

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 7, 2018

Administration:

Cycle Oregon will be in town this weekend. The staging for the riders will be at the Sports Complex starting today and ending on Sunday morning. The riders will then embark on a week long ride throughout Northeastern Oregon. The group will finish next Saturday again here at the Sports Complex. Many of the riders will be in town tonight and will be joining the First Friday Art Walk in downtown Baker City starting at 5:00 p.m.



Just in time for the hundreds of cyclists in our community is a Bike Repair Station that has been installed at the Baker County Library. The funds for this project were donated by Bicycle Rides Northwest, Friends of the Baker County Library and other civic groups. Take a walk down the Leo Adler Parkway and check out this new addition. Have a great weekend.

City Council

Agenda

September 11th

- MOU for Economic Opportunity Analysis
- Appointment to Public Art Commission
- Resolution in Support of the National Park System

Finance:

Utilities:

- ◆ Fourteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twenty customers disconnected service from August 31st to September 7th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed September 4th which included 470 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 129 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 27 (6%) are signed up for e-billing.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 94 residential and 251 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 65 (19%) are signed up for direct payment and 10 (3%) are signed up for e-billing.
- ◆ Eleven residential customers (Zone 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) three were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	1	2	25
Manufactured Dwelling	1	0	0	0
Electrical	2	4	3	3
Mechanical	3	0	1	5
Plumbing	0	0	0	2
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	11	5	6	35

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1340 8th Street, Baker City— Residential roof replacement/repair.
- 39612 Sumpter Valley Hwy, Sumpter—Detached accessory building.
- 45889 Anthony Lakes Hwy, Haines— Detached accessory building addition.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2628 10th Street, Baker City— Detached accessory building.
- 1900 Resort Street, Baker City— Commercial reroof.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is September 12th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ Work Session: The Planning Commission will hold a public work session on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00pm in City Hall to review materials for proposed updates to the Baker City Development Code. These updates include revisions/additions relating to accessory dwelling units, mobile food units, eave heights for accessory structures in residential zones, hostels and property line adjustments.



Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A re-plat request was approved for the reconfiguration of boundary lines between four existing parcels located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone on 10th Street, between Carter and Estes Street. The property owner met with staff from Planning and Public Works for a site visit this week to review the site plan and discuss options.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of August 28th through September 3rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **32** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	6

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 6



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

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	3
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **80** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance: Paint Equipment Bays.
- **40**hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: EMS Scenarios, Life Flight LZ Training, Treatment Illicit Drugs.
- **17** hrs of Community Events: BP Checks, Standby for Varsity Football 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 September 11th.



"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 187 incidents and opened 43 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ⊛ The Baker County Major Crime Team was activated in response to a report of an unattended death. The Baker County District Attorney's Office issued the following statement in response to this incident:

On September 5, 2018, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Izah Nicholas Gonzalez (dob 11/30/2003) of 2415 Baker St., Baker City, Oregon was found deceased at the Skate Park in Baker City near Sam O Swim. The Baker County Major Crime Team is investigating the death. The Baker County Major Crime Team consists of members of the Baker City Police Department, Baker County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police and the Baker County District Attorney's Office.

After receiving numerous inquiries concerning this incident, the following statement was released by the Baker City Police Department:

BCPD would like to assure the citizens of Baker City that at this time there is no threat to the students attending our local schools. There have been rumors circulating about a possible threat to students in relation to the current investigation being conducted by the Baker County Major Crime Team into the death of a young man. The safety and security of our schools is of the utmost importance.

The investigation into this incident is continuing and additional information will be released as it becomes available.

- ⊛ 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 2 pending cases
- ◆ Followed up with multiple grass and weed violations

- ◆ Served multiple subpoenas for dangerous dog court case

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- ◆ Followed up on multiple parking violations
- ◆ Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- ◆ 2 dogs at large returned to owner
- ◆ 1 new dog bite case
- ◆ Followed up with 1 dangerous dog case

Miscellaneous:

- ◆ Followed up with 1 TUP complaint
- ◆ 1 found bicycle

Public Works: Water Department

A new water service was installed Wednesday on "H" Street. Instead of a full asphalt cut across the street it was decided to use the pneumatic boring machine. This way smaller asphalt work would be needed for the repair. It's a fairly simple process where the unit uses air pressure and an internal ram to thrust itself forward in which ever direction it is aligned. A carpenters level and a "good eye" is necessary in order for the bore to end up in the right location.

