

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 11, 2015

Administration

This weekend will signal the kick off of Cycle Oregon. Baker City will benefit from many participants who will be visiting our local businesses. Cycle Oregon will be leaving thousands of dollars with local vendors and service groups who are helping in the event. For more information about this year's Cycle Oregon please visit: <http://cycleoregon.com/week-ride/>



The best bike ride in America.



City Council

September 22nd Agenda Items:

**Third Reading of Tree Board Ordinance*

**Councilor Vacancy Discussion*

Finance

Accounts Payable-The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated September 10th.

Accounts Receivable-Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent September 10th. The billings were as follows:

Utilities

- ◆ 17 customers signed up for new water/ wastewater service and 16 customers disconnected service from September 4th through September 10th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed today which includes 453 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 68 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 87 late notices were sent out September 8th.
- ◆ 3 residential customers (Zone 1) was scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Receivable

Cemetery	\$1,400
Wastewater Maintenance	\$6,215
Street Cuts and Miscellaneous	\$4,269
Lien Searches	\$1,640
Ambulance	\$318,527
Airport Hangar Rent and Ground Lease	\$2,115
Property and Weed Abatement	\$2,998
Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment	\$4,868
Miscellaneous	\$398
Total Billed:	\$342,430





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical on new and remodel construction within Baker County. For more information please visit: www.bakercity.com/departments/building



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

No new commercial permits were issued this week.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 2215 Ohio Street, Baker City – 24x24 pole barn
- 46881 Cook Road, Baker City – 1008 square foot residential addition
- 1320 D Street, Baker City – new residence
- 18932 Alpine Lane, Baker City – 320 square foot addition to shop

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	2	8	2	5
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	5	3	5	2
MECHANICAL	2	0	0	2
PLUMBING	1	1	0	3
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	10	12	7	12

Other:

This week the City welcomed the new Building Official, Ken Hall.

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



City/County Planning Department

Planning Commission:



The Planning Commission will hold their regular meeting on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm** at City Hall to consider three applications. Staff reports for the hearing were sent to the Planning Commission this week.

A request for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance to change the use of a house on the corner of Main and Campbell (2419 Main Street) from residence to office. The house is located the High Density Residential zone.

A request for a Conditional Use Permit from Acom Consulting, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, to install a 100 ft. high transmission tower at 2960 East Street, in the Industrial Zone.

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The Planning Commission will hold a special joint hearing with the Baker County Planning Commission on **Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 pm** at City Hall to consider adoption of Interchange Area Management Plans, and Development Code and Comprehensive Plan amendments to implement the plans, for I-84 Exits 302 and 306. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website, <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>. The staff report to both Planning Commissions will be available on or before September 17. Notices of the hearing and proposed amendments were sent this week to 258 property owners in the areas of Exits 302 and 306.



Projects and Approvals:

A compliance letter was sent to Crown Castle, the owner of the wireless communication facility near Vista Heights Drive, regarding vegetative screening required by their Conditional Use Permit.

The Planning Director attended a meeting of 10th Street business owners on September 10th, discussing ideas and options for improvements along the street.

Quail Ridge Golf Course

One final reminder that crew will be aerifying greens on Monday, September 14th. The golf course will be closed all day on Monday and will be open for regular play on Tuesday, September 15th. Thank you for your patience during this maintenance process.





The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



During the week of August 23rd-29th, the Fire Department responded to a total of 32 emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	0
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	0

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	25
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	9



TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 32

Out of Town Transfers	0
Airport Transfers	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	3
Triple Calls	0

No fire response during this week.

TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 35 hours of in-house training

- EMS - CPR, first aid, pt assessment, chart reviews
- Fire – Hose evolutions, Type 6 operations

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

57 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Vehicle inventory 2481
- SCBA maintenance

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Company inspections
- Brooklyn School Safety Inspection



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on September 15th.



"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 **220** incidents and opened **41** new cases. One of these cases was a narcotics related investigation, which led to multiple arrests in Baker City and the service of a search warrant in La Grande. Another one of these cases was a Burglary investigation, which led to serving a search warrant in the county.
- ✦ Chief Lohner met with 5J Superintendent Witty and D.A. Shirtcliff to discuss long term funding options for the School Resource Officer position.
- ✦ 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.

Weekly Code Enforcement Activity:

Property Maintenance

- Followed up on 3 old cases
- Followed up on 1 new complaint
- Closed out 1 case

Checked 1 property for compliance with Court Order

Dangerous Dog

- Followed up on 1 case

Animal Complaints

- Followed up on 2 barking dog complaints
- Followed up on 1 miscellaneous complaint
- 4 dogs at large returned to owner
- 1 dog in custody impounded
- 3 dogs at large impounded
- Issued 1 citation for no dog license

Problem Pet Owner

- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance

Parking Violations

- Issued 8 parking citations
- Followed up on 3 parking violations

Weed Complaint

- Followed up on 1 weed complaint
- Checked 19 properties for compliance
- Issued 3 citations for violations

