

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail.
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update September 14, 2018

Administration:

The City Council met this week for a short session. They signed an agreement with the State of Oregon to undertake an Economic Opportunity Analysis for Baker City. This will be at no cost to Baker City and the deliverables will be identifying the local and regional trends, the barriers to growth and attempt to gauge what the citizens of Baker City would like to see as far as growth over the next decade. The City will be working to aid in the gathering of this information and scheduling public meetings.

Representative Lynn Findley held a listening session this week that was attended by a good number of citizens. He briefed the crowd on happenings in Salem and heard many relevant concerns and comments. It was interesting to hear his take on issues and how they relate to Baker City.

The fall weather is getting a little crisp in the morning but the days are extremely pleasant. Have a great weekend.

City Council Agenda

September 25th

- FAA Grant Award



Announcements:

The 12th Annual Great Salt Lick Auction will take place on Saturday, September 15th. Crossroads is hosting the event and viewing begins at 5:30 p.m. For additional information please visit their website at [The Great Salt Lick Auction](#).



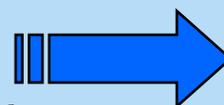
Cycle Oregon riders will be finishing their Eastern Oregon ride and returning to Baker City this Saturday, September 15th. For additional information please visit [Cycle Oregon](#).



Baker City is in search of this year's 2018 Community Christmas Tree! Christmas Tree candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Located within 3 miles of Court Plaza.
- Maximum height of 40 feet.

If you would like to submit your tree for consideration, please contact Robin Nudd at 541-524-2036 or rnudd@bakercity.com by October 1, 2018.





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	11	2	7
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	10	6	7	7
Mechanical	5	1	5	4
Plumbing	3	4	0	3
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	20	22	14	21

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 49804 Spur Road, Oxbow—Interior remodel and garage expansion.
- 2231 3rd Street, Baker City—Foundation addition to accessory building.
- 14877 Mansfield Lane, Haines—Garage addition.
- 2325 Birch Street, Baker City—Detached accessory building.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- None to report this week.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next

regularly scheduled meeting is September 26th 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 Type 1 re-plat review was completed for property at 105 Foothill Drive, located within the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ On August 29, 2018, the Planning Commission approved the construction of a ±35' x ±96' greenhouse, totaling ±3,360 square feet, at 2500 E Street. 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.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of September 4th through September 10th the Fire Department responded to a total of **32** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	14

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 31

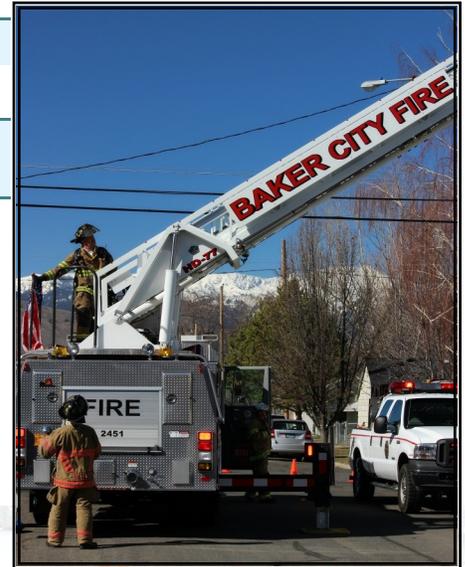
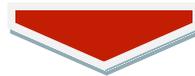


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	2
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	1

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 1



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

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

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **103** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance: Paint Equipment Bays.
- **43**hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: EMS Scenarios, Pre-fire Planning Basche Sage Mall.
- **6** hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- **14** 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 18th.



"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 198 incidents and opened 46 new cases during the previous week, making numerous arrests for outstanding arrests and detainers. One case involved the arrest of a couple, who following an incomplete call to 911, found to be in possession of a usable amount of methamphetamine in their hotel room.
- ✪ Chief Newman participated as a member of an oral board conducting interviews for an open Lieutenant posting at the Powder River Correctional Facility.
- ✪ School Resource Officer Lance Woodward, thanks in large part to a grant received from the Oregon Department of Transportation, began the first training session to become a certified Driver's Education Instructor. There are currently no Driver's Education Instructors in Baker City and a Driver's Education class hasn't been held in Baker City in over a year.
- ✪ New recruit, Officer Lonnie Ashley, was sworn in as a welcome addition to BCPD this past Wednesday afternoon. Officer Ashley, having once worked as a patrol officer for this department, moved to the west side and worked for Polk County Sheriff's Office before retiring and moving to Seneca, Oregon. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and is excited to be back in this area. Please join us in welcoming Officer Ashley.
- ✪ 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.



Left to right: Officer Ashley, Chief Newman





Public Works: Water Department



On Thursday, there was a light dusting of snow on the peaks around Goodrich Reservoir.



Justin and Brian have been doing the majority of the earth and rock work to provide protection for the 4.5 million gallon water reservoir.



Pictured above, Justin is using Baker City's Volvo track hoe to stack eco-blocks and place boulders as rip-rap around the concrete reservoir.



The reservoir looking south.

Logs removed during the Mountain Pipeline Installation Project were taken to a local woodworker who cut some of the wood into fence stays to be used for future fence repairs in the watershed.





Public Works: Wastewater Department



Blain and Tommy worked to raise two manhole access lids close to the ground surface elevation on Cedar Street last week.

