

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 27, 2018

Administration:

The City Council met this week and continued to work on ordinances that deal with nuisances within the City. They also passed a resolution to continue the Silvers Street Tree Grant process. If you want to put in a street tree in the City right of way, please stop in at Public Works here at City Hall and sign up for the program. Anthony Silvers left a substantial amount of money to the City for improving street trees within the City. The City allocates the interest from this bequest each year and it is a great program for homeowners.

The summer heat looks like it is here to stay. Enjoy the weekend and use that sun screen.

City Council

Agenda

August 14th

- 3rd Reading of Ordinance 3367: Amending Portions of Ord. 3327 Concerning Problem Pet Owners
- 3rd Reading of Ordinance 3368: Amending Portions of Ord. 3252 Concerning Roosters in the City Limits

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ 16 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 10 customers disconnected service from July 20th thru July 26th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed July 24th which included 553 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 156 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 22 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today which includes 724 residential and 65 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 207 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 40 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twenty residential customers (Zones 3 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) five were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll: Eighty-three employees were paid today including ten paid volunteer firefighters, one part-time inspector, one part-time police officer, the dangerous dog hearings officer, one part-time facilities specialist and five temporary public work's summer workers. Of those 83 employees, 76 or 92% are signed up for direct deposit.

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.



Planning Department:

◆ **Public Meetings**

VAC-18-043: The City Council approved the vacation of a ±10-foot-wide by ±375-foot-long portion of F Street immediately abutting property addressed as 3050 F Street during their meeting on July 24th.

◆ **CUP-18-084:** The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 15, 2018, at 7:00pm in City Hall, to consider a Conditional Use request by Baker School District 5J to construct a ±35' x ±96' greenhouse, totaling ±3,360 square feet, at 2500 E Street. The proposed greenhouse will be accessory to the high school. The property is in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

◆ A ±1,518 square foot single-family dwelling was approved at 1525 Myrtle Street. The property is located in the Residential – High Density Zone.

◆ A ±432 square foot accessory dwelling was approved at 1242 Dewey Avenue. The property is located in the Residential – High Density Zone.

◆ An application was approved for the re-plat of a ±0.77-acre parcel into three (3) parcels. The property is located at 105 Foothill Drive in the Residential – Medium Density Zone. Notice of the decision was sent to nearby landowners, and the decision can be appealed until 5:00 pm on August 8, 2018.

◆ A ±240 square foot storage shed was approved at 1640 3rd Street. The property is located in the Residential – High Density Zone.

◆ A wall sign was approved for 2925 10th Street. The building is in the General Commercial zone.

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.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 17th through July 23rd Fire Department responded to a total of **43** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

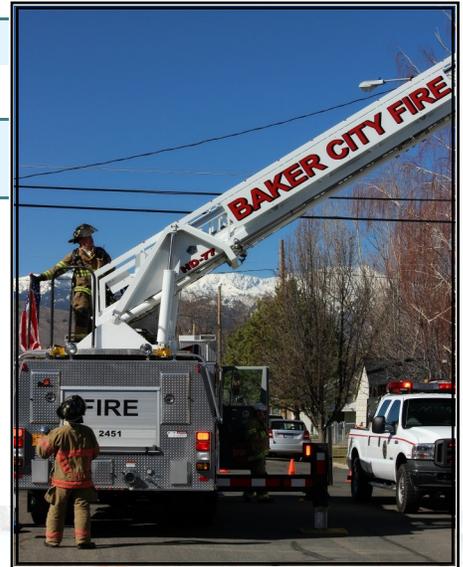
City Calls	35
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	28
No Patient Trip	13

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	41
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FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	2
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Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	7
Triples (3 calls at once)	3
Public Assists	1



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	10
Persons Arrived for Cover	9
Incidents Not Covered	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **59** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **36** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training-STEMI Training, EMS Training Scenarios
- **2** 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 July 31st.



"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 another very busy week, BCPD handled over 286 incidents and opened 59 new cases during the previous week, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. Over Miner's Jubilee weekend, from Friday, July 20th thru Sunday, July 22nd, BCPD staff made fourteen arrests of subjects relating to various cases investigated during this time, although noted, most of these incidents did not involve the Miner's Jubilee festivities. The following press releases were issued regarding incidents during the previous week:

On the morning of July 17, 2018, Baker City Police Department officers were dispatched to a trespassing complaint at 1911 Main Street, Baker City, Oregon. The suspect in the trespass complaint, Mr. Adam Herman, eventually left the business on his own accord. Adam walked in the alley behind the business north to the Main Event located at 1939 Main Street, Baker City, Oregon, and entered the business through the alley entrance in direct violation of a previous trespass order given to him by an employee of the Main Event on June 23, 2018.

