

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail.
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Weekly Update June 1, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

Memorial Weekend is behind us and this means the tourist season is in full swing. This weekend brings the graduation ceremony for Baker High School on Sunday. Friday night will be the First Friday celebration in downtown Baker City with many businesses open late and the weather is predicted to be heating up. Come on downtown and enjoy the evening. We'd also like to congratulate Barley Brown's as they celebrate 20 years of business in Baker City!

On Saturday, the "Run to the Ruts", a 10K run or 5K walk will be held up at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center starting at 8:30 am. All proceeds will go to the Trail Tender organization. It is also a free day at the Center so come out and cheer on the runners and then take time to enjoy the many exhibits.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have been working to beautify the main corridors into our City. The results are amazing and the group is continuing their efforts. Have a great weekend.

City Council

Agenda

June 12th

- Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.610 (2)(i) 6:30 pm
- Ordinance Prohibiting Feeding the Deer
- Judge Williams Presentation
- Task Order for TO Engineers
- No Parking Resolution for Baker City Cycling Classic

Finance:

Finance Director: Yesterday we celebrated Marydee Rea's retirement from the City. Marydee has worked in the Finance Department since September 15, 1987—over 30 years! Congratulations and best wishes to Marydee.

Utilities

- ◆ Zone 8 was billed on the 29th and included 472 residential and 19 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 101 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 13 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Two customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and six customers disconnected service from May 25th thru May 31st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Nineteen customers (Zones 3 and 8) were scheduled to have their services disconnected for non-pay. Four customers had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.



LID Billings: LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 2.8%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date. Three 2004 Birch Street LIDs were billed May 30th. The original assessment in 2004 for Birch Street improvements included four property owners for a total of \$90,416. The remaining balance outstanding is \$21,442.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	12	3	12
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	9	11	5	11
Mechanical	1	1	1	0
Plumbing	0	6	0	2
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	11	30	9	25

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

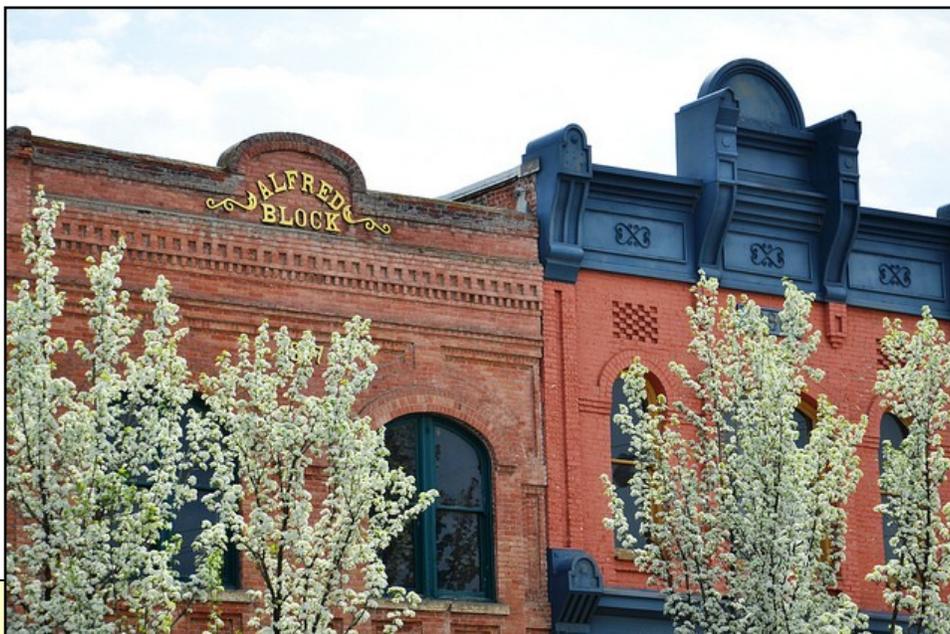
- 19411 Taggert Lane, Baker City— Detached accessory structure.
- 41818 Washington Gulch Road, Baker City—Home addition/repair.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 190 W Washington Street, Huntington—Coffee kiosk installation.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 13th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Notice of grant opportunity for structures in the Historic District: Every two years, due to our City’s status as a “Certified Local Government”, we have the opportunity to award funds to property owners for repair/maintenance on historic properties. This is a matching grant opportunity with specific guidelines, and the application window is now open.



