

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 10, 2019

Administration:

The City Council will be meeting on Tuesday to consider a request for a rate increase for garbage pickup by Baker Sanitary Service. The Council has been hearing from citizens about the recycling challenges created by the Chinese no longer accepting most recycled materials. The Council is engaged with citizens and Baker Sanitary Service to work on a long term strategy to reduce the waste going into the landfill.

Mother's Day weekend is upon us. Thanks to all of the Mothers who enrich our lives. The weather is supposed to be superb with temperatures in the mid-80's. Enjoy the weekend.

City Council

Agenda

May 14th

- EMS Proclamation
- Watershed Discussion
- 3rd Reading of Tree Ordinance
- Resolution Adopting New Fees for Baker Sanitary



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Press Release

Beginning May 13, 2019, the Baker City Public Works Department will start the D Street Storm Line project. This project will enlarge the stormwater drains. By completing this project, it will lower the possibility of overflowing in the catch basins and possible flooding. It is expected that this work will last for two and a half weeks. The first closure is scheduled to be on Main Street from C Street to D Street, and D Street from Walnut Street to 1st Street. We hope to have the intersection at D Street and Main Street re-open near the end of the first week. Additional closures will be announced as needed.

Please expect traffic delays and possible rerouting of traffic during this project. Should inclement weather conditions or mechanical issues arise, the street work will be rescheduled for the next available work day.

Your cooperation and patience during this project are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Baker City Public Works at (541) 524-2047 or (541) 524-2046.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	2	16	5	10
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	7	6	4	6
Mechanical	0	5	2	2
Plumbing	3	3	0	0
Fence	4	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	30	11	19

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 44730 Pocahontas Rd., Baker City—Structural repairs after fire.
- 921 Long St., Haines—New garage addition.
- 250 E Fulton St., Huntington—Patio cover addition.
- 2315 1st St., Baker City—New garage addition.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 85 David Eccles Rd., Baker City—Storage building.
- 0 Deer Park Loop, Baker City—Cell tower modification.
- 917 Cole St., Haines—Remodel of commercial building.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 29, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on May 15, 2019, at 6:00pm, to discuss:

- ◆ VAR-19-020: An application to construct a single-family dwelling on a parcel that is smaller than the minimum lot size for the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) zone. The property is located at 601 Auburn Avenue.
- ◆ CU-19-046: An application to construct a ±960 square foot accessory structure with a ±14-foot eave height at 1320 D Street, Baker City, on property zoned Residential High-Density (R-HD).

Copies of the applications and work session materials will be available for inspection on or before May 8, 2019, at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3rd Street. All materials can be viewed for no cost, or provided at a reasonable cost; digital versions can be e-mailed for free. Comments on the proposal may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. If you have questions, please contact the Planning Department at planning@bakercounty.org or 541-523-8219.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of April 30th through May 6th the Fire Department responded to a total of **64** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	50
Rural Calls	10
Patient Transported	42
No Patient Trip	18

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 60



Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	5
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	12
Triples (3 calls at once)	2
Public Assists	5

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	3
Dispatched Alarms	1

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	17
Persons Arrived for Cover	17



BCFD responded to a structure fire on Grove St. Monday evening. Arriving crews found a fire under the deck and foundation of the house. Crews quickly extinguished the fire, which was caused by discarded cigarettes.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **31 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **54 hrs** of Fire Training
- **9 hrs** of EMS Training
- **1 hr** of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **26.5 hrs** of Community Events
- **17** Burn Permits Issued



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on May 14th.



"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

⊛ During the previous week, BCPD handled over 188 incidents and opened 32 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.

⊛ The following press release was issued by the Baker County District Attorney's Office, and involves the conviction of an individual on multiple charges of Identify Theft. This case, involving multiple victims, was investigated by BCPD staff, including Detective Shannon Regan.

