

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## **Weekly Update June 28, 2019**

### **Administration:**

The City Council met this week and adopted the 2019-20 City Budget. The Council also met with the County Commissioners to talk about shared services. They had a good discussion about ambulance service and the future of economic development in the County. Sheriff Ash also made a presentation about the 911 Center. I believe that we all came away with a better understanding of the important role that our dedicated dispatchers play in the lives of our citizens.

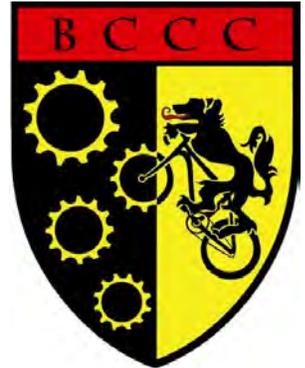
Senator Ron Wyden will be in the City on Sunday for a town hall meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 11:30 am on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. Come out and visit with the Senator and give him your thoughts on what is going on in Washington DC.



The Baker City Cycling Classic is coming this weekend. The downtown corridor will be closed for much of Saturday for the Criterion and other activities. There will be a lot of bicycles in the City, so be extra careful while driving about this weekend.



It looks like the weather will be returning to summerlike conditions, so enjoy your weekend.



## **Next City Council Meeting July 9**

### **Planning Department:**

#### **Public Meetings**

The next regularly-scheduled Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for July 17, 2019 at 6:00pm.

#### **Land Use Decisions**

- ◆ A ±288 square foot covered porch was approved at 3725 Cedar Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	8	2	14
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	0
Electrical	6	7	3	1
Mechanical	3	7	3	10
Plumbing	1	2	1	2
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 14094 S Rock Creek Lane, Baker City—New residence
- 3115 College Street, Baker City—Remodel and addition

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 39 E. Washington, Huntington—demolition of fire damaged structures

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 10, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

**Finance:**

**Utilities**

- 6 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 9 customers disconnected service from June 21<sup>st</sup> thru June 27<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 4 was billed June 25<sup>th</sup> and included 725 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 213 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 56 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 8 was billed today and included 472 residential and 19 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 110 or 22% are signed up for direct payment and 25 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- This week 23 residential customers (Zones 4 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) four of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

**Payroll**

- Eighty-three employees were paid today including six paid volunteer firefighters, a part-time plumbing inspector, a part-time building inspector/plan reviewer, a part-time patrol officer, the dangerous dog hearings officer and six temporary public works summer employees. Of those 83 employees, 73 or 88% are signed up for direct deposit.

**Accounts Payable**

- The second of two accounts payable run was generated June 27<sup>th</sup>.



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 **46** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	40
Rural Calls	2
Patient Transported	32
No Patient Trip	10
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>42</b>



Left: Sara Blair taking oath, becoming Baker City's newest Battalion Chief. Sara is the first female Baker City has had in this position. Congratulations Sara!

Below: Live fire training with Baker Rural Fire.



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

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	4
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>4</b>

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	9
Persons Arrived for Cover	7

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

- **28 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **34 hrs** of Fire Training
- **27 hrs** of EMS Training
- **1 hr** of Community Events
- **9** Burn Permits Issued
- **16 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on July 2nd.





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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- ⊛ During the previous week, BCPD handled over 208 incidents and opened 40 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ⊛ The Northeast Oregon Regional SWAT Team was activated to perform an operation at 1701 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Baker City on Wednesday, June 26th. Information was obtained that indicated that a subject with a felony warrant was barricaded in an apartment at this location. Residents of the apartment building were evacuated. During the operation, a loud speaker and other less-lethal noise devices were utilized in an attempt to make the subject peacefully vacate the apartment. At 2:48pm, the suspect was taken into custody on a felony warrant for Robbery II, Harassment and Theft III. The Northeast Oregon SWAT Team is comprised of law enforcement members from Union County Sheriff's Office, La Grande Police Department, La Grande Fire Department, Baker City Police Department, Baker City Fire and Rescue and Baker County Sheriff's Office.



- ⊛ 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: Watershed



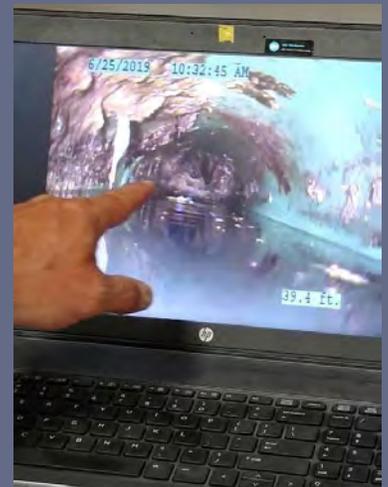
Scott travelled to Marble Springs to check the water flow. Gauges showed water flow of a whopping 3,600 gallons per minute!

