

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 14, 2019

Administration:

The Public Arts Commission met this week for their normal monthly meeting. The folks from Art Roamers were in attendance and gave some background on their endeavors. The art pieces displayed in the downtown area have garnered a lot of attention. They are scheduled to remain until the end of June but the discussion was to potentially have them stay for a while longer. Several business owners were in attendance and shared that foot traffic has picked up since they arrived.

June 14th is Flag Day!



The Council is scheduling a trip up to the Watershed to bring the councilors up to speed on the Marble Creek area so that they can engage the Forest Service and other stakeholders in discussions on how best to protect the Baker City Watershed.

It looks to be a nice weekend so get out and enjoy our fabulous City.

City Council Agenda

June 25th

- Cyber Policy discussion
- Samo Swim Center Contract
- Budget Items
- Cost Recovery

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The agenda includes:

- ◆ VAR-19-062 & RP-19-062: An application to partition one ±12,200 square foot parcel into two parcels smaller than the minimum parcel size in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) zone. The property is located at 1353 Washington Avenue.
- ◆ SDR-19-063 & VAR-19-064: An application to construct a ±21,890 square foot general office building with a ±10,000 square foot health facility (accessory structure), along with a Variance to the maximum parking spaces allowed for a "General Office Building." The Baker City Development Code sets the maximum parking spaces for this type of development at ±64, but the applicant requests a total of ±141 parking spaces. The property is located at 3425 13th Street and is in the General Industrial (I) Zone.
- ◆ Work Session: A public work session for the continued discussion of revisions to the Development Code.

Copies of the applications and work session materials will be available for inspection on or before June 12, 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.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A land use review application and floodplain development permit was approved for the construction of a ±980 square foot single-family dwelling with a ±952 square foot attached garage and a ±224 square foot porch at 3725 Kirkway Drive, in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A property line adjustment application was approved for two properties located in the Residential – Medium Density zone. The application to reconfigure common boundary lines between two parcels. Parcel 2 (±169,884 square feet) will convey ±524 square feet to Parcel 1 (±4,846 square feet). After the proposed property line adjustment, Parcel 2 will measure ±169,360 square feet and Parcel 1 will measure ±5,370 square feet.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	5	7	8	8
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	8	4	13
Mechanical	3	2	2	2
Plumbing	4	5	0	1
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	20	24	9	22

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 2334 Virginia Street, Baker City – New residence
- 15098 Pine Creek, Baker City – New residence
- 44294 Miles Bridge Road – New residence
- 255 Manilla Street Sumpter – New residence, foundation only
- 42008 Salmon Creek Road, Baker City – Residential addition, foundation only
- 48090 Summit Creek, County – Detached accessory structure
- 3410 Cedar Street, Baker City – Detached accessory structure
- 39901 Buchanan Loop, Halfway – Remove and replace covered porch

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2107 3rd Street, Baker City – Addition of 4 windows to CMU wall at church
- 3100 15th Street, Baker City – Addition to existing storage building
- 117 Main Street, Halfway – Rebuild/repair commercial structure
- 2610 Grove Street, Baker City – Installation of seasonal fruit stand
- 916 Front Street, Haines – Commercial remodel

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 26, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Six customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and three customers disconnected service from June 7th thru June 14th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed Monday and included 469 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 133 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 27 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed Tuesday and included 467 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 97 (20%) are signed up for direct payment and 15 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today and included 485 residential and 60 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 121 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 25 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Four customers (Zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). One of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Receivable—Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent June 12th. The billings were as follows:

- ◆ Cemetery - \$5,312
- ◆ Wastewater Maintenance and LID - \$2,076
- ◆ Street Cuts and Miscellaneous - \$5,220
- ◆ Lien Searches - \$1,642
- ◆ Ambulance - \$335,303
- ◆ Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease - \$2,200
- ◆ Property and Weed Abatement - \$1,295
- ◆ Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment – \$5,500
- ◆ Golf Cart Lease Payment - \$1,250
- ◆ Baker County Economic Development Support - \$22,330
- ◆ Miscellaneous - \$2,837

Total Billed \$ 384,965

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

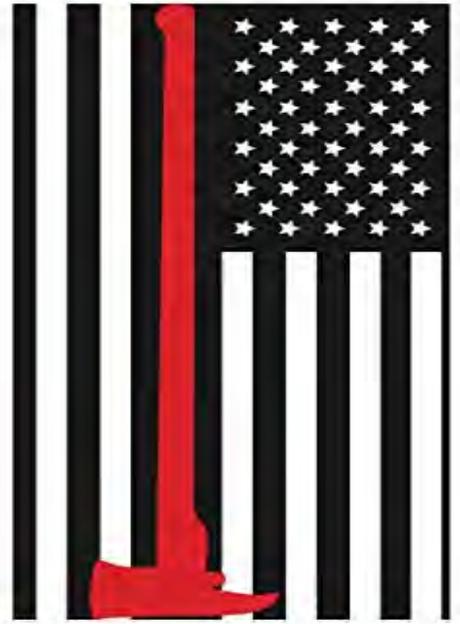
Payroll— June draw checks were issued today.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 28th through June 3rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	17
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	15
No Patient Trip	7
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	22

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

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **42 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **37 hrs** of Fire Training
- **16 hrs** of Community Events
- **13** Burn Permits Issued



ANNOUNCEMENT

The fire department is pleased to announce our “newest JR firefighter”: Oliver Snodgrass, who was born late Tuesday night. Congratulations to FF/Paramedic Andrew Snodgrass and his wife Crystal.