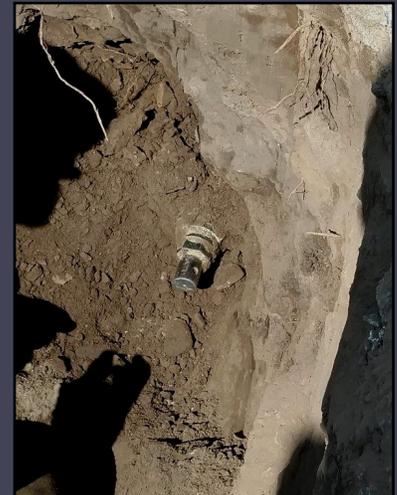


← First, holes had to be excavated over the water main line, at the new water meter location and over any other utilities which could be damaged by the boring unit.



Once the "missile" boring unit is properly aligned, and at the proper grade, you typically stand on it to stabilize it until it fully enters the soil.

Here you can see that the missile head has entered the excavation at a great location near the water main line.



Next an industrial strength Chinese finger trap is used to attach onto the 1" copper water pipe.



Then the "missile boring unit" is put into the reverse mode and it pulls the 1" copper pipe back through the hole.

The final installation of the water meter was completed Wednesday afternoon and the asphalt patched Thursday.



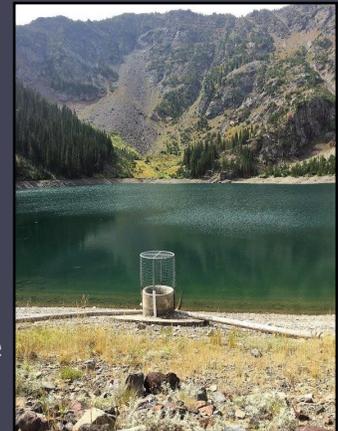
Public Works: Watershed



Jake and Scott continue to work repairing fences to keep cattle out of the Baker City Watershed.



← Pictured here the tree has been cut out of the way and the fence repaired.



Goodrich Reservoir this week.

Justin, Blain and Brian have been working to create an embankment around the 4.5 million gallon Water Reservoir.

This material will help protect the concrete surface from exposure to the severe freeze/thaw cycles which are common in Northeast Oregon.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



A resident on Washington experienced wastewater problems today. Rick and Kris were dispatched to the area and cleaned the wastewater collection main line to make sure there was not a blockage in the main line. Pictured left, they are jetting the line that runs down Cherry Street between Broadway and Washington Streets.



Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

A new residence is under construction on "H" Street between Cedar and Birch Streets. Prior to "H" Street being constructed in 1981, wastewater stubs were installed for future use. These stubs were carefully measured and the information noted so that they could be accessed in the future. The future arrived Wednesday. Using a metal detector and backhoe, Blain and Nate located a piece of metal pipe which is believed to mark the location of the sewer stub. A stake was driven at the location. The contractor will dig down approximately 9 feet at this location to find the stub next week.



A local plumber hired Public Works to use the push-cam to inspect a wastewater lateral for a local business. The lateral is located in an area where asphalt will be placed soon. The line was inspected and found to be in excellent condition. The plumber was charged a fee for the service.

Public Works: Street Department

Crews worked this week crack filling and patching several Baker City streets. On Thursday Craig, Karl, Jacob, Brian, Nate and Shane used 8.83 ton of "D" mix asphalt to patch the new water service repairs on "H" Street and 49 crack patches on 4th Street in South Baker and on Washington Street between Balm and Well Streets.



Four of the areas that were patched had severe "alligator" cracks. Strips of glass-grid structural fabric were pre-cut and placed onto the asphalt surface before patching those locations. The fabric will be a benefit in helping hold those sections of asphalt together in the future.

← The Crew patching Washington Street between Balm and Well Streets.



Public Works: Street Department Continued

An overhead communication line near Atwood Road was "snagged" by a contractor hauling a piece of equipment earlier this week.

Craig and Dennis responded to the site to help direct traffic while repairs could be made.

