

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 5, 2018

Administration:

It appears that Fall is officially here. The temperatures in the mornings are getting close to freezing and the trees are starting to turn. First Friday downtown is tonight with many businesses staying open late. Don't forget that "Taste of Baker" is tomorrow from 4-7 in downtown Baker City. Many Baker County eateries will be displaying their wares. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will have a big crowd.

The grand opening of Grocery Outlet is scheduled for 8:55 a.m. on Thursday October 11. Come on out and welcome this important new business.



Pictured Left to Right: Brian Vetger, Carol Phillips, Tori Brown

We would also like to congratulate the following Baker City winners of Oregon's Main Street Revitalization Awards: Haskill Building for Best Façade Improvement, The Little Big Show for Best Downtown Retail Event and Barley Brown's for Business of the Year!

Have a great weekend.

City Council Agenda October 9th

- Law Enforcement Recognition
- South Apron Airport Rehab Bid Award
- Resolution 3822 Interfund Loan
- Land Sale Proposal



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Fourteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and fifteen customers disconnected service from September 28th thru October 4th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today and includes 469 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 132 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 29 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Five residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) all five paid prior to their water service being disconnected.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	6	10	3	15
Manufactured Dwelling	0	1	0	0
Electrical	8	9	6	10
Mechanical	2	6	6	4
Plumbing	3	4	0	2
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	19	30	15	31

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 2151 15th St., Baker City—New garage and covered decks for manufactured home.
- 730 H St., Baker City—New garage.
- 15776 Wingville Ln., Baker City—New RV cover structure.
- 2470 20th St., Baker City—Interior wall alteration.
- 1635 4th St., Baker City—Addition of new interior wall.
- 3130 5th St., Baker City—Addition of new interior wall.
- 112 2n St., Richland—New detached accessory building.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2600 East St., Baker City—New entry vestibule.
- 475 Washington St., Huntington—New wastewater treatment plant.

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 regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting for October has been cancelled. The Planning Commission will meet again on November 21, 2018.

Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A ±1,634 -square-foot single-family dwelling and a ±624 square foot attached garage and floodplain development permit was approved at 3615 Kirkway Drive in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A final replat map was approved, signed and recorded, reconfiguring the boundary lines between four existing parcels located in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone on 10th Street, between Carter and Estes Street.
- ◆ A ±128-square-foot storage shed and a ±512-square foot storage shed was approved at 1154 Church 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 25th through October 1st the Fire Department responded to a total of **38** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	26
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	13

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 33

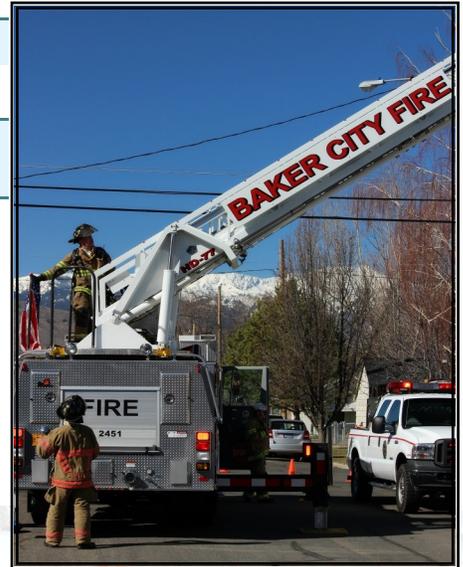


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	2
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	2
Persons Arrived for Cover	2
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 48hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- 81 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: Pre-Fire Planning Marvin Windows, Neurological Emergencies.
- 15 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- 23 hrs of Community Events: Fire Prevention Light House Church, Standby Rodeo at Fairgrounds.



