

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 20, 2018

Administration:

The Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally saw a great number of motorcycles over the weekend. There were lots of folks downtown and the Elks Drum and Bugle Corps was a big hit. The City has been in talks with Harley Davidson to help facilitate next year's event. We have assurances from them that they will have meetings with our downtown businesses and citizens to gauge what works well and what needs improvement. Stay tuned for more information on these important meetings.

The Miners Jubilee celebration is this weekend. Geiser Pollman Park will be brimming with vendors as well as the Bronc and Bulls events will be showcased at the Fairgrounds. Be sure to catch the parade on Saturday. It looks like it is going to be hot for the weekend, so stay hydrated and enjoy all the festivities. Have a great weekend.

City Council

Agenda

July 24th

- 3rd Reading of F Street Vacation
- Ord. 3367 Concerning Problem Pet Owners
- Ord. 3368 Concerning Roosters in City Limits
- Resolution for 2018-19 Silvers Tree Program
- Update to Employee Handbook
- Legislative Goals for LOC

Finance:

Finance Director: The City's June financial summary is available online at www.bakercity.com.

Register today for paperless E-billing and receive a monthly \$1.00 discount on your utility bill. Registration forms are available at the Water Department or online at www.bakercity.com.

Utilities

- ◆ 5 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 6 customers disconnected service from July 13th thru July 19th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed July 17th which included 490 residential and 60 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 118 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 19(3%) are signed up for E-billing.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today and included 502 residential and 50 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 117 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (5%) are signed up for E-billing.
- ◆ Twenty-seven residential customers (Zones 2 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) eight were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

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	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	10	7	7
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	8	5	7	8
Mechanical	7	1	3	0
Plumbing	1	3	2	0
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	21	19	19	15

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

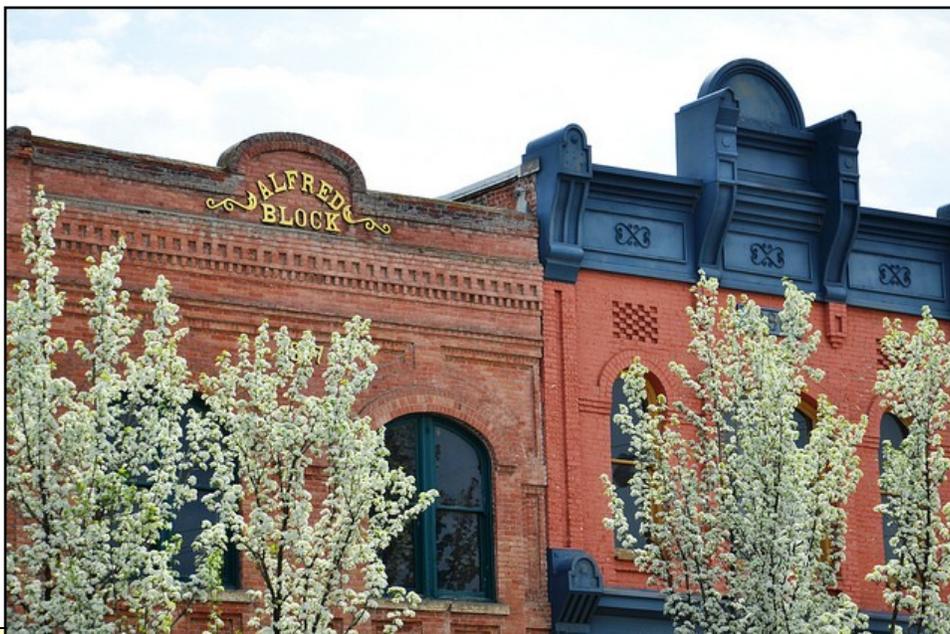
- 47490 Slaughterhouse Rd., Halfway—New residence.
- 46538 Snake River Rd., Richland—Detached accessory structure.
- 16191 Sumpter Stage Hwy, Baker City—Detached accessory structure.
- 18713 Greenridge Dr., Baker City—Structural addition to solar system.
- 27035 Snake River Rd., Huntington—Deck installation.
- 49796 Copperfield Rd., Oxbow—Interior remodel and garage expansion.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3715 Pocahontas Rd., Baker City—Reroof the structure.
- 150 Bell St., Halfway—Alarm system installation.
- 275/297 Campbell St., Baker City—Alarm system installation.

