

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update August 10, 2018

### Administration:

The Fair is in full swing this week. Lots of folks from the surrounding communities are in town and they have a lot of great things going on. The livestock auction is tonight and the Demolition Derby is scheduled for Saturday night. Head down to the Fairgrounds and enjoy the festivities.

I hope everyone has had a chance to check out the Water Buffalo at the corner of Main and Valley. Quite a conversation piece.

The heat this week has been unprecedented. I have lived here all my life and I don't remember seeing 106-108 degree weather. Let's make sure to hydrate and it looks like we may have some relief heading our way this weekend. Have a great weekend.

### 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



Photo credit: Timothy Bishop



### **BAKER CITY BURN BAN**

The Baker City Fire Department closed all burning within the city limits as of Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 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	5	6	2	11
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	2	3	1
Mechanical	5	5	1	3
Plumbing	1	3	3	3
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 43734 Pocahontas Rd., Baker City—Detached garage.
- 15172 Mill Creek Rd., Baker City—Detached garage.

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 2500 E St., Baker City—Four -60ft. soccer lights.
- 3451 Broadway St., Baker City—Commercial roof repair.
- 695 Campbell St., Baker City—Commercial roof repair.
- 1995 4th St., Baker City—Commercial roof replacement.
- 1915 1st St., Baker City—Commercial roof repair.

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Next regularly scheduled meeting is August 22nd at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

**Planning Department:**

◆ **Public Meetings**

**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 application from 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. Notices were posted at the subject property last week.



- ◆ **Work Session:** The Planning Commission will review materials for proposed updates to the Baker City Development Code, including revisions/additions relating to accessory dwelling units, mobile food units and hostels.

**Land Use Decisions & Projects**

- ◆ A lot line adjustment was approved for properties at 730 and 740 H Street, Baker City, located within the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±2,478 square foot single-family dwelling and attached garage was approved at 730 H Street, located in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 31st through August 6th Fire Department responded to a total of **31** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	23
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	8

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

**26**

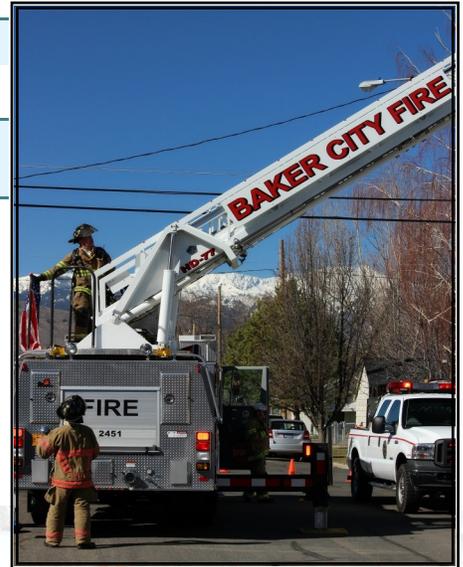
## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	4

## TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES

**5**

General Alarm: Structure Fire-Hughes Ln.



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



## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	4
Persons Arrived for Cover	4
Incidents Not Covered	0

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 67 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance: Ladder Testing
- 57 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: Truck Ops/Ventilation, Stroke & Overdoses, 12-Lead Interpretation.
- 27 hrs Community Events: East/West Shrine Game



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on August 14th.



*"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**

- ✪ This past week, BCPD handled over 251 incidents and opened 32 new cases. Numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers were made as well.
- ✪ A case involving damage to a dog waste bag dispenser at Central Park, led to a juvenile being charged with Criminal Mischief II for intentionally breaking the dispenser by forcefully attempting to remove it from the post. In addition to this charge, the juvenile has also been trespassed from all City parks for a period of three months.
- ✪ BCPD personnel and COP (Citizens On Patrol) volunteers participated in National Night Out at the Geiser



COP Volunteer  
Linda Hudson

Pollman Park. This event, which takes place annually on the first Tuesday of August, features law enforcement, the fire department and various social service groups and commercial entities joining together in a block-party atmosphere with food, live music, prizes and games. Despite the heat, the Lions helped feed over 600 people!

The COPs provided Child ID kits to parents and helped to license bicycles. This volunteer group assists the Department with various onsite and outreach activities and is always looking for more volunteers!



COP Volunteer  
Marlene



Geiser Pollman Park

More information is available by contacting the Police Department at 541-524-2014.

*(Many thanks to Safeway for donating the soda, water and ice; to the Lions for cooking and Oregon Trail Restaurant for donating the chicken, chips and grapes at a greatly reduced cost; to Frank Carlson for performing; the Baker City Herald for donated advertising; Lynette Perry of Baker City Events for coordinating this event; the Boy Scouts for cleanup and the vendors and other volunteers who made this such a successful event!)*

### **Code Enforcement Weekly Activity**

#### **Property Maintenance:**

- Followed up on multiple grass and weed complaints
- Followed up on 3 pending property cases
- Issued 3 citations for non-compliance
- Followed up on 1 building code violation

#### **Animal Violations and Complaints:**

- 2 dogs at large impounded
- Followed up on 4 animal related complaints
- Followed up on 5 dog at large complaints
- Followed up on a dangerous dog case/report

#### **Parking Violations and Complaints:**

- Followed up on 9 parking violations
- Issued 1 parking citation
- Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- 1 found item report
- 1 found item returned to owner
- Followed up on 1 noise complaint
- Issued 3 traffic citations for DWS violation, driving without insurance, and failure to register



## Public Works: Water Department



Baker City's water meter system is divided into 8 specific zones. One zone is read approximately each week. However because of next week's chip seal project the majority of next week's meters (in Zone 8) are being read this week.