Deputies from the Baker County Sheriff's Office arrived to assist officers on scene when it became apparent that Adam had gone upstairs in the establishment and potentially armed himself with pool balls and cue sticks. After the bar was evacuated of its patrons for their safety, the two agencies worked together to safely take Adam into custody. During the arrest, Adam resisted and suffered a minor cut to his hand as a result. He was evaluated by paramedics from the Baker City Fire Department before being transported to the Baker County Jail. The following person was arrested as a result of the multi-agency effort:

Adam Christopher Herman DOB: 11/23/1975: Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree; Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree; Interfering with Police; Resisting Arrest.

On July 23, 2018 at about 5:22 PM Baker City Police attempted to stop a maroon SUV for a minor traffic violations near 13th and G Street. The driver of the vehicle failed to yield and instead drove off, disregarding multiple traffic (Stop) signs.

Baker City Police slowed down their attempt to keep up with the vehicle on D near Main-East Street, attempting to slow down the speed of the pursuit. After losing sight of the suspect east of Cedar Street on D Street, Baker City Police discontinued the pursuit.

An off-duty OSP trooper shortly after reported the suspect vehicle had recklessly drove through the Jackson's fuel station parking lot, with no police cars in pursuit and continued onto I-84 Eastbound at a high rate of speed. A person of interest has been identified and arrest/s are expected.

- ✪ BCPD Evidence Room staff held a yard sale of unclaimed property and raised \$1,680.00 in proceeds from this sale. The funds will be used to purchase an incinerator necessary in the disposal of illicit drugs seized in the course of investigations.
- ✪ 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 Line Project:

While installing a portion of the new 20" ductile iron pipe earlier this week, Justin, Blain and Brian ran into a very hard deposit of vesicular basalt rock which slowed digging progress. Fortunately the extremely difficult digging only lasted for about 100 feet in length.

The CAT grader and pipe trailer is used to transfer the ductile iron pipe from the pipe stockpile site to the pipeline route. Here, Matt is heading back to the stockpile site to get another load of pipe.



Justin operating the rental Volvo track hoe while Brian uses the laser level to check grade.

Justin and Brian installing another piece of the 1,880 pound pipe.



Here you can see where the new 20" ductile iron pipe crosses under the old 12" diameter steel pipe which is still in use.

They successfully installed a 3,000 pound tee and drain valve along with several lengths of pipe.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

An existing wastewater lateral that was failing was relocated last Friday to a different street to avoid cutting an asphalt street (East Street). It is a rare case when a lateral can be relocated from one main line to a completely different line. In this instance the lateral was rerouted to run west from the house to enter the Grove Street line instead of running east from the house to the East Street line. Rerouting the lateral to avoid cutting a paved street resulted in a substantial cost savings for the homeowner.

Blain operated the CAT backhoe to excavate down to the 8" concrete (CIPP lined) main line in Grove Street. Karl performed the tapping of the main line and installation of the insert-a-tee fitting.



Karl performed the tapping of the main line and installation of the insert-a-tee fitting. The 5 photos below show the steps involved in tapping this line.



Next, two sections of 4" p.v.c. pipe were installed at 2.0% grade to provide positive slope for the new sewer pipe.



A neighborhood resident stopped by to see what all the ruckus was about.



Public Works: Street Department

Crews continue preparing streets for next month's chip seal treatment. Hundreds of locations were patched using "D" mix asphalt.



← Patching crew working to patch 3rd Street between Dewey and Estes Streets.

In addition to patching streets scheduled for chip seal work, the crew of Tommy, Rick, Karl, Jacob and Nate used the remaining asphalt to patch the majority of the trench across Windmill Lane.



Karl is pictured here spraying CSS1 tack oil onto the edge of the patch on Windmill lane to create a strong bond between the existing asphalt and the new asphalt.



← Rick and Nate working to level out one of the patches while Jacob rolls the patch in the foreground.

Pictured right, Tommy and Karl are loading the backhoe bucket with the last of the asphalt hauled from LaGrande.



The crack fill crew of Ryan, Cayn, Dillon and Shane worked on several different streets this week. They also crack filled streets for the City of Haines and in the Baker County Library parking lot. The City of Haines requested the help from Baker City to crack fill their streets prior to the Baker County Road Department applying a chip seal coating to their streets later this summer. This project shows great cooperation between O.D.O.T. (use of their crack fill machine), Baker City (using the O.D.O.T. crack filler to fill the cracks) and Baker County Road Department applying the chip seal treatment to the streets.



Public Works: Street Department Continued



Last week it appeared that someone drove around the corner at 2nd and Auburn and lost a can of white paint out of the back of a vehicle. The can spilled white paint onto the street. Dennis used the water truck to flush off the white paint before it had a chance to dry.

Dennis repaired street lights earlier this week . Pictured right, he is working on one of the post top lights where the Leo Adler Pathway crosses "D" Street.