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 held a public hearing on July 18, 2018, at 7:00pm in City Hall, to consider a request to develop a ±2.83-acre parcel in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone. The Planning Commission approved a request 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 will be provided from a newly-created public street named *Park Springs Avenue*, connecting Baker and Church Streets.



- ◆ **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.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 10th through July 16th Fire Department responded to a total of **26** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	19
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	4

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 22

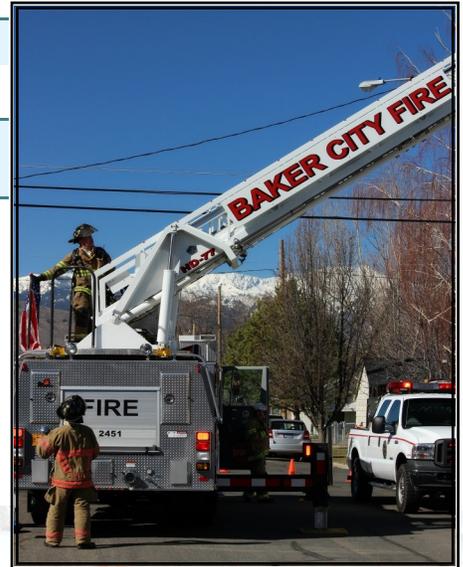


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	1
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	5
Persons Arrived for Cover	4
Incidents Not Covered	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 71 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 51 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- 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 July 24th.



"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

- ✪ In a very busy week, BCPD handled over 250 incidents and opened 46 new cases during the previous week, including multiple arrests for outstanding warrants and/or detainers.
- ✪ The Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally proved to be another very successful event with no major incidents reported. Planning is underway for extra staffing during Miner's Jubilee and the Broncs and Bull event.
- ✪ Chief Newman was featured on the front page of the Baker City Herald on Monday, July 16th. The article in its entirety can be found by clicking on this link: <https://www.bakercityherald.com/news/6384446-151/new-police-chief-works-to-fill-vacancies>.
- ✪ 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: Water Department

Mountain Pipe Line Project:

Justin, Blain and Brian made very good progress on the Mountain line project this week. A full truck load of 20" diameter ductile iron pipe arrived Monday with a second truck expected to arrive early Friday morning. Each truck can carry 20 pieces of the 18 ft. long pipe.

Justin is unloading pipe Monday morning.



A new heavy duty gate was installed where an existing fence line intersects the pipeline route.

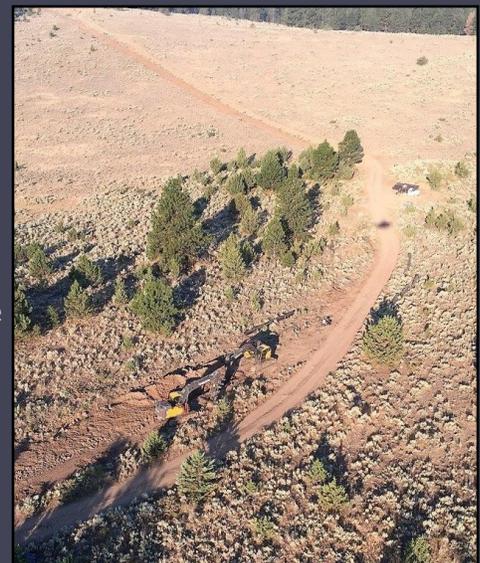


← Brian welding the hinges onto the steel support which is set into concrete. A water tender truck was on site and the area beyond the dirt was thoroughly wetted down prior to the welding work taking place.



← Justin, Blain and Brian installing sections of the ductile iron pipe near station 1002+00.

Aerial inspection of the watershed was performed Thursday morning. Here they traveled over the pipeline construction project. No cattle were seen within the watershed boundary.