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 9th.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ This past week, BCPD handled over 194 incidents and opened 40 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case involved the arrest of a subject who attempted to flee a local grocery store with a grocery cart loaded with over \$500.00 in stolen items. Store management followed the subject until officers could arrive on scene. The suspect was arrested for Theft II and Criminal Trespass II as the individual had been trespassed previously from the store due to an unrelated incident.
- ✪ The Baker County Major Crime Team, including BCPD staff, responded to and investigated a report of a shooting in which the victim was sent via life flight to a hospital in Boise, Idaho. The following press releases were issued by the District Attorney's Office following this event:

On October 1, 2018, the Baker County Major Crime Team responded to 2515 Main Street, Baker City, to a report of gunshots. Jason Crump (dob 3/10/1983) of 111 East Starcher St. Parma, Idaho, shot Lucas Mc Millen (dob 4/28/1982) of 3220 Campbell St., Baker City, during a dispute. The altercation occurred outside of the home at 2515 Main Street. Mc Millen was shot in the chest and neck area. Mc Millen was sent by life flight from Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City to Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise where he is in critical condition. Crump and Mc Millen know each other and have been employed together. The Baker County Major Crime Team is continuing to investigate the case.

Update as of Oct 4 at 1:14pm: The Baker County Major Crime Team is continuing its investigation into a shooting that occurred on October 1, 2018 at 2515 Main Street in Baker City. Lucas Mc Millen's condition is improving and he is continuing to receive medical treatment at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, Idaho. We are reviewing all aspects of this case including whether the shooting was justified. Jason Crump shot Lucas Mc Millen multiple times during a dispute outside the home on Main Street. Crump has cooperated with the investigation. The case will proceed to a grand jury to determine if charges are warranted following a complete investigation.

- ✪ An oral board comprising of BCPD personnel, the City's Human Resource Manager and a local business owner was brought together for the purpose of conducting panel interviews with applicants that passed last week's administration of the ORPAT (Oregon Physical Agility Testing) and the National Police Officer Selection Test (POST written test).
- ✪ Chief Newman participated in Coffee with a Cop held at the Little Pig. This event included members of various law enforcement agencies meeting with members of the community in an open forum in which to meet and discuss areas of concern or local interest.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Opened new property maintenance case
- Performed property maintenance re-evaluations
- Weed complaint re-evaluations

Parking:

- Issued multiple parking citations
- Issued multiple warning stickers

Animal Control:

- Several dogs at large
- 2 calls for service
- Completed animal impound and release reports
- Followed-up on dangerous dog case

Miscellaneous:

- Agency assist
- Responded to medical call



Public Works: Street Department



A new sidewalk and ADA ramps are being constructed at the southeast corner of Oak and Broadway Streets.

This is directly across from Brooklyn School. The City contribution to the project is the construction of the new curb and asphalt patching work.

The contractor cut the asphalt and removed the old curb and adjacent asphalt on Monday.



On Tuesday Kris and Blain set wooden concrete forms. Wednesday the new concrete was placed. It will be good to have a new ADA ramp for the crossing of Broadway Avenue so close to Brooklyn School. Kris and Blain worked to shape and finish the new concrete curb. →



One of the roughest public streets in town will be improved this fall. Indiana Avenue from Reservoir Road west past View Court will be worked on starting this week.

An underground utility locate was requested last week for the section. Once marks are established on the ground by the underground locate company it is the responsibility of the excavator to maintain the marks.

Nate used 40 penny nails and color coded plastic markers to make a more permanent record location of the underground utilities.



Rainfall Wednesday night softened the surface of gravel streets sufficiently so that they could be successfully graded.

Pictured left, Blain is grading a portion of Estes Street. Normally most of the gravel streets in town can be graded over a two day period.



Public Works: Street Department Continued

The O.D.O.T. striping crew performed work recently throughout the area painting centerline and turn lane markings. Pictured right, they re-striped the portion of Birch Street north of Campbell Street where Public Works chip sealed this August.

This portion of Birch was in very poor condition with severe cracking. An extra thick layer of chip seal oil was applied to the street to help keep the surface from developing potholes.



