

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 24, 2020

Administration:

The nation continues to struggle with the COVID-19 outbreak. Baker County continues to have a few positive cases. The City is continuing to try to get the latest information to our local businesses so that they can keep abreast of the everchanging regulations and guidelines that protect their employees, customers and our citizens. We met this week with a few restaurant owners and public health officials to try to get a handle on the issues facing these businesses and try to come up with a fact sheet that clarifies some of the issues surrounding potential contacts with COVID-19 positive individuals that could happen as we move through this pandemic.

As the pandemic continues, it is important for all individuals and businesses to keep checking the Baker County COVID-19 Website to see the most up to date information as well as the different resources that are available to help people effected by the closures, loss of income and business interruptions.

The summer weather appears to be here to stay. Next week looks like it could be really hot. Keep hydrated, maintain the social distancing and stay safe.

City Council Agenda

July 28th

- Public Arts Commission Appt
- Certification of Primary Election Results
- Filing Fee Ordinance
- Brooklyn School Parking Modification
- FAA Grant Agreement

For COVID-19 Updates: www.bakercountycovid19.com

Have you ever considered being on City Council?

The Baker City Council will have six positions on the November ballot.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the City Recorder, Katie LaFavor at klafavor@bakercity.com, or at 541-524-2033.

Applications are being accepted now through August 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

You can find the application and other related information on our website:

<http://bakercity.com/2248/City-Council-Elections>



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	16	6	5
Manufactured Dwelling	0	1	1	0
Electrical	3	4	6	7
Mechanical	5	2	3	8
Plumbing	3	1	0	4
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	24	16	24

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 960 E Street, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 43914 Running Iron Road, Baker City—New residence
- 43132 Sunnyslope Road, Halfway—Addition
- 39608 Golden Chariot Road, Sumpter—New residence
- 363 Columbia Street, Sumpter—Detached accessory structure

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 49893 Copperfield Road, Oxbow—Addition to guest house
- 290 Main Street, Halfway—Sign

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is **August 5, 2020 at 8am** in the Building Department offices

Finance Department:

Utilities

- Nineteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and fifteen customers disconnected service from July 10th thru July 23rd. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 6 which includes 486 residential and 63 commercial accounts was billed July 13th. Of those accounts 121 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 45 (8%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 3 which includes 501 residential and 53 commercial accounts was billed July 17th. Of those accounts 116 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 34 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 7 which includes 565 residential and 29 commercial accounts was billed July 21st. Of those accounts 168 (28%) are signed up for direct payment and 29 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 4 which includes 737 residential and 65 commercial accounts was billed today. Of those accounts 211 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 65 (8%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Over the past two weeks fifty-seven residential customers (Zones 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Of those fifty-seven, six were actually turned off and have now paid their past due and had their service reinstated.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

★ Lt. Duby issued this press release to share some tips and thank everyone for their support:

On behalf of all the employees at the Baker City Police Department we wish everyone a healthy and happy summer. We wanted to take a moment to address the citizens and visitors of Baker City.

First, we wanted to thank everyone for the outpouring of support our agency and law enforcement in general, has seen from the citizens of Baker County during these interesting times. I want to assure the public that we strive each and every day to serve with compassion, integrity and fairness to all. We are constantly working with our community partners and other law enforcement agencies to address the needs of our community and the evolving nature of how we do our job. I sincerely believe that each and every employee at Baker City Police Department is doing this job because they have a sincere desire to make our community a safe place to reside and visit. We all have families and are proud to call Baker City home. Our mission statement reads as: The mission of the Baker City Police Department is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services.

Along with summer comes increased activity in our calls for service. As of this statement we are already at 4,767 calls for service. Here are some tips to assist you in not being a victim.

1: THEFT/BURGLARY – Lock your vehicles, especially at night. Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle, especially firearms. Invest in a good bicycle lock and use it. Bicycle theft is a problem. Register your bicycle at Baker City Police Department. Lock your house and valuables around your house. Consider investing in some sort of a security camera system for your business and home. Most theft cases go unsolved. If you have cameras the percentage of solving the case goes up immensely. Secure doors and windows of homes, businesses and buildings. Most thefts/burglaries occur due to the simple fact that the opportunity presents itself.

Consider photographing serial numbers or marking items such as tools with identifying marks. If your do not have serial numbers, photos or other identifying information very likely it will never get recovered.

2: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – Keep Baker City beautiful and maintain your property. Cut grass and weeds. Keep clutter and junk, including old cars and trailers to a minimum. Utilize off street parking for trailers when possible. Refer to City Ordinances for code that apply.

3: PETS: - Dogs within the city limits are required to be registered with the City of Baker City. It is done at Baker City Hall, Water Department. No person is allowed to have over 4 dogs without special permits. Dogs are required to be on a leash when out and about. Constant barking is a violation, be respectful of your neighbors.

4: DRUG CRIMES – I am very proud of the fact that Baker City Police Department and the Baker County Sheriff's Office with support from the Oregon State Police and the Baker County District Attorney's Office have made a commitment to support the Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team. Most major crimes as well as property crimes have a strong nexus to illegal drug use and sales. Having an active narcotics team enhances overall cooperation between agencies as well as intelligence gathering and plays a huge role in crime solvency rates.