For more information, please visit the Baker City website, and go to the Historic District Design Review Committee page. You are also welcome to join us at any HDDRC meeting, or call the Building Dept. at 541-524-2054.



Planning Department:

On June 20, 2018, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider five applications:

- ◆ VAC-18-043: A petition filed by Baker County to vacate a ±10-foot-wide by ±375-foot-long portion of F Street immediately abutting property addressed as 3050 F Street, also identified as Tax Lot 700 of Map 09s40e17ba. The abutting property is located in the Industrial (I) Zone and owned by Baker County.
- ◆ Four applications have been filed by Brian & Corrine Vetger on behalf of Churchill Baker, LLC for property located at 3451 Broadway Avenue. The property is also identified as Tax Lot 3101 of Assessor's Map 09s40e17cc (Ref. 17934) and is located in the Medium-Density Residential (R-MD) Zone.
 - HOP-18-049: A request for approval of a Home Occupation Permit to operate a personal art studio in an existing structure (Churchill School). The application also requests approval to create and lease ±13 art studio spaces in the same structure.
 - SDR-18-050: A request for Site Design Review approval for use of a portion of the existing structure (Churchill School) as two residences.
 - CUP-18-051: A request for a Conditional Use Permit to convert a portion of an existing structure (Churchill School) into a community event center, as well as permission to use a portion of the existing structure as a short-term vacation rental and a bike hostel.
 - VAR-18-052: A request for a variance to the maximum number of guests that can stay at a "Bed and Breakfast" at any one time. The Baker City Development Code limits this number to eight (8). The applicant is requesting a variance to allow a maximum of twenty (20) guests for special events, which are anticipated to occur 2-3 times per year.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application was submitted for a drive through espresso trailer at 515 Campbell Street in the Commercial-General (C-G) zone. Notices were mailed to nearby property owners, and a notice was posted at the property. Comments on the application can be submitted until June 7. Once the comment period is complete, the Planning Department will issue a decision on the application.
- ◆ An application request was submitted to partition a ±0.77-acre parcel into three parcels. The property is described as Tax Lot 6700 on Baker County Assessor's Map 09s40e20dc (Ref. 3907) and is in the Residential Medium-Density (RM-D) Zone. Notices were mailed to nearby property owners, and a notice was posted at the property. Comments on the application can be submitted until June 7. Once the comment period is complete, the Planning Department will issue a decision on the application.
- ◆ An application for the use of a travel trailer as a temporary residence was approved at 3451 Broadway Avenue.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 22nd through May 28th the Fire Department responded to a total of **27** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

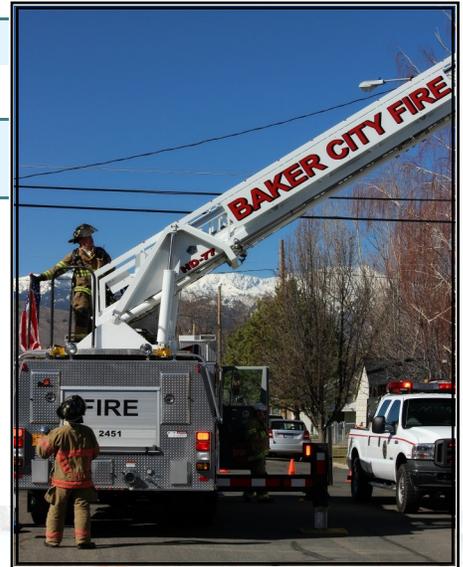
City Calls	19
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 25

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



Balm Street: CO Alarm

Washington Avenue: Brush Fire.



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



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	6
Persons Arrived for Cover	6
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 49 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 50 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- 6 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections



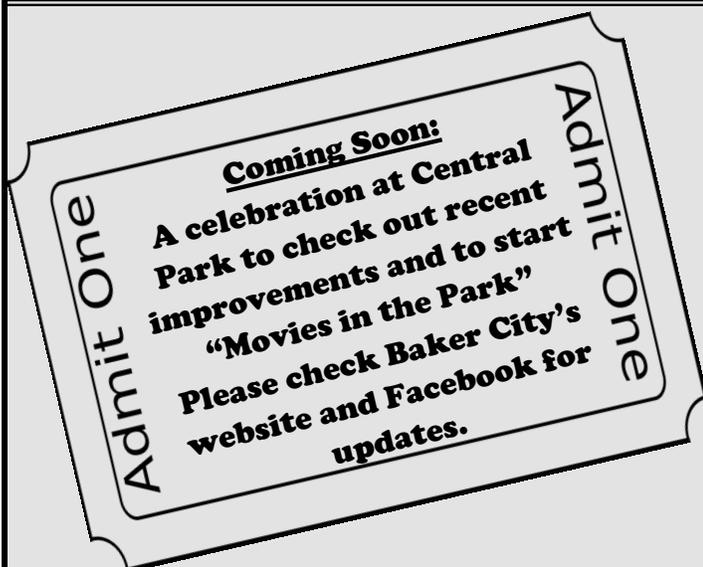
The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on June 5th.



