

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## *Weekly Update September 28, 2018*

### **Administration:**

This week representatives from the City met with the Baker County Transient Lodging Tax Strategic Planning Committee and discussed how to address priorities within the plan. It is exciting to be a part of the process and to aid in the development of tourism and economic development in Baker County.

The City Manager and Mayor are attending the annual League of Oregon Cities conference in Eugene this week. Highlights of the conference include breakout sessions on housing, transportation technology, city fundamentals and opportunities to visit with State agencies and Congressional representatives.

It won't be long before the leaves start changing colors now. We hope that you all are able to enjoy this beautiful start to the Fall season. Have a great weekend.

### **City Council Agenda October 9th**

- TBD



### **Finance:**

#### **Utilities**

- ◆ One customer signed up for new water/wastewater service and two customers disconnected service from September 21<sup>st</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed September 25<sup>th</sup> which included 471 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 103 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 16 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today and includes 726 residential and 65 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 210 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 43 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twenty-six residential customers (Zones 3 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) twelve were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

**Accounts Payable:** The second of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Payroll:** Seventy-eight employees were paid today including nine paid volunteer firefighters, one part-time inspector, one part-time code enforcement officer, the dangerous dog hearings officer and one temporary public work's employee. Of those 78 employees, 72 or 92% are signed up for direct deposit.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	12	4	8
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	4	8	3	11
Mechanical	4	10	3	5
Plumbing	1	5	4	1
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 44919 Pine View Rd., Baker City—Detached accessory building.
- Estes St., Baker City—1st of 4 new duplexes.
- 18963 W Campbell Loop, Baker City—Residential alteration
- 46847 Puzzle Cr., Sparta—Foundation only for new residence.
- 15172 Mill Creek Ln., Baker City—Detached accessory building.

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 2100 Broadway St., Baker City—Commercial re-roof.
- 2036 Main St., Baker City—Commercial re-roof

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 10th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

**Planning Department:**

**Public Meetings**

- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting will be a work session on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The agenda will include continued discussion on potential re-zoning of certain properties within the city.

**Land Use Decisions**

- ◆ A ±4,250-square-foot duplex was approved in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone. The addresses of 2905 and 2915 Estes Street were assigned to the future development.
- ◆ A ±4,250-square-foot duplex was approved in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone. The addresses of 2900 and 2910 Carter Street were assigned to the future development.
- ◆ A ±28-square-foot wall sign was approved at D&B Supply, located at 3515 Pocahontas Road in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A ±336-square-foot accessory structure was approved at 3708 Grace Street in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ Two letters requesting more information for pending applications were sent to property owners this week.
- ◆ 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 appeal period has ended and the decision is now final.
- ◆ A ±333 square foot storage shed was approved at 1353 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.





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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of September 18th through September 24th the Fire Department responded to a total of **21** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	16
Rural Calls	2
Patient Transported	10
No Patient Trip	8

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 18

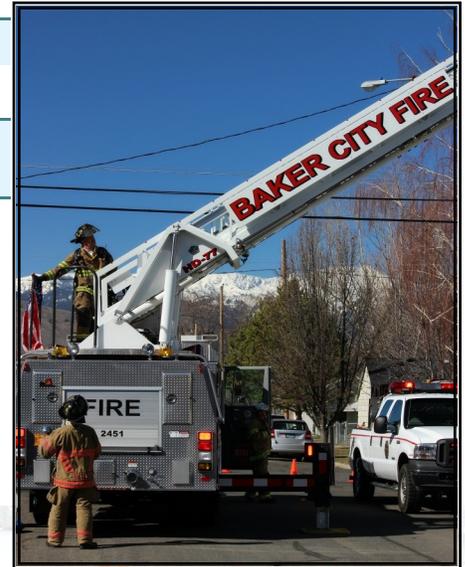
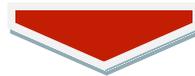


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	1
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	3

## TOTAL FIRE 3



## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	1
Persons Arrived for Cover	1
Incidents Not Covered	0

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

- 50 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- 48 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: Pre-Fire Planning for Grocery Outlet, Engine Company Evolutions, Heart-N-Home Inspections.
- 8 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- 18 hrs of Community Events: BP Checks, Standby High School 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 October 2nd.