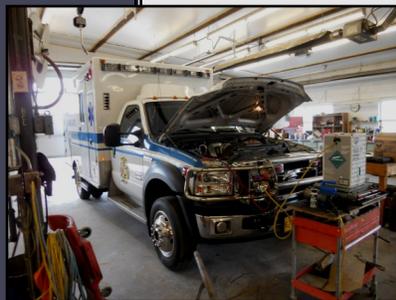


Public Works: Shop



New door hinges were installed and adjustments were made to the backhoe's door. It is now back in service.

Wes and Scott replaced the heater core and EGR seal on this ambulance. The turbo and EGR cooler were tested as well.



Two injectors are bad and will need to be replaced.

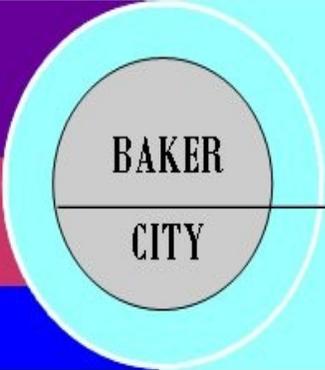
Wes and Scott have been busy taking apart the left side track and replacing the rollers and track links on this dozer.

It will be heading back to the mountain in a couple of weeks to repair a road in Salmon Creek.





Public Works: Announcements



Partners for Paws Present...
2nd Annual

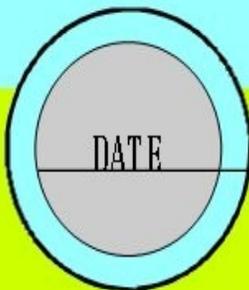


Dog Jog!

Join us for a fun run/walk starting and ending at Central Park. All proceeds go to support maintenance and improvements for our local Dog Park in Baker City! Prizes will be awarded for best "dressed" pet and participant. All pet participants will receive a treat at the finish line. *Dog optional!*



8: 30 am late registration
9 am start



October 6, 2018



Register online at: <http://bakercity.com/2283/Dog-Park>
If you are not able to complete the online registration, you can register and pay at City Hall!



Public Works: Announcements



Due to current fire restrictions, the Baker City Watershed is closed to all hunters at this time and hunting access permits are not being issued.

The Watershed will remain closed until the fire danger is classified as **“Low”** or **“Moderate”**. Please call (541) 524-2047 if you have questions.



Safety Committee: Announcements

BAKER CITY SAFETY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

September 2018

Monthly Employee Safety Focus

Protect Your PEEPERS



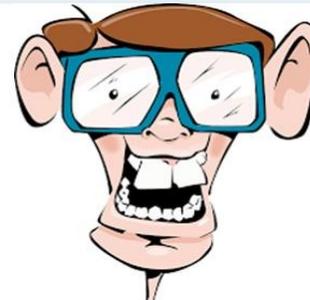
Workplace Eye Safety



According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 20,000 workplace eye injuries happen each year. These injuries result in approximately \$300,000,000 in medical treatment, workers compensation and loss of productivity. 90% of workplace injuries are preventative with use of protective eyewear. A new study revealed that 70% of U.S. adults suffer from digital eyestrain due to prolonged use of electronic devices. Intense UV rays from the sun damage sensitive cells in the eyes, eventually affecting vision. WE all use our eyes everyday. Protecting your peepers should be **PRIORITY 1!**

Use Protective Eyewear

OR-Osha requires that all employees utilize PPE to protect from hazards in the workplace. You need to wear protective eyewear (safety glasses, goggles, or face shields) if you are working in areas expose you to flying particles or dust, molten metal, liquid chemicals, or UV or IR light.



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Reduce Digital Eyestrain

Visit an eye doctor for a dilated-eye exam make sure you are seeing clearly and to determine any potential vision problems. Place your screen 20—26 inches from your eyes and slightly below eye level. Adjust text size to a comfortable level. Change lighting to reduce glare and harsh reflections. Use an adjustable chair, Choose screens that tilt and swivel. Every 20 minutes take a 20 second break and look at something 20 feet away...**20-20-20!**

Wear Sunglasses Outdoors

Make sure your shades have 100% UV protection for both UVA and UVB rays—this is the most important thing you can do to save your eyes. Choosing polarized lenses will make it easier to see in very bright conditions and keep eyestrain at bay... Your eyes will thank you later and you will look super **COOL!**