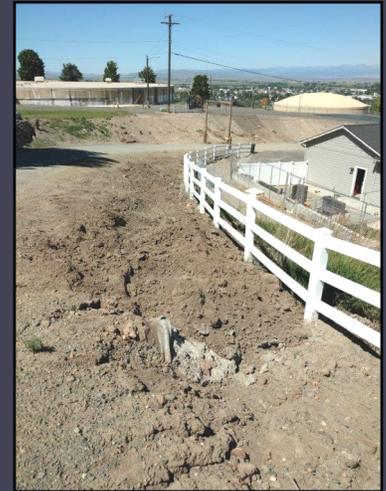


Public Works: Storm Water

Preliminary work started to help solve a storm water issue at the west end of Indiana Avenue. During the last two heavy rainfall events water has washed down the road and carried gravel and other debris across the road, driveways and private property.

An underground locate was requested and utilities mapped. Property lines will be determined and then a storm water control plan can be designed.

In an effort to remediate the problem a contractor excavated a small ditch between the road and a fence line.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



Rick and Tom performed a push-cam inspection on a house on Grandview Drive Monday morning. The work was requested by a homeowner through a local drain cleaner. The line was found to be in reasonable condition. The drain cleaner was billed for the work.

This photo shows where the lateral drops into a wet well. →



A call was received about a possible wastewater problem on 9th Street this week. Rick responded to the intersection of 9th and "A" Street and cleaned the line. No blockage was found.

Technology is always changing in the public works industry. Recently, Granite Software, which Baker City uses when video-inspecting wastewater lines, underwent several major changes and upgrades.



Joyce was instrumental in scheduling necessary training and upgrading computer equipment. Two days of computer and software training was included as part of the upgrade. The new reports will be more user friendly and the information should integrate well into the new GIS system when operational.





Public Works: Street Department



Nate has been painting crosswalks this week. Pictured left, he is picking up the shorter traffic cones which are used to warn drivers of the fresh paint.

Friday morning additional crosswalks will be painted on Main Street prior to Miner's Jubilee.



Pictured right, Ryan (cleaning cracks, not visible in photo), Cayn (driving the truck), Dillon (operating the tar wand) and Shane (spraying a mixture of soap and water on the surface of the tar to cool it fast and keep vehicle tires from sticking) are working to seal cracks in the asphalt surface of 9th Drive. The O.D.O.T. crack fill machine continues to work very well.



← This appears to be such a harmless little plant...but it's not. It is a Tribulus Terrestris plant - better known as a Goat Head.

If allowed to mature this plant will create dozens or more seed pods which are very sharp and will deflate bike tires in the blink of an eye. These weeds are very prolific and difficult to remove. These particular plants were found growing near the new dog park at the east end of Baker Street. Although dozens of them were removed on Wednesday the remaining ones will have to be removed before they form their nearly indestructible seed pods.

Public Works: Community Events

The Hell's Canyon Motorcycle Rally barricades were put out last week and then picked up this Monday.

O.D.O.T. assisted with traffic control by setting up their reader board to alert motorists that Main Street was closed and to use the 2nd Street detour.

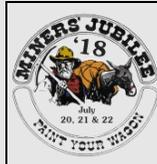


Preparations were made this week for Miner's Jubilee weekend. Craig and Kris set up a gray water vessel in Geiser-Pollman Park for the vendors to use.



The wooden Geiser-Pollman Park sign has to be removed each year so that equipment and vendor trailers can enter the park.

Pictured here, Dennis and Craig are unbolting the heavy sign and lowering it down to ground level.



For a Miner's Jubilee guide, please visit this link: [Miner's Jubilee](#).



UPCOMING EVENT:

Wednesday, July 25th @ 7pm

FREE Concert in

Geiser Pollman Park

Featuring Jay Fleming &

The Unlikely Saints

Sponsored by Bicycle Rides NW





Public Works: Shop



Earlier this week the right side track broke and it was showing a lot of wear. The track was pulled and parts were ordered. Wes and Scott will be able to reuse the shoes and will be replacing the rails and roller. We are hoping to have parts early next week to start putting this machine back together.



Wes and Scott serviced and got the rear spray bar working for the County to use this coming week.



A safety inspection found that this vehicle needed new rear brakes and rotors. They have been installed and it is back in service.

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 ☺