"The mission of the Baker City Police 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."

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ BCPD handled over 168 incidents and opened 38 new cases this past week. One case involved the arrest of a suspect on charges that he sexually abused a seven-year-old girl who is known to him. The suspect was charged with first-degree unlawful sexual penetration, first-degree sexual abuse and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor.
- ✪ The Baker City Police Department has recently seen a sharp increase in reported bicycle thefts. Bicycle thefts, especially of unsecured bicycles, are rampant and expected to continue to rise with the warmer temperatures. Help protect your bicycle from theft by registering your bicycle, locking it in a secured location (not visible from the street and/or alleyway) or inside a garage or other such secure location. Bicycle licenses are available from the Police Department during normal business hours and are free of charge. By registering your bicycle, the information provided (owner name, bicycle description, serial number) will allow dispatch the ability to contact you much faster should your bicycle be lost or stolen and is recovered. More information regarding bicycle licensing is available by calling 541-524-2014.
- ✪ BCPD staff assisted in the administration of the ORPAT (Oregon Physical Abilities Test) and the National POST (Police Officer Selection Test) written test given to potential applicants who have applied for the position of police officer.
- ✪ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.
- ✪ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.





Public Works: Announcements



Memorial Day was observed on Monday to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Pictured left, a proud local Veteran, who served in World War II, is flying a flag in honor of those that didn't make it home alive.

Sometimes you just need to look up to remember why we all choose to live in Eastern Oregon!

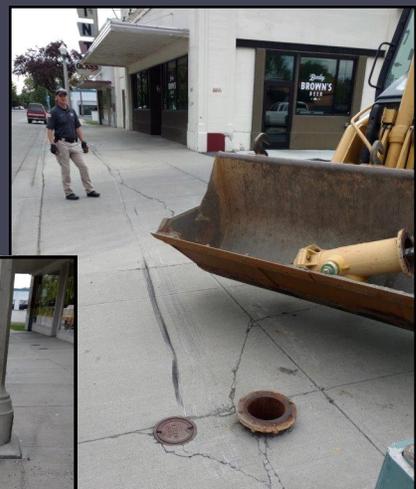


Public Works: Street Department

A motorist hit a fire hydrant on Main Street early Thursday morning.

The vehicle knocked over the hydrant, a bike rack, and just grazed two street light poles before coming to a stop in front of the Barley Browns Tap House.

Dennis and Tom Responded to the site to retrieve the demolished hydrant.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

Earlier this spring Mojie Takallou, PhD., P.E., from the University of Portland, gave a presentation at the Baker County Road Department Office and some of the Baker City Public Works Department personnel attended. One of the items mentioned in his talk were unprotected bridge ends. Visibility of the bridge ends are important to the driving public. Special width object markers were ordered and bases fabricated so that the markers could be installed on the Washington, Estes and Valley Street bridges.



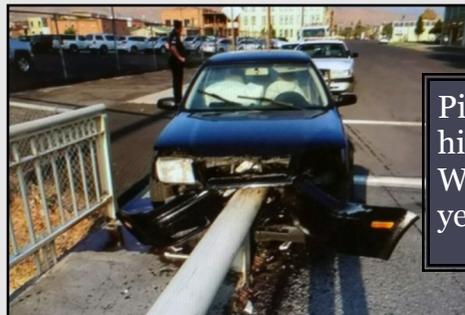
Brian is pictured prepping the bridge surface on Valley Street for welding.



Temporary shields were put up to protect citizens from the welding "flash".



Welding one of the 12 object marker bases.



Pictured left, is a vehicle that hit one of the bridge ends on Washington Street several years ago.



BEFORE



AFTER



Public Works: Street Department Continued

Several locations in town were patched using hot asphalt on Thursday.