FIRE

REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	6
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	8

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Persons Arrived for Cover	7

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

★ During the previous week, BCPD handled over 195 incidents and opened 21 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case involved the arrest of a subject for Child Neglect in the Second Degree following a report of a 3-year-old child, in this the subject's care, wandering down the middle of a public street without being accompanied by an adult or having adequate supervision.

★ BCPD is excited to welcome back Officer Koby Essex and Officer Zach Thatcher to Baker City. Officer Essex and Thatcher both graduated from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Basic Police Academy in Salem after completing 16 weeks of basic training. Currently, Officer Mark Powell is attending the Academy and is expected to graduate in September.

★ 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.projectchildsafesafe.org/>.



From left to right: Officer Koby Essex, Chief Newman and Officer Zach Thatcher

★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various Officer Safety topics.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Responded to multiple pending cases and preventative contacts
- Aiding the community with the transition of weed management

Parking violations

- Issued thirteen parking citations
- Issued three orange tags
- Responded to multiple parking complaints

Animal violations and complaints

- Impounded two dogs
- Responded and assisted with multiple animal complaints

Miscellaneous

- Three found items
- Responded to multiple contacts within the community



Public Works: Watershed



Goodrich Reservoir: Scott has been making adjustments to the flow at the Goodrich Reservoir as needed. Ideally it works well to keep the water level slightly below the Glory hole until the ice melts. The picture on the left was taken June 3. The picture on the right is from June 11.



Public Works: Water Department



Blaine and Tommy installed a new water service on 11th Street this week. The line replaces a 1” copper service line that was installed in 1979, just prior to 11th Street being constructed.

Because the old copper line, had a cap and not a valve, Tommy had to use the cryogenic unit to super cool and freeze the water line so he could install the new meter.



Once the new meter was installed, testing was done to verify everything was working properly.



Public Works: Street Department



Public Works Crew began filling in cracks on streets this week in preparation for the 2019 Chipseal project. Heavy grass growth will be removed so that the curb line can be filled in prior to the chipseal application.



To the left, you can see settlement that will need to be filled in. Crews will use a "D" mix asphalt to make the repairs.

Some of the new LED street lights on Windmill Lane have burned out recently. Dennis replaced the bulbs. Upon inspection, it appeared the bugs may have entered into the cooling vents of the bulbs blocking a small fan. Without proper airflow, most likely the bulbs overheated and burned out.



Excavation work began on Washington Avenue Tuesday as part of the Thin Overlay Project. This year's project begins at the Powder River and extends east to Clark Street





Public Works: Wastewater Department



Left: Last Friday, while a contractor for Cascade Gas was working on Madison Street, they noticed that a sewer lateral was leaking. Blain, Karl and Nate verified the leak and worked after hours to replace the pipe and repair the leak.



Right: Using a Vivax Push-cam, Tom inspected a lateral line serving a business on Broadway.



Left: The exterior of the lower water reservoir was treated and recoated this week. A contractor was hired to do the work.

The Hughes Lane wastewater main line was completed this week. The concrete manhole was constructed and the 8" PVC pipe collection line and 4" lateral were all installed and the trench lines backfilled.



Right: Concrete was poured around the connected piping within the manhole shielding.



Karl and Nate carefully poured concrete around the PVC pipes.



Here are before (upper left) and after (upper right) photos of the excavation from approximately the same location.



Safety and Wellness

Monthly Safety Focus
June 2019

Be Aware: Wear Your Gear!

Baker City Safety & Wellness Committee



Wearing your personal protective equipment is important whether you are out on site of a project or come across an issue in the office. Make sure you choose the appropriate gear for the specific situation.

Types of PPE

- Face Protection
- Head Protection
- Foot & Leg Protection
- Hand & Arm Protection
- Body Protection

PPE Should Be Worn When These Are Potential Hazards

- Impact
- Penetration
- Compression (roll over)
- Chemical
- Heat/cold
- Harmful dust

Office Safety Tips

1. Make sure electrical cords are in good shape
2. Store things properly so they don't fall onto people
3. Keep pathways and work spaces clear from debris
4. Use caution when using paper cutters and other sharp items
5. Use ladders and proper equipment when needing to reach items

The Perfect Fit

When wearing PPE make sure it fits for the most protection.

- It should be a safe design & construction
- It should be clean and reliable
- Check for holes, rips, and broken materials before using

Committee Members

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Meagan Paoletti	