He also travelled to Goodrich Reservoir and made necessary flow adjustments.

### Public Works: Wastewater Department

Mark, from the City of Unity, requested assistance with their wastewater collection system. Rick and Karl went to help video inspect a portion of the Unity mainline sewer.

Inflow from laterals was observed, along with a very large root mass that threatened to completely plug the line. A root saw was used to cut the intruding root and remove the blockage.

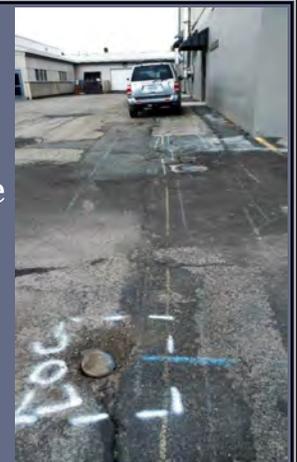


### Public Works: Street Department



Left: The local Oregon State Police station recently moved to Windmill Rd. To provide safer access to and from the new lot, the curb has been painted yellow and additional signage will be installed.

Right: A portion of the Baker High School parking lot will be overlaid with a 2" layer of asphalt in July. Public Works will be involved in the project performing adjustments for water meters, valve lids and sewer manhole tops.





## Public Works: Street Department continued



Left: Crack-fill work continued this week. Here the crew is working on 10th Street between Auburn and Myrtle.



Right: Riley is working on an underground vault on Resort Street that was holding water. He pumped the water from the vault and drain holes were cut.



The Washington Street project continued as scheduled.

Left: Here the curb line on the south side of Washington has been excavated to subgrade elevation.

Right: Nate is carefully placing base rock where the new concrete curb will be constructed

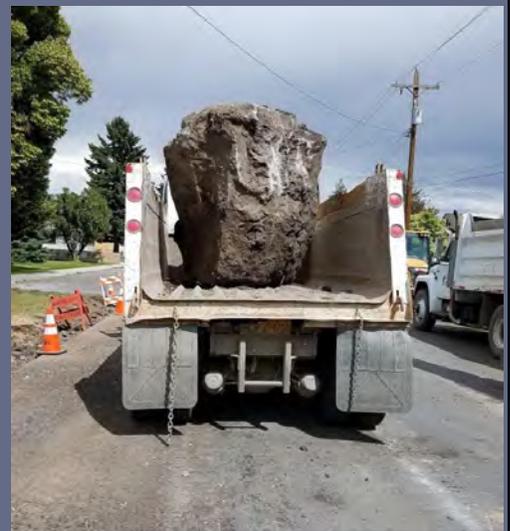


Left: Blain is using the Volvo mini-excavator to compact base rock.

The curb and sidewalk contractor is scheduled to begin his concrete work on July 8. Asphalt work is scheduled for August.



We removed and disposed of a huge concrete catch basin. Judging by the size of it, approximately 5 cubic yards of concrete was used in its construction.





## Public Works: Water Department



Hydrant flushing continued this week. The gauge measures the static pressure while an adjacent hydrant is being flushed.



Could this be a new Artisan Spring at Mt. Hope cemetery?



Unfortunately not. A leak was found on an 8" water supply line.



Blain and Nate performed the necessary work.

Above Left: the leaky pipe had been replaced. The red wires in the photo are electronic control wires to irrigation valves and sprinkler zones.

Above right: Concrete was placed around the PVC pipe to keep the piping from blowing apart. The repair will be tested Friday after the concrete has cured sufficiently.



### Public Works: Shop

This truck was used to haul a 20,000lb block of cement. While unloading, the block tipped over causing damage to the driver's side of the bed. We are in the process of repairing, and the truck should be back in action by next week.



We received the necessary parts to make the door repairs. This truck will be back on the road next week.

This truck came in with transmission problems. It will be heading to Ford in La Grande.



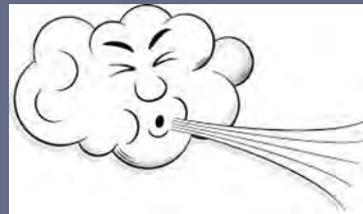
We replaced a cracked heater hose. This truck is back in service.



## Parks Department

The Parks Department would like to send out a big thank you to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Lisa Jacoby along with volunteers Olivia and Max Jacoby for taking time on a sunny Tuesday morning plant flowers to adorn Geiser Pollman Park and Mt. Hope Cemetery.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to Marian O'Connell and the folks at Eagle Cap Nursery for their generosity in donating the flowers for this project for eight consecutive years!



A wind storm passing through Baker City Wednesday afternoon took a toll on many trees at Geiser Pollman Park. This tree was a total loss. A crew with parks contractor, Grass Master, was quickly on site, taking care of clean up.