Pictured left, Tommy is reading one of the meters on Auburn Avenue which is in Zone 7.

Jake worked this week to bring water to town to meet public demands.

Pictured right, is a photo of Goodrich Reservoir from this week.



The Mountain Line construction crew continues to make excellent progress installing pipeline.

By Wednesday afternoon the crew had installed the new waterline, electrical conduit and trace wirer up to station 968+92 (401 feet of installation for the day).



## Public Works: Street Department

Crews continue to patch Baker City streets and prepare for next week's chip seal project.

This year's college workers included, left to right, Shane, Dillon, Cayn and Ryan.

They accomplished many important tasks this summer and were a large part of the crack filling and street patching crews needed to prepare Baker City streets for the chip seal application.



The numbers painted on the chip seal streets signifies the width of the street so that the oil distributor truck driver will know how wide to spray the oil for the best coverage. Dennis and Craig measured street widths and determined the direction each street should be driven to apply the oil and rock.

Sometimes you just have to make your own rainbow. In this case the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is this year's chip seal rock. As you can see by the color - this year's rock is more of a brown color than gray as in years past.



This rock meets all designated specifications and is identical to the rock being used by O.D.O.T. on State Highway routes this year. In the photo above, Brian is using the City's water truck to wet down the pile of rock. It is always best to use damp rock when doing chip seal work so that the oil emulsion adheres better.



← Karl and Jacob worked to level out a little section of gravel lying on the north edge of "H" Street where chip seal will be applied.



## Public Works: Street Department Continued

O.D.O.T. did chip seal work this week on some of the local State Highway routes near town.



Pictured left, the O.D.O.T. crew is chip sealing Hwy 30 from the 306 Exit to the intersection of Auburn, Resort and Elm Street.

Baker City assisted O.D.O.T. on their project by sweeping up some of the excess chip rock.



Public Works also set up no parking signs on Estes Street for the O.D.O.T. detour route and street closures.



Several streets in town were patched Tuesday including wide transverse cracks on 4th Street between Colorado and Virginia Avenues.

Those cracks which are wide enough to be patched using "D" mix asphalt are marked so the patching crew can easily see which cracks need to be repaired.



Any weeds are removed from the cracks.

As the Trolley traveled down the street you could hear the "thump thump" each time it drove across a wide transverse crack. These transverse cracks continue to reappear years after being patched as the original asphalt on the road continues to shrink. Some of these transverse cracks have been patched 3 or 4 times over the last 20 years.



Crews used 7.58 tons of "D" mix asphalt to patch forty-seven different street locations Tuesday.

Here Cayn is using the vibra-plate to compact hot asphalt into one of the potholes on 2nd Street in the South Baker area.





## Public Works: Community Events

Last weekend was the Shriner's weekend with the parade and football game. Hundreds of street closure barricades were put out for the parade and then picked up on Monday morning.



Tuesday evening was the "Community Night Out" event with booths, live music and prizes for the attendees.

Police Chief Newman performed the honors of calling out winning ticket numbers and entertaining the crowd. Phoebe assisted by drawing tickets.



Be sure to check out the listing of local events on the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center's website: [www.visitbaker.com](http://www.visitbaker.com)



### Public Works: Shop

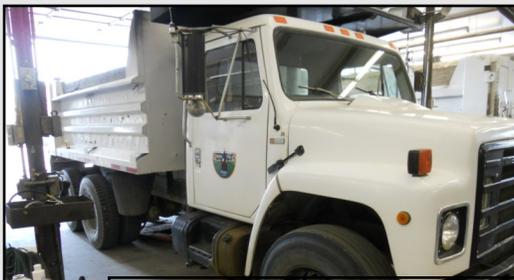
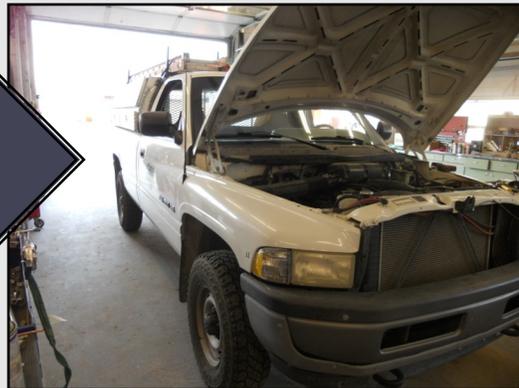


The a/c stopped working in this pickup. A burnt plug was the cause. It has been replaced and the truck is back in service.

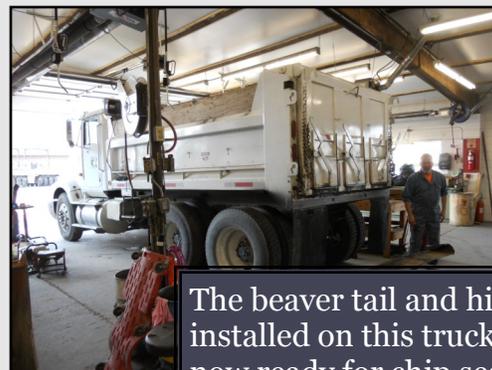


Wes and Scott found a little hydraulic leak on this Volvo. The emergency brake caliper was leaking. Parts have been ordered and it should be repaired soon.

Kris was having an issue with the inverter that runs his power tools. After running some diagnostics Wes and Scott found one of the two batteries was not working properly. They have been replaced and it's working great now.



Wes and Scott installed new rotors and brake pads and this truck is back in service.



The beaver tail and hitch were installed on this truck and it is now ready for chip seal.



Work continued on the chip spreader. Wes and Scott installed a rebuilt radiator, worked on the gates, calibrated, and replaced the drive line bolt. It is now ready to go to work!



# 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](mailto: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