On May 7, 2019, in Baker County Circuit Court, Cassandra Lopez of 41302 Old Highway 30, Baker City, (dob 2/13/1982) was sentenced to sixty months (5 years) in prison. She pled guilty to five counts of Identify Theft and one count of Theft in the Second Degree. Ms. Lopez received thirteen months in prison on each count of Identity Theft. Eighteen other counts were dismissed pursuant to a plea agreement with the District Attorney's Office. In one count of Identity Theft, she received eight months consecutive to the other counts and five months concurrent. Lopez was ordered to pay \$3,459.82 in restitution to eleven different victims and to write a letter of apology to fourteen different victims. The convictions stem from multiple incidents between July 23, 2018 and October 24, 2018 where Ms. Lopez passed checks from closed accounts at many different businesses in Baker City to purchase products. The checks belonged to individuals who had not given Lopez permission to use the checks. Ms. Lopez had previously been sentenced to eighteen months in prison for Identity Theft in Union County in 2015. "We were able to get a long prison sentence in this case pursuant to the Oregon Sentencing Guidelines due to Ms. Lopez having a prior property crime criminal history. The large number of victims in the case was also an aggravating factor. The victims were pleased with the result of the case."

⊛ This week we welcomed Amanda Baker to the Baker City Police Department. Amanda, who was sworn in on Monday, is the City's new Code Enforcement Officer. If you see Amanda out and about, be sure to stop and say hello.

⊛ Gun locks are available upon request from the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue. These locks, donated courtesy of Project ChildSafe, are available during regular business hours. Please note, the lobby is closed during the lunch hour. More information about Project ChildSafe can be found at <https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>.

⊛ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.





Public Works: Street Department

A representative from the chipseal oil provider (Albina Asphalt) contacted and met with Public Works this week to look at Baker City streets and sample crushed rock for testing.



Andy sampling a Baker City stockpile of crushed chipseal rock.

← Here you can see that just a tiny bit of the HFRSP2/HFE100S oil still adheres well to a small rock pried from the street surface of Park Street.

Only a slight delay was caused by the movement of cattle on the way to one of the rock stockpile sites.



A cooperative effort between Baker City, OTEC and a local contractor to provide power and fiber to perspective new businesses along Settler's Loop, is making good progress.



Two new trees were planted on Thursday. One on Broadway and one on 1st Street.



Blain and Nate are pictured here working to remove concrete and dig the hole in the sidewalk section on Broadway in front of the Baker Co-op building.





Public Works: Water Department



Tommy and Nate worked to install a water line and a frost proof hydrant at the concrete sweeper pad this week.

This new water source at the sweeper pad will improve efficiency for the sweeper operator when performing cleanup work on both the Elgin Crosswind and Pelican sweepers.



An older two port fire hydrant was damaged on Baker Street.

Blain and Brian worked to replace the damaged one with a new Kennedy brand hydrant.



On Monday Dennis and Scott traveled to Goodrich Reservoir to determine how much the water level had raised within the last week. Now that the drain valve has been closed the reservoir depth will need to be monitored regularly.



← Scott uncovering the elevation reference points on the control rod.

Pictured right, you can see that the reservoir is approximately 30 feet below full pool. With the warm weather in the forecast it is expected to melt the surrounding snow and fill rapidly.





Public Works: Water Department Continued



Dennis and Craig worked to clean sediment from the Goodrich transmission line Wednesday.

Here you can see the high pressure water flowing into the pastureland in the Baker Valley.

The new 8" water main line on Clifford Street was pressure tested, disinfected and then the water tested to verify that there were no contaminants.

The line passed both the pressure test and the laboratory bacteria tests this week. Once those results were known the crew of Justin, Brian and Riley began connecting water service lines onto the new 8" ductile iron line.



Public Works: Parks and Recreation



Kris and Tommy worked Thursday to paint the vertical posts at both entrances into the Geiser - Pollman Park today.

Tommy working at the Madison entrance. →

← Kris working on the Campbell Street entrance.





Public Works: Anthony Silvers Street Tree Grant

Grant applications for trees are being taken for 2019-2020. Approximately \$2,500 in grant funds are available. For a full application and tree permits, please visit the Public Works Office at 1655 1st Street.



Public Works: Quail Ridge Golf Course



Volunteers at the golf course recently made some improvements to the back deck-a fresh coat of paint and overall clean up made a big difference. In addition, the Golf Board recently funded the new flag pole. It was installed on a work day in April.



It looks great up there-get out and enjoy the course!

Public Works: Shop



We have been having some issues with the sweeper's computer. A new VMM computer has been ordered. Wes and Scott will finish the repairs next week.



The driver side door lock mechanism is not working properly on this police vehicle. A new one has been ordered and will be installed next week.



The hydro generator was down and needed some repairs. Wes and Scott cut the contact ring, polished it, and replaced the brushes. Additional work is being done to the DC voltage amplifier.