*"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 229 incidents and opened 37 new cases during the previous week, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case involved an arrest of a subject with an outstanding warrant following a routine traffic stop that led to additional charges of Driving While Suspended, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, False Information to Police, Tampering with Evidence and Offensive Littering.
- ✪ BCPD staff conducted the ORPAT (Oregon Physical Agility Testing) and administered the National Police Officer Selection Test (POST written test) to prospective applicants this past week. Oral board interviews are expected to take place this coming week.
- ✪ 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.

### **KNOW FOR SURE IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT**



**CAR SEAT CHECK**

**Date & Time:** Saturday October 6th from 9am to Noon

**Location:** Baker City Fire Station, 1616 2nd Street

**Sponsored by:** Baker City Police Department & St. Alphonsus-Baker City

**Phone:** 541-524-2014

### **Code Enforcement Weekly Activity**

#### **Property Maintenance:**

- Followed up on 2 pending cases
- Followed up on 2 grass and weed violations

#### **Parking violations and complaints:**

- Multiple verbal warnings
- Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles
- Impounded 1 vehicle for a parking hazard

#### **Animal Violations and complaints:**

- Followed up on an injured deer complaint
- Followed up on 1 animal complaint
- 1 dangerous dog hearing
- Followed up on 1 pending dangerous dog case

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- Followed up on an illegal camping complaint
- Followed up on an illegal poster violation



### Public Works: Street Department



Concrete curb work at 4th and Valley Streets was completed last Friday. The slopes of the concrete exactly match ADA requirements.

The new curb on the 4th Street side of the intersection. →



← Straight curb on the Valley Street side of the intersection.

The asphalt portion of the street will be patched later this fall.

### Public Works: Wastewater Department



Late Tuesday afternoon Public Works received a phone call from the City of Huntington. One of their wastewater collection lines had become blocked.

They were unable to clear the blockage with their equipment and requested assistance. Karl drove Baker City's jetter truck to Huntington, met with the Huntington Public Works employees, and was able to successfully clear the blockage and restore flow.

Pictured left is a photo showing the approximate locations of the affected manholes in Huntington.

# Public Works: Water Department

The work to construct the supportive embankment around the 4.5 million gallon reservoir was completed this week.



Pictured left, Justin is taking a break from operating the trackhoe by performing some shovel work to uncover a buried electrical conduit.



Repair of a hole in the concrete block wall. →



Once painted it will be difficult to detect.



← Scott continued working to reshape the ground at the facility.



A new duplex is currently being constructed near the intersection of 10th and Estes Streets. There is an existing 6" ductile iron water line which runs a short distance down Estes Street.



Thursday afternoon Justin and Blain excavated the site and located a water valve and the end of the line.



The aluminum valve case which was originally installed in the 1970's had completely decomposed. Two new water meters are scheduled to be installed next week. A new valve and valve case will be installed if the main line is extended.



## Public Works: Storm Water



Karl and Jacob video-inspected the 10" storm water line on 4th Street and accurately located a hole in the pipe.

Repair work is scheduled to be done this Friday so it won't affect school traffic.

## Parks and Recreation:



### Don't Forget

The Partners for Paws Dog Jog will be taking place on Saturday, October 6th.

All proceeds go to support maintenance and improvements to our local Dog Park in Baker City.

You can still register online at [2018 Dog Jog](#) , or at City Hall, 1655 1st street.



# Safety Committee

BAKER CITY SAFETY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

September 2018

Monthly Employee Safety Focus

## Protect Your PEEPERS



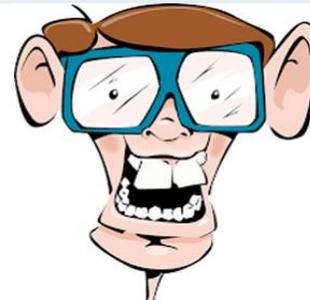
### Workplace Eye Safety



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 projective 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.



YOUR Committee
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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!**