Public Works: Street Lights

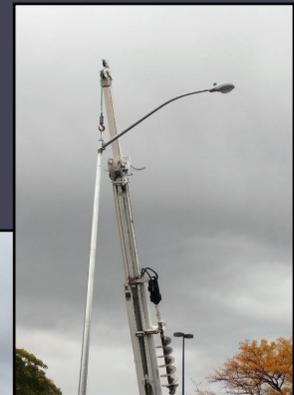
A new street light pole at the corner of Cherry and Campbell Streets was installed Thursday with the help of O.T.E.C. This light was knocked down several months ago by an errant vehicle.

Three new street light poles were ordered at that time (2 for future use). It took months for the manufacturer to make the poles and deliver them to Baker City. The galvanized metal poles were ordered to exactly match the existing poles along Campbell Street. It was a complete surprise Wednesday morning when it was discovered that the bolt holes from the old pole base didn't match the new pole's bolt holes and that the mast head flange was not aligned properly so the mast would point directly toward Campbell Street.

All necessary retrofitting work was accomplished Wednesday so that Thursday morning the light could be successfully installed.



← Here you can see that the holes in the slip flange don't match the pole base.



A two man crew of Tony and Casey from O.T.E.C. along with Justin, Dennis and Brian worked to securely install the light.

A strap was used to secure the pole to the O.T.E.C. Lineman's truck boom while the light base was being attached.





Public Works: Storm Water Department



Work began this week to improve the stormwater problems at the West end of Indiana Avenue. A section of 18" P.V.C main line is being installed along with a drainage ditch, catchbasin and manhole.

Public Works: Water Department

Two water meters were installed this week for a new duplex development near the intersection of 10th and Estes Streets.

Blain and Brian tapped the 6" ductile iron pipe with two 3/4" copper lines to supply water to the two residences.



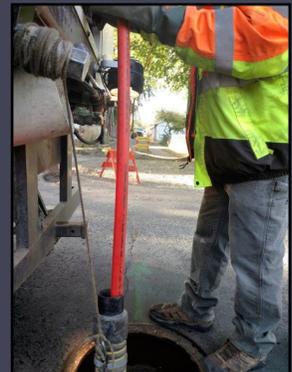
Public Works: Wastewater Department

A call was received Monday morning from a resident living on Valley Street. He reported that there was a sewer problem at his address. Justin, Karl and Tom responded to the location and discovered that there was indeed a blockage in one of the City's wastewater main lines. Work to clear the blockage began immediately.



Pictured left, Karl is parked on Valley Avenue and cleaning the blocked line to resolve the problem.

After the blockage was removed the line was video-inspected to determine possible causes of the blockage. Tree roots, a piece of chrome drain pipe, wet wipes and paper towels or a combination of these items most likely caused the blockage.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued



Here you can see a piece of chrome drain pipe that someone may have inadvertently flushed down a toilet or lost down a drain line that somehow ended up in the City main line.

The pipe was removed from the line. It looks like someone might have been in the middle of a repair (judging by the teflon tape wrapped around the threads) when the pipe was perhaps dropped into a drain pipe.



Tree roots also could have caused the blockage. These roots were cut out of the line using a "Bulldog" jetter nozzle.

One way to reduce tree roots growing into City sewer mainlines is to line the inside through the CIPP process.



Unfortunately the wastewater lines in this area are only 6" in diameter. Because of the limited space it is very difficult for contractors to use their equipment to enter the 6" line and cut out any connecting laterals - therefore, sometimes they refuse to work on 6" lines. In this case the line which had become plugged and caused the problem will be scheduled to be cleaned once every 6 months.

Public Works: 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.



Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott replaced the rubber isolators on the compactor and will be replacing the tack in the cab and some wiring as well. All repairs should be completed today.

A new battery had to be installed in this pickup and it is now back in service.



The air ride system was acting up on this ambulance. Scott replaced the dump valve and it is working great now.

The sweeper needed to have the air knife and skirting replaced. Scott and Matt completed the repairs and it is back in service.



The brakes on this vehicle were not working properly. The brake system was flushed and adjustments were made. It is now back in service.



West and Scott drained the water truck and winterized it for the year.