If you have questions about cameras or how to best secure your property/belongings feel free to reach out to us. Again, thanks for all the support. Have a fabulous remainder of your summer!

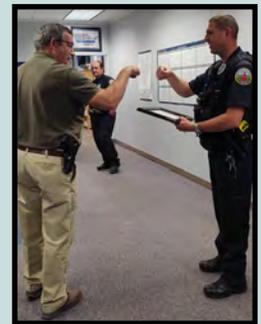


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POLICE DEPARTMENT continued

- ✪ During a particularly busy week, BCPD opened 53 new cases and responded to 192 calls for service. Summer is in full swing and there are a few things BCPD would like citizens and visitors to know to help make this time a positive experience for everyone.
- ✪ Officer Mark Powell, upon successful completion of Field Training, applied for and has been granted his Basic Certification by the Oregon Department of Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). Congratulations Officer Powell!
- ✪ Face coverings, shields and/or masks are required in the front entrance of the Baker City Police Department, which is open to the public. This policy is in response to Governor Kate Brown's order requiring face coverings be worn in public indoor spaces by anyone 5 years of age and older.



Weed Complaint and Abatement

Weed Complaints or yard maintenance concerns should be reported to the Fire Department

at 541-523-3711 x 508 or emailed to sclinkenbeard@bakercity.com

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Responded to seven new complaints
- Followed up on nine previous complaints
- Made seven preventative contacts

Animal violations and complaints

- Responded to six animals running at large
- Followed up on three previous complaints
- Impounded two dogs
- One animal welfare check
- Followed up on two barking complaints

Parking violations

- Issued one orange tag
- Responded to nine new complaints
- Followed up on seven previous complaints
- Issued one written warnings

Miscellaneous

- Twenty-four miscellaneous community contacts
- Two community service stops
- One officer assist
- FIVE FOUND ITEMS



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 14th through July 20th the Fire Department responded to a total of **25** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	20	Request for Cover	11	General Alarms	1
Rural Calls	2	Arrived for Cover	5	Dispatched Alarms	2
Patient Transported	17			TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3
No Patient Trip	5				

TOTAL MEDIC	22
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Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	3
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **44 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **1 hr** Fire Prevention Inspections
- **42 hrs** of Fire Training
- **6 hrs** of EMS Training
- **3** Burn Permits Issued

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fire Department is **POSTPONING** the free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.

We will resume once social distancing is not required.





Public Works: Shop



Right: We installed a diesel tank and pump so we can fuel equipment on the mountain line.



Left: We added new flashing hazard lights to the front bumper.



This rig got new brakes, a tune up and safety check

We installed the new lower right water tank.

We replaced a broken hydraulic hose and serviced this rig

Public Works: Mountain Line Project



Work on the Elk Creek to Salmon Creek Pipeline continued this week. All of the pipe has been delivered from the manufacturer to the staging site

All of this pipe is expected to be moved several miles and strategically placed near where it will be installed later this summer/fall.

Here is a video made by the pipe manufacturer of our "little project":

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/a2wt9jrg3qeho7b/2160p.mov?dl=0>





Public Works: Wastewater Department



The discharge of treated effluent from the Wastewater Treatment Facility ceased this week. The chlorine contact chamber was thoroughly cleaned and prepared for when conditions improve and discharge begins again.

Public Works: Street Department

Public Works crews hauled asphalt from LaGrande to patch streets on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Several wastewater and water line installation patches were completed along with rutted areas and potholes on Reservoir Road.



Here the crew is working to patch 10th Street on the truck route where two wastewater laterals were installed for a new duplex.



On Reservoir Road, a structural fabric called glass grid was used to help keep the thin chipseal surface from continuing to crack and form potholes. Once the area is premeasured, the fabric was peeled from a roll and cut to size. It was then placed over fresh tack oil and pressed onto the surface. It was then covered with fresh, hot asphalt and compacted with a steel wheel roller.





Public Works: Street Department continued



The alley approach was completed on "A" Street between 10th and 11th this week. It will be opened to traffic once the concrete has cured. Here is a before and after.



A new low curb was constructed on "C" Street between 10th and 11th Streets. A Huge 3,500 pound concrete block was placed behind the curb to prevent it from moving while the hot asphalt was being placed next to it. Normally asphalt is patched after the ramp is complete, but in this case it was patched first for efficiency.



ODOT installed bright reflective borders around some of the traffic signal lights.



Several streets in town were crackfilled and mastic patched this week.

Here the crew is working on Cherry Street.



There are many regulatory control signs in Baker City which are obstructed by tree foliage. It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain trees within the street right of way.





Public Works: All Inclusive Playground



After 21 LONG months, our All-Inclusive Playground is open! We are so thankful for all of the individuals, organizations, and businesses who helped to make this dream a reality. Without all of your support this wonderful addition to our parks system would have not been possible.

This playground enables children, and adults, of all ages and abilities to play together, learn about one another and interact in a fun environment.

