

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update July 13 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The City Council met this week and approved the Sidewalk Café ordinance. The City will be reaching out to affected businesses to explain the new ordinance. These new rules should enhance the outdoor dining experience while making sure that the walking public has room to navigate our sidewalks.

The hot summer weather is here just in time for the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally. Come visit downtown Baker City and check out all the cool motorcycles and enjoy the festivities. There will be lots of road closures for the Rally so watch for signs and bikes. Let's make this a safe and enjoyable weekend.

City Council

Agenda

July 24th

- 3rd Reading of F Street Vacation
- Resolution for 2018-19 Silvers Tree Program
- Update to Employee Handbook

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Eleven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and nine customers disconnected service from July 6th to July 12th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed July 10th which included 470 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 (20%) are signed up for direct payment and 17 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today which includes 465 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 126 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Thirteen residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Payable: The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated July 11th.

Payroll: Draw checks were issued July 13th.

Accounts Receivable: Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent July 10th. The billings were as follows:

Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,749
Cemetery	\$3,950
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fee	\$30,214
Lien Searches	\$2,143
Ambulance	\$290,639
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$4,688
Community Development Support	\$25,692
Street Patching & Misc.	\$16,159
Miscellaneous	\$3,052
Golf Equipment Lease	\$5,510
Golf Cart Lease	\$1,250
Total	\$385,046

BAKER CITY BURN BAN



The Baker City Fire Department closed all burning within the city limits as of Wednesday, July 11th, 2018 at 4:30 PM. This is due to rapidly drying conditions throughout the county and with high temperatures forecast into the future. Residents can continue to use barbecues but no open burning or warming fires are allowed. Residents can contact the fire station at 541-523-3711 with any questions.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	1	8	2	6
Manufac-tured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	2	11	6	6
Mechanical	3	3	2	0
Plumbing	5	3	3	3
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	11	25	13	15

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

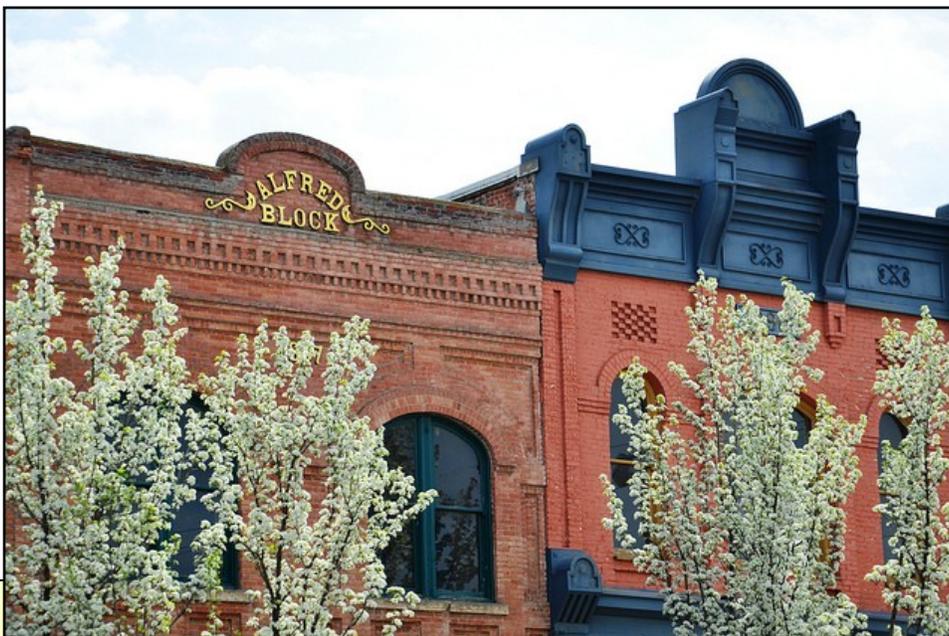
- 1835 17th Street, Baker City—Home addition.
- 42242 Salmon Creek, Baker City—New residence.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 300 Oregon Trail Road, Huntington—New extraction facility.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 25th 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:

Public Meetings

- ◆ **SUB-18-071 & SDR-18-072:** The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 18, 2018, at 7:00pm in City Hall, to consider a request to subdivide a ±2.83-acre parcel in the Residential Medium-Density (RM-D) Zone. The applicants request approval to create twenty-eight (28) parcels and construct twenty-eight (28) townhomes in a phased development. The subject property is addressed as 615 Baker Street. Access to all parcels is proposed to be provided from a newly-created public street, which is proposed to connect Baker and Church Streets.
- ◆ **Work Session:** The Planning Commission will hold a public work session on July 18, 2018, at 7:00pm in City Hall to review materials for proposed updates to the Baker City Development Code, including revisions/additions relating to accessory dwelling units, mobile food units, hostels and accessory structure height standards in residential zones.
- ◆ **VAC-18-043:** On June 20, 2018, the Planning Commission made a recommendation to City Council to approve a petition to vacate a ±10-foot-wide by ±375-foot-long portion of F Street immediately abutting property addressed as 3050 F Street. The petition was submitted by Baker County, the owner of the property at 3050 F Street. The City Council heard the matter during their regular meeting on July 10th, at which time the first and second readings of the ordinance were conducted. The City Council is scheduled to hear the matter again and conduct the third reading on July 24th at 7:00pm in City Hall.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ On July 2, 2018, the Planning Commission approved four new 60-foot-tall light poles at an existing soccer field at the Baker Sport Complex as a modification to an existing 1996 Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission Chair signed the final decision this week, and notice has been provided to nearby property owners and those who participated in the hearing.
- ◆ A ±48 square foot storage shed was approved at 1405 2nd Street. The property is located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±150 square foot accessory structure was approved for a tract of land addressed as 58 Foothill Drive. The property is located in the Residential Medium – Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±19 square foot wall sign was approved for Verizon at 1080 Campbell Street. The property is located in the General Commercial (G-C) Zone.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 3rd through July 9th Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	15
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 23

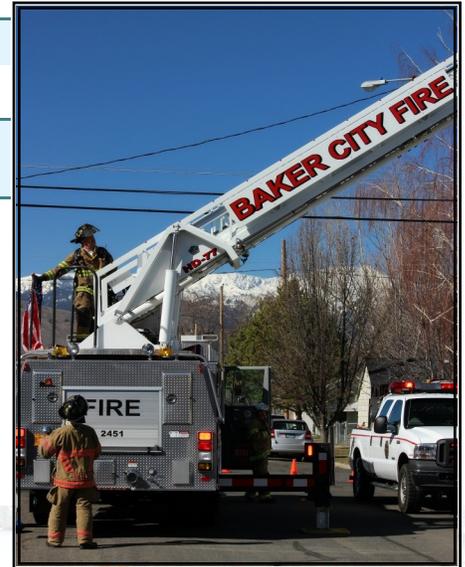


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	2
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	6

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 7



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	8
Persons Arrived for Cover	7
Incidents Not Covered	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 71 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 26 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- 24 hrs Community Events-EMS coverage at Haines Rodeo and Fire Station Birthday Party



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 17th.



"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 219 incidents and opened 40 new cases during the previous week, including multiple arrests for outstanding warrants and/or detainers. Of note, are the following incidents that were investigated during the previous week:
 - An arrest of an individual for DUII who, following transport to the Baker County Jail, gave a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) of 0.24%, three times the legal limit. This subject also received a citation for Failure to Install an Interlock Device which is required to maintain their driving privileges.
 - An arrest of individual on charges of Burglary II following an incident where he attempted to steal an item out of a resident's carport and was foiled by a watchful neighbor who interrupted the theft.
- ✪ Planning was underway this past week for the upcoming Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally which involves coordinating and adjusting staffing levels for this event. Foot patrols and regular roving patrols featuring sworn patrol and Reserve Officers will be present, ensuring this popular event is enjoyed by everyone.
- ✪ COPs (Citizens on Patrol) volunteers raised money by selling snow cones during one of the local softball tournaments. The COPs perform many vital volunteer functions for the department and are always looking for more people. More information can found at: <http://www.bakercity.com/2209/Citizen-on-Patrol>.
- ✪ 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.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 5 open cases
- Issued 1 citation for non-compliance
- Followed up with multiple grass and weed violations
- Followed up with 2 tree violations

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- 1 dog at large impounded
- Followed up on 1 animal complaint
- Followed up on 1 livestock permit complaint
- Followed up with problem pet owner case

- Issued 12 citations for dangerous dog violations

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Issued 2 parking citations
- Followed up on 3 parking violations

Miscellaneous:

- 1 Theft III case
- 1 found bicycle case
- Followed up on 2 TUP complaints
- Issued 1 citation for failure to pay sewer charges



Public Works: Water Department

A new 1 1/2" water service was installed for the old Churchill School building. The previous meter was located inside the basement of the school. The new meter was installed last Friday on the east side of 17th Street near the Northwest corner of the school building.

Blain and Jacob loading up materials for the new water meter installation.



Blain and Jacob used the vector truck to hydro-excavate around buried fiber optics and phone lines while gaining access to the 12" cast iron water line to perform the work.