Tommy and Brian dug out 175 feet of a water line trench in preparation for placement of the hot mix. →



Craig hauled two loads of asphalt from LaGrande for the patching work.

Jake, Tommy, Rick, Jacob, Brian and Ryan performed the patching work on the Estes Street trench while Karl and Tom used a back hoe to haul asphalt to several other patching locations in town.



Public Works: Mountain Line Project

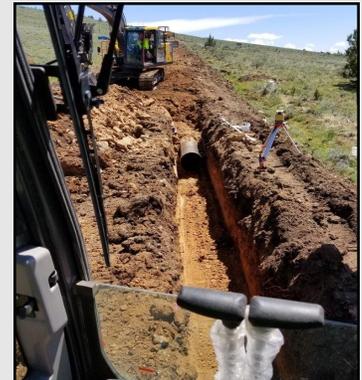
Good progress continues to be made on the Elkhorn Mountain Transmission Line Project. Crews worked this week clearing trees and building road for the next section of Mountain Pipeline installation.



A section of ground through the USFS was leveled and prepared for the installation of the 20" ductile iron pipe.



Justin is operating the dozer while Blain and Matt work to cut the downed trees into marketable length logs.



Mountain line pipe was installed near the BLM property boundary.



Public Works: Water Department

All of City Hall celebrated the retirement of one of our most cherished co-workers.

After 30 years of employment Marydee Rea retired this week. A bar-b-q was held in her honor Thursday.

Thank you Marydee!

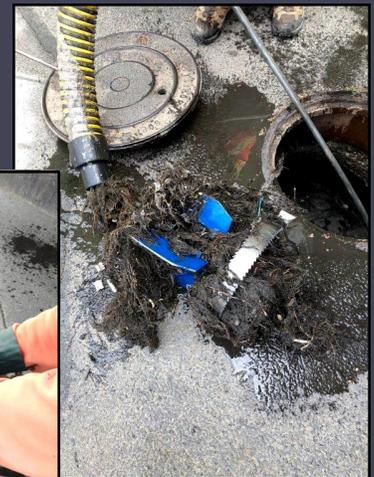
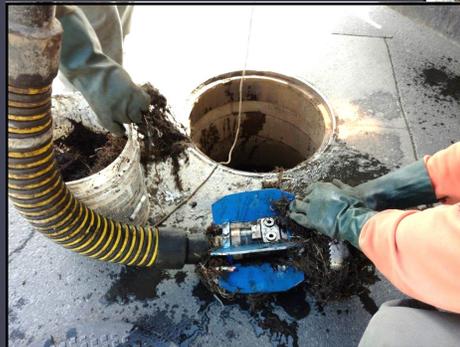


Public Works: Stormwater Department

Heavy rains Friday evening caused some minor flooding in the neighborhood of 1st and "D" Streets. Karl and Jacob attempted to inspect the 15" line but wasn't able to get down the line very far because of tree roots.

Those tree roots were at least part of the cause of the flooding and they began to cut roots from the line using a hydraulic root saw.

Pictured right is a small portion of the roots that were removed from the line.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

The contractor (PEC) from Montana will be in town working over the next two weeks to reline wastewater lines throughout town. Here they are working on Broadway Avenue. →





Public Works: Tree Board

The Tree Board recently accomplished several projects including the addition of a tree on Broadway Street at the Basche Sage Mall, a replacement of one tree on Main Street at the Basche Sage Mall and the planting of EIGHT new trees along Washington Street adjacent the Baker Middle School property.

Public Works crews assisted with the tree well expansions, excavation and tree delivery.

The majority of the work was done by Tree Board volunteers Clair Button, Lyle Kuchenbecker, Christine Howard (her husband Casey Howard), and George Wheaton.



Baker Middle School



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Main Street



Broadway Street



Baker Middle School



Public Works: Shop



Wes and Matt adjusted the blower fan belt on the sweeper and it is back in service.

Nate serviced and performed a safety check on this pickup. Two skid plates were built to protect the oil pan when traveling in the mountains.



New rear drive tires were installed on this dump truck and it is now back in service.

A "check engine" light came on in this ambulance. The codes were pulled and found that the floor mat was obstructing the throttle pedal. It is now back in service.



Nate and Wes serviced and performed a safety check on this truck. It is back in service and will be headed to Halfway on Friday.