A young covey of quail stopped by the warehouse briefly this week to get some relief from the hot sun.





Public Works: Announcements



Oregon Department of Transportation

Update 7/23/2018



NOTICE OF ROAD WORK

US 30 / OR 7 / OR237 / CHIP SEAL

(La Grande-Baker / Whitney / Union-North Powder Hwy's.)

Beginning August 6 the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be chip sealing sections of OR7 (Whitney Hwy.), US30 (La Grande-Baker Hwy.), and OR237 (Union-North Powder) in the Baker and Union County area.

- Aug. 6-7: (map section 2) I-84 freeway on/off ramps at Exit 306, then head toward Baker City on U.S. 30 to intersection of Auburn St. and Main St. at mile point 53.96 (near Chevron Station in Baker City). This work is expected to take about 2 days. Exit 306 will be closed August 8 for chip sealing of freeway on and off ramps.
- Aug. 7-9: (map section 1) OR7 between mile post 35.42 near bottom of Mason Dam and mile post 41.85 at Salisbury Junction, where OR7 intersects with OR245. This work is expected to take about 2 days.
- Aug. 13-15: (map section 3) US30 between mile post 49.85 at Hughes Lane in Baker City and mile post 32.86 at west city limits of North Powder. Expect to be working in Haines on Aug. 14 and end at North Powder on Aug. 15.
- Aug. 16-21: (map section 4) OR237 (Union-North Powder) between mile post 22.8 (five miles south of Union) and North Powder west city limits, at mile post 32.45. This work is expected to take about 3 days. Chip seal through North Powder expected to occur Aug. 21.

NOTE: Dates are subject to change, depending on weather conditions and other factors.



PARKING RESTRICTIONS: During chip seal activities in downtown areas, vehicles will not be allowed to park in work zones along US30 in the Baker City and Haines area, or along OR237 in North Powder.

IRRIGATION PIVOTS/WATER SPRINKLERS: Local residents are asked to adjust irrigation pivots and lawn sprinklers to avoid spraying water onto the roadway, as this creates problems for chip rock application.

TRAVEL IMPACTS: Expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, loose rock on the roadway, flaggers, and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through the work zones. Minor delays during nighttime/early morning hours for road sweeping. Please reduce speed and watch for construction activities in the area. Plan extra travel time and slow down to prevent loose rock from flying onto other vehicles. Crews will sweep roadway, but expect some loose rock to be present for several days after chip seal.

REQUEST TO RANCH AND FARMER OWNERS: ODOT is asking highway users to keep farm equipment off the impacted highway sections during and for two days after the chip seal operations. To prevent chip rock adhesion problems due to animal waste on the roadway, ranchers are requested [please contact the ODOT maintenance manager listed on attached map](#) and advise of any plans to move livestock on impacted highway sections during spring or summer months this year.



SEE ATTACHED MAP WITH LOCATIONS AND PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Your local ODOT maintenance crews appreciate your support and cooperation during this paving operation.

For other eastern Oregon highway construction project information contact Tom Strandberg @ 541-963-1330, email:

thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us



Public Works: Announcements Continued

Highway Chip Seal Project

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US30 / OR7 / OR237 Highway Chip Seal Project, summer 2018



Legend

- Highway sections to be Chip sealed
- ① Chip seal section number (see project schedule on front of flyer)

Ranchers, please contact the ODOT maintenance manager **listed below** and advise of any plans to move cattle or other livestock along impacted highway sections during spring or summer months this year.

OR237 chip seal contact:

La Grande Section Maintenance Mgr.
 Brian Wiggins
 phone: 541-963-0168.
 mobile: 541-786-0975.
 email: Brian.J.Wiggins@odot.state.or.us

③ Chip seal US30 from Hughes Lane to North Powder

② Chip seal US30 from I-84 Exit 306 to Auburn St. (also Exit 306 on/off ramps)

US30 / OR7 chip seal contact:

Baker Section Maintenance Mgr.
 Dave Dethloff
 phone: 541-523-4566
 mobile: 541-519-4934
 email: William.D.Dethloff@odot.state.or.us



Public Works: Shop

The crusher bucket started leaking excessively. Wes and Scott found the return pressure was high and have ordered the necessary parts. It should be up and running again next week.



The crack filler broke down this week. It had thrown a fan belt. It has been replaced and is back in service.

Matt found that the parking brake was not holding as it should. Wes and Scott checked it over. Both rear maxi cans and the emergency brake springs were broke so they replaced them and it is back sweeping the streets.



The hitch broke off of the pipe trailer and caused the tongue frame to break. The hitch was welded back in and they fish plated the frame. After two days of welding the trailer 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 			<h2>CALL 9-1-1</h2> <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 ☺