Unsafe Building

- Followed up on 1 case

Graffiti

- Followed up on one complaint

Abandoned Vehicle

- Impounded 2 abandoned vehicles

Temporary Use Permit

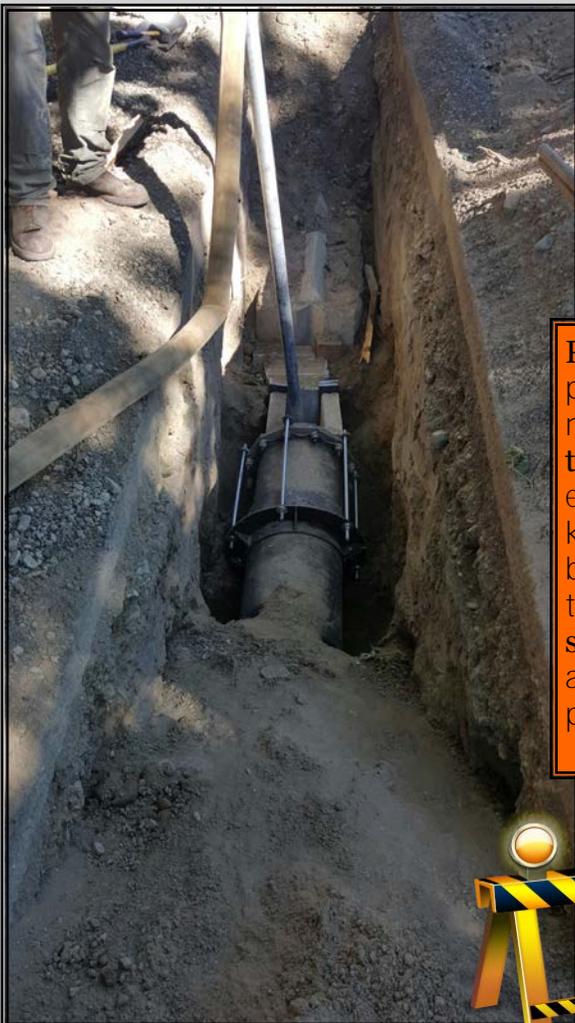
- Issued 1 citation for non-compliance



Public Works - Water



Blain and Matt excavated out 4” of soil at the ‘H’ and Kirkway Park. The Baker City Lions Club has been working to have exercise equipment installed along the pathway. After installation the area will be backfilled with wood chips.



Pressure testing phase two of the Auburn Ave. 16” pipeline proved to be a challenge, as the crew could not trust the silt soil to thrust block against it to hold **the pipe’s end cap on**. The test pressure of 120 psi is equivalent to 13,000 lbs. of force at the end cap. To keep the end cap from coming off, a custom made bell restraint and an additional eco block were added to hold back the force. The crew has also started **switching the house service lines to the new 16” line** along the first phase of the project which was previously tested for leaks and bacteria.

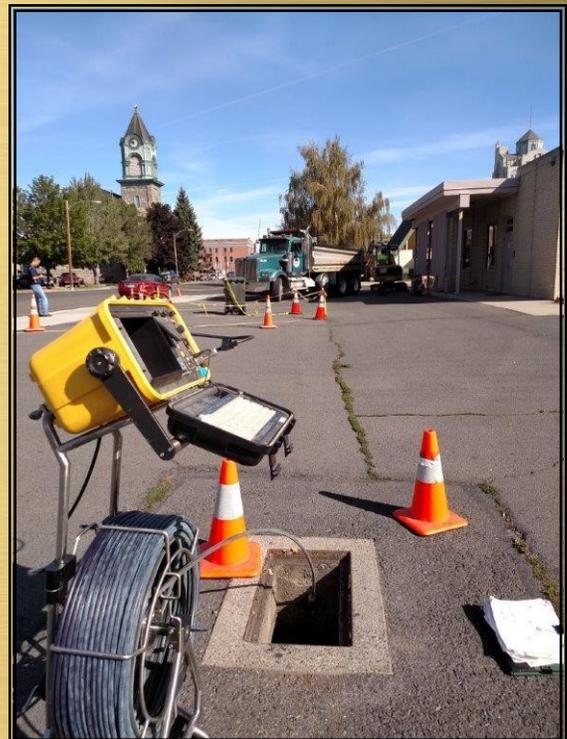


PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department:
 Crew worked Tuesday to patch ten blocks of streets on Valley and Church Streets. "D" mix asphalt was used to fill over 70 transverse cracks on those streets.



Wastewater Department:
 The crew of Karl and Rick video-inspected City wastewater mainlines looking for any ground water infiltration on Grove Street.



Storm Water Department:
 Tom assisted a local contractor at the Employment Department Facility by video-inspecting storm water drain lines. The lines were traced and those sections needing repaired were identified for the contractor.



PUBLIC WORKS-Shop

This week crew worked on a police car, they replaced the brake pads and rotors turned.



Also this week the blazer was in for some testing and repairs.



Sam-O-Swim Center Attendance



Private Swim Lessons	28 per week
Water Aerobics	65 adults per week
Lap Swimmers	35 children and adults daily
Open Swim	65 children and adults daily
Swim Lessons Parent tot level	9 children
Swim Lessons Preschool level	12 children
Swim Lessons Level 1-6	27 children
Birthday Party Rentals	60 children and adults





Remembering 9/11

September 11 is a day that deserves to be remembered every single year, and not because of the events that took place, but because of the people — the people that are no longer with us and those that risked their lives to do what was right.





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 any questions.