The meter top is now visible and accessible along the edge of 17th Street.



Scott checked on the level of Goodrich Reservoir and the amount of water flowing from the toe drain and outlet pipe this week.

Goodrich is still at full pool but you can see that nearly all the snow near the peaks of the surrounding mountains have melted.



Pictured left, you can see the flow of water running down the creek bed toward the Goodrich pipeline diversion and to downstream irrigators.



As irrigation season continues into the summer months water becomes more sparse. During dry hot summers it can be a delicate balancing act between providing enough water for the citizens of Baker City while still being respectful of the water rights for downstream ranchers and farmers.



Public Works: Watershed Maintenance



Scott inspected the watershed fence this week and was able to perform necessary repairs.

← A log had fallen across the fence along the Elk Creek drainage.



If you have ever done barbwire fence repair work you know that this tool is a fence stretcher. A simple tool that makes fence repairs much easier to complete.



→ The log was cut out of the way and the fence repaired.

Mountain Line Construction Project:

Justin, Blain and Brian worked on clearing the route for the installation of the new 20" ductile iron transmission line this week.



Trees which were within the path of the new pipeline were removed and stacked. Pictured left, Justin is using one of the rental track hoes as a "log skidder" to move logs to the stockpile site.

Also this week Justin and Brian put together a 20" tee with two 12" valves for installation at a designed low point along the pipeline. It will be installed at station 992+35 at elevation 4,393.70.

→ Installation of this valve will allow for the line to be drained and sediment to be flushed from the line in the future.





Public Works: Street Department

Two crews worked Wednesday to patch Baker City streets in over 60 different locations. Large cracks, settled trench lines and contraction joints were repaired.

Tommy, Craig, Karl, Jacob and Nate placed and compacted over 6 tons of asphalt at 47 locations while Jake and Tom placed and compacted 2-3 tons of the hot asphalt at 15 locations.



← Karl and Jacob spraying tac oil onto the old asphalt. Tac oil acts as a primer so that the new asphalt will stick to the old asphalt.

The crew of Tommy, Craig, Karl, Jacob & Nate working on the last street of the day.



← Jake operating the John Deere backhoe while Craig dumped some of the hot asphalt into the backhoe bucket.

Jake using the plate compactor to compact asphalt over a low area on "C" Street.



← The crack fill crew of Ryan, Cayn, Dillon and Shane continue to seal cracks in preparation for this years' chip seal project.

Late last Friday a broken branch needed to be removed from a tree at South Baker Park. Pictured right, Karl is using the backhoe to remove the branch.



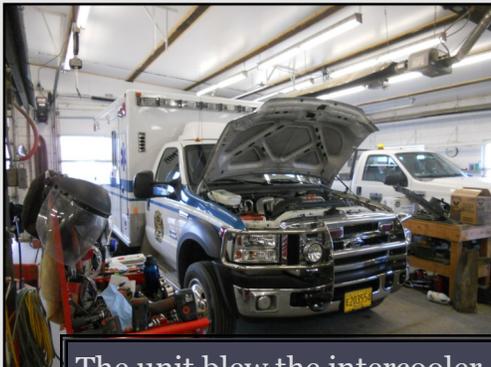


Public Works: Shop



Scott and Sgt. Chastain have been installing a “hot dog” system that is linked through the vehicle to the windows, a/c, horn and engine. It will monitor the temperature and carbon monoxide levels and will alert Sgt. Chastain by calling his phone if the levels are too high. It will be a great addition for protecting Capa and should be complete today.

In preparation for chip seal season, the radiator is being rebuilt and some transmission air shifting valves are being replaced.



The unit blew the intercooler on a transport to Boise. It was replaced as well as the rubber tubes that mount to the turbo hoses.



The engine went down on this pickup. Diagnostics were ran and found that a bad coil was causing the issue. A new one has been installed and it is back in service.



The Code Enforcement vehicle had an a/c fan switch replaced and it is now back in service.



Wes and Scott replaced the rear brakes and rotors and this vehicle is back to work.

Safety Focus of the Month

July 2018

Brought to you by: Baker City Safety Committee

With warmer weather comes the opportunity to spend more time outside. We all need to do our part in properly hydrating and resting in order to prevent heat related illnesses. In particular, you should know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke so that you can properly assess and seek treatment.

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache
Excessive sweating		No sweating
Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to a cooler, air conditioned place • Drink water if fully conscious • Take a cool shower or use cold compresses 		<p>CALL 9-1-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives
Weather.gov/socialmedia Weather.gov/heat		@SacramentoOES SacramentoReady.org

Drink water and stay cool when things get hot ☺