Miscellaneous community contacts
- 1 Park check
- 1 Traffic assist
- Responded to 2 noise complaints
- Followed up on 1 burn complaint

### **Animal Violations and Complaints:**

- Impounded 2 dogs
- 6 Animal at large calls
- 3 Animal welfare checks



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of September 24th through September 30th the Fire Department responded to a total of **38** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	23
Rural Calls	10
Patient Transported	26
No Patient Trip	7
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>33</b>

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	4
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>5</b>

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	8
Persons Arrived for Cover	8

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

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

- **39 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **104 hrs** of Fire Training
- **8 hrs** of EMS Training
- **10 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **2** Burn Permits Issued



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on October 8.



# Fire Prevention week is back!

## October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>

**Kids fire hose challenge!!**

**Kids obstacle course with hose carry and rescue!!**

The Baker City Fire Department is doing something special this year that you won't want to miss! We will be having a Fire Station Open House with tons of Fun for the Kids and Adults! Learn a little about the exciting stuff we get to do every day.

**Hot Dogs and Chips!**

**What:** Fire Station Open House

**When:** October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm

**Where:** Baker City Fire Station

1616 2nd Street, Baker City

**Auto extrication demo at 1:30 & 3:30**

**Antique fire trucks!**

**Come learn about fire safety and have some fun!**

Not every hero wears a cape.  
**PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!**<sup>TM</sup>  
firepreventionweek.org



### **Boards, Commissions and Committees:**

**The City of Baker City is seeking volunteers for the following:**

- ⇒ Tree Board—3 positions available
- ⇒ Public Works Advisory Committee—2 positions available
- ⇒ Historic District Design Review Commission—1 position available

Most positions are for a 3-year term. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email [admin@bakercity.com](mailto:admin@bakercity.com) or call 524-2033 for more information.

The direct link to the volunteer form page is: <http://bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>



## Public Works: Street Department



Tommy and Nate worked to raise manhole tops, water valve tops and monument boxes on the Washington Street overlay project. The last remaining concrete pours will be completed this week.

Matt also performed sweeping duties as the leaves are starting to fall.



## Public Works: Goodrich Reservoir



Winter-like weather was the theme at the beginning of the week at Goodrich Reservoir. The crew of Justin, Blain and Brian worked on the Goodrich Reservoir repair work most of the week. 40" of 48" squash pipe was hauled to the site and installed to protect the outlet discharge point.



The pipe was carefully placed against the sharp crested weir located under the steel plates. The next 2 20' lengths were banded together and covered with appropriate fill material.



The next step was to construct a retaining wall using Eco-blocks and a geo-textile mesh fabric.



Blocks were stacked with a layer of fabric between each horizontal layer. Existing seepage drain lines were plumbed together with the outlet of the hose ending near the west end of the new retaining wall.

Justin, Blain and Brian looked over the project one final time before winter settles in.



After completing the work, the crew worked to widen some of the more dangerous sections of Pipeline Road.





### Public Works: Lagoon Facility



Water fowl continue to take advantage of the warm and nutrient rich water at the Lagoon facility. All the liquid which flowed inside the 36" concrete piping was successfully pumped into pond "A".

Influent has been stored for over a month as the wastewater was going through an algae bloom cycle.

Treatment and effluent discharge is planned to resume in early October.



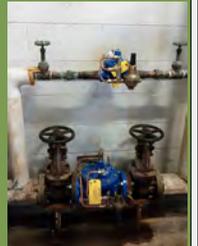
### Public Works: Sam-O Swim Pool



Rick and Kris have been performing repairs and upgrades at the Sam-O Pool over the past several weeks. The pool was completely drained, scrubbed and thoroughly cleaned. Testing was performed and repairs were made.



Here is a picture of one of the old valves and below one of the newly installed valves.



Here you see the pool filling, and almost at full.



### Public Works: Shop



This week, we performed service work on two fire-trucks and worked to resolve electrical problems in one of the ambulances. We also performed many other repairs and maintenance tasks.

