

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 19, 2019

Administration:

We had a huge number of motorcyclists over the weekend. All of our lodging establishments were filled and there was a great deal of commerce throughout the County. The City will be meeting with the organizers of the event in the near future to discuss the event and get their feedback as we look forward to next year.

The Miner's Jubilee is in full swing with the Bronc Riding tonight followed by the Jubilee Parade tomorrow. Geiser Pollman Park is full of vendors and there are events scheduled throughout the weekend.

Marvin Wood Products held a ceremony this week to celebrate another five years of exceptional safety at their Baker City Plant. They were awarded the Voluntary Protection Program plaque from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration for their comprehensive safety and health management system. They are one of only a few companies in Oregon that have received this recognition. This award is given every five years and this is the fourth time that they have received this honor. It is great to have this outstanding business in our community. Congratulations to all the employees who have worked hard to better their workplace and our community.

Have a great weekend and stay in the shade.

City Council Agenda

July 23rd

- US Census
- IGA for 2018 Pavement Maintenance Program
- Ambulance Replacement Discussion

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

On July 17, 2019, the Planning Commission held a work session to discuss the Baker City Economic Opportunities Analysis and potential updates to the economic section of the Baker City Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The next regularly-scheduled Planning Commission hearing date is set for August 21, 2019, at 6:00pm, in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall.

Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A Site Design Review was approved at 3480 10th Street for the construction of four buildings in support of a commercial Christmas tree farm in the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A 3-parcel partition was approved to divide a property located at the corner of Birch and E Streets within the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A property line adjustment was approved between two parcels addressed as 555 and 601 Auburn Avenue. These properties are located in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) and Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zones.
- ◆ An accessory dwelling was approved at 2520 1st Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.

Finance:

UTILITIES

- ◆ Four customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and five customers disconnected service from July 12th through July 18th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed Tuesday and included 487 residential and 62 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 122 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 39 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today and included 503 residential and 53 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 116 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 38 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Thirty-two residential customers (Zones 2, 5 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Nine of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent July 15th. The billings were as follows:

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| ◆ Cemetery - \$5,024 | ◆ Golf Cart Lease Payment - \$1,250 |
| ◆ Wastewater Maintenance and Property Lease - \$4,287 | ◆ Baker County Economic Development Support - \$22,550 |
| ◆ Street Cuts and Miscellaneous - \$5,558 | ◆ Baker School District 5J School Resource Officer Support - \$18,107 |
| ◆ Lien Searches - \$1,322 | ◆ Miscellaneous - \$627 |
| ◆ Ambulance - \$394,583 | |
| ◆ Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease - \$2,741 | Total Billed \$ 462,780 |
| ◆ Property and Weed Abatement - \$1,275 | |
| ◆ Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment – \$5,456 | |

PAYROLL

Draw checks were paid on July 15th.





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 **27** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	11
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	14
No Patient Trip	6
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	20



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	4
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	3

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	3
Dispatched Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	7

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	3
Persons Arrived for Cover	3

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **53 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **10 hrs** of Fire Training
- **4** Burn Permits Issued
- **2 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **1 hr** 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 23rd.





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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ During the previous week, BCPD responded to over 214 incidents and opened 23 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ As is typically a busy weekend for our community, the Hells Canyon Rally, celebrating its 20th Anniversary, ran very smoothly and did not generate any noteworthy responses from law enforcement. During the Steven Adler Concert, a David Uhl painting entitled, "Wild Mustangs" was auctioned, raising \$2,200.00 which was donated to BCPD. Many thanks to event organizer, Todd Godfrey of High Desert Harley-Davidson, and his staff for their support and efforts in organizing a safe and fun event for all in attendance!



✪ Christian Motorcycle Association sold pins at the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally, earning \$223.00 which they donated to the BCPD K9 Program. Huge shout out to his group for their support!

✪ BCPD is again investigating reports of fake currency, designated "For Motion Picture Use Only," being passed at local businesses. While it is not illegal to be in possession of this type of fake money, it is illegal to pass it as legal tender at a business. The fake bills are plainly marked as 'movie' money and do not have the same feel as a real or legitimate currency. Please be on the lookout for these bills and if you see something suspicious, contact dispatch at 541-523-3644.

- ✪ BCPD proudly unveiled the latest patrol vehicle to be added to the Department's fleet! Look for this vehicle to lead the Miner's Jubilee Parade this weekend. Big thanks to Oregon Sign Company for the outstanding job with the vehicle's graphics and wrap and the especially quick turnaround in getting it done and on the road!
- ✪ 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.





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	2	2	19
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	6	11	9	4
Mechanical	2	5	2	4
Plumbing	2	2	3	0
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14	20	16	27

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- Birch Street, Baker City—New residence
- 35860 Hwy 245, Baker City—New residence
- 38671 French Gulch Rd, Baker City—Roof expansion/replacement

COMMERCIAL PERMITS: None

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

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

Public Works: Trees

Street tree grants have opened up for the 2019-2020 year. They are made possible by Anthony Silvers, a man with a passion for trees. Street trees are located within the public right-of-way and are generally located between the street and sidewalk. Just some of the benefits we reap from street trees include: pollutants are filtered and oxygen is added to the air we breathe; glare and heat from the roadways is decreased as is storm water runoff; shade is provided to surrounding vegetation, our homes, vehicles and pedestrians; and outdoor experiences are enhanced for Baker City’s citizens and folks visiting our great little city by beautifying the landscape.

If you have any questions or would like to pick up an application, please contact Baker City Public Works at (541) 524-2047 or stop by City Hall.





Public Works: Trees continued