Pictured left, they are working to uncover one of those manhole lids.



A local drain cleaning professional requested that Public Works use the Vivax push-cam unit to inspect a private lateral where a resident had been experiencing blockage issues recently. →

← Nate used the locator unit to identify bad spots in the lateral which the property owner plans to repair.



Public Works: Street Department



On Wednesday, the Police Department received a report that someone had used a backhoe and scraped loose gravel from one of the City streets in town to use on private property.

Dennis responded to the site. As you can see in the photo gravel has been scraped for a considerable distance. Cost of the gravel has been determined and the investigation is ongoing.

Public Works: Street Department Continued

There is only one way to safely perform repair work on a street as busy as Campbell Street. Traffic was detoured from the section of Campbell Street between College and 10th Streets Tuesday while crackfill work could be completed. In the distance the crew is cutting weeds and cleaning cracks prior to application of the crackfill material.



Jacob, Nate, Cayn and Shane performed the crackfill work on Campbell Street Tuesday.

Some of the cracks on Campbell Street were too large to successfully repair using crackfill material.

Fifteen gallons of chipseal oil had been saved from last month's chipseal project. This was an excellent opportunity to use the oil and rock to repair the large cracks.



Public Works crews patched 43 locations on Wednesday. Over 12 tons of "D" mix asphalt was hauled to town and used to patch the following streets: Auburn, 17th, "D", Church, Campbell, Pear, Birch, Orchard and 9th.



Distress cracking is evident in the "wheel tracks" of Auburn and 17th Streets and some small potholes have been forming. The worst of those areas were patched Wednesday. Pictured left, the crew just finished a section on Auburn between 9th and 10th Streets. The age of the asphalt and heavy truck traffic are suspected to be the primary cause of the problems.

The crew also detoured traffic from the 17th & Auburn corner so that those potholes could be patched safely. Pictured right, Tommy, Kris and Shane are working to spread a thin layer of asphalt over the wheel track area.





Public Works: Street Department Continued



A couple of potholes on Church near Main Street were also repaired.



Truck traffic on Birch Street has been taking a toll on the asphalt there. The section of Birch Street next to Bi-mart was constructed in 2001. As you can see in this photo the asphalt has developed severe cracking. Two of the larger potholes were patched in August. →



In an effort to preserve this section of asphalt three strips of glasgrid street fabric 5 feet wide and 52 feet long were placed on top of the existing asphalt and then 2" of hot asphalt placed over the top of the surface.



← The area to be repaired. Lots of semi-trucks use this entrance for parking and overnight stays.

Here the glasgrid is laid out flat on the existing asphalt. →



Blain operated the Cat grader to spread the hot mix.

The completed blade patch. →





Public Works: Shop



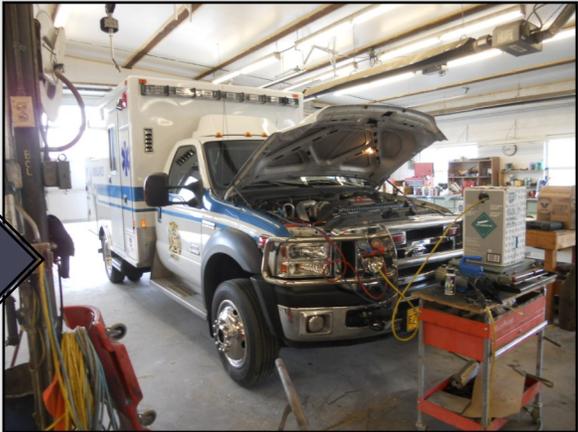
The Volvo 235, that has been rented for work on the pipeline, was due for a service check. Wes and Scott performed the scheduled service check and it is back to work.

Wes and Scott had to repair a blown "O" ring on this Volvo. They were able to repair it on site and get it back to work quickly.



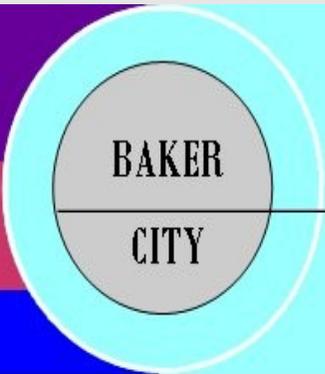
Wes and Scott are replacing the bushings in the left sweeper arm. This preventative maintenance is being done before this machine heads for Halfway to help sweep their streets.

The repairs have been completed on this ambulance. Two injectors, the heater core and the fuel pump were all replaced. It is now back in service.





Parks and Recreation: 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!*

**Register now!
Open to all Ages
and Breeds!**




October 6, 2018



8: 30 am late registration
9 am start



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!



Watershed Announcement:



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

BAKER CITY SAFETY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

September 2018

Monthly Employee Safety Focus

Protect Your PEEPERS



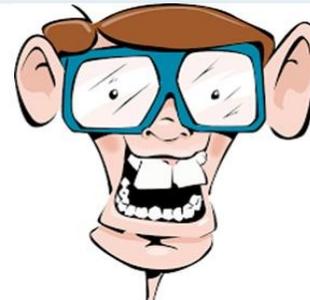
Workplace Eye Safety



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 I**!

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.



YOUR Committee
Joyce Bornstedt Chair
Jason Jacobs Vice Chair
Matt McBride
Meagan Paoletti
Julie Smith
Phoebe Wachtel
Fred Warner City Manager



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!**

