

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 12, 2019

Administration:

St. Alphonsus Hospital held a ceremony this week to honor our active duty military personnel and Baker County Veterans. A permanent display of the flags for the five branches of the military will adorn their lobby. They are also embarking on a new program to train their personnel to deal with specific issues relating to military service. It is great to see our local hospital stepping up to help those that serve our country.



The Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally is in full swing. Let's be sure to welcome the Bikers to our City as this is a great event for the many businesses throughout the County. The array of different motorcycles will be on display on Main Street throughout the weekend. Come downtown and enjoy the many events.

This week looks to be the start of our boring summer weather destined to be sunny and warm/hot with wonderful evenings. Get out and enjoy.



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Sixteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eleven customers disconnected service from July 5th thru July 12th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed Tuesday and included 470 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 131 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 32 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed Monday and included 95 residential and 253 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 66 (19%) are signed up for direct payment and 14 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed today and included 468 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 (20%) are signed up for direct payment and 18 (4%) 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). None of those customers actually had their service turned off.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	6	0	13
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	4	6	6	6
Mechanical	2	2	4	4
Plumbing	3	2	0	3
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	16	10	26

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 3725 Cedar Street, Baker City—Deck addition

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 24, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The next regular Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for July 17, 2019, at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

Work Session: A public work session for the potential updates to the economic section of the Baker City Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Copies of the work session materials will be available for inspection on or before July 10, 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

A short-term vacation rental was approved in an existing single-family dwelling at 960 David Eccles Road, in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone.



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 **45** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	14
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	13
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	36



Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	6
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	6
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	3

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	5
Dispatched Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	9

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	19
Persons Arrived for Cover	12

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **20 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **21 hrs** of Fire Training
- **20 hrs** of EMS Training
- **6** Burn Permits Issued
- **4 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **13 hrs** of Community Events

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 16th.





"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 responded to over 199 incidents and opened 37 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✦ BCPD assisted the Baker County Sheriff’s Office and Oregon State Police in the apprehension of Colby James Hedman, (DOB 09-27-1995) of Heppner, Oregon. Hedman was taken into custody for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle and Attempt to Elude Police following a brief vehicle pursuit in the area of Old Trail Road and Interstate 84, near mile marker 298, in Baker County. Hedman, a suspect in the murder of Walla Walla resident, Kyle Jordan Martz, has since confessed to murdering Martz in his home in Walla Walla.
- ✦ Office Manager Phoebe Wachtel and Oregon Department of Transportation Safety Coordinator Billie Jo Deal participated in parent night at Brooklyn Elementary, handing out bicycle helmets and presenting bicycle safety information. This event was attended by students of the Baker Summer Academy and their families and included The Trailhead, Building Healthy Families and the Baker County 4H OSU Extension 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: Water Department



On July 4, Goodrich Reservoir had a portion of the slope above the outlet piping slip down the hill. The Water Department became aware of the situation at 5pm and Scott and Craig immediately went to assess the situation. Public Works Director Michelle Owen contacted the Army Corps of Engineers to schedule an emergency dam inspection for the next day.

Above left: One of the Army Corps of Engineers inspecting the slide area



Left: Baker City Public Works, Oregon State and Baker County personnel and the Army Corps of Engineers attended the inspection.

Right: City Manager Fred Warner and one of the engineers walking towards the slide area



Left: This photo shows the distance from the slide area to the dam proper. The Army Corps of Engineers will prepare an inspection report this week.



Left: Scott made flow adjustments on July 4th & 5th

Right: Level of Goodrich Reservoir on July 5th





Public Works: Water Department continued



Washington Street Water project took a step closer to completion this week as Baker City hired La Grande Public Works to perform two “hot-tap” connections onto 6” ductile iron main lines.

Right: Justin and Brian dig out for the “hot-tap” work.



Left: after the “hot-tap” was completed, the new line was pressure tested to verify its integrity.

Once the lines are verified, they will be disinfected using a chlorine solution. They will then be sampled and tested for contamination. Once the lines are deemed safe, the valves connecting to the main distribution system will be turned on.

Installation of this new section eliminated two “dead end” lines and will greatly increase water availability to fire hydrants in the area.

Public Works: Street Department



Kris repaired the broken curb on Main Street early this week so it would not be a hazard during the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally.

Left: The broken curb

Above right: 3/8” diameter re-bar was used to reinforce the repair

Lower right: The completed repair





Public Works: Street Department continued



Washington Street curb and overlay project is progressing well. The contractor has set form boards and poured a portion of the curb.



Public works crews spread approximately 50 tons of asphalt to patch dozens of locations throughout town.



Left: Karl and Jake are applying a layer of tack oil to the edge of existing asphalt for a water repair on Grace Street.



Right: Working on the East Street Patch.



Left: Blain, Nate and Brian working on East Street.

Thursday and Friday, Public Works was concentrating on patching the asphalt surface on Clifford Street where a water mainline was installed.



Left: The Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper has been doing a great job on Baker City Streets. Matt does a great job maintaining the sweeper and keeping it clean.

Right: A local contractor has been delivering rock to the city stockpile site for use on the 2019 chip seal project scheduled for August 12. Once delivered, Craig pushes the rock aside to conserve space at the site.





Public Works: Shop



We made sure this truck was running properly and that fluids were at proper levels.

We serviced this equipment and checked it over before it heads to the mountain line project for the summer.



We finished repairing the bed and need to install a new power steering pump before this truck gets back on the road.

We serviced this piece of equipment and checked it over.



Scott serviced this equipment and checked it over before sending it to the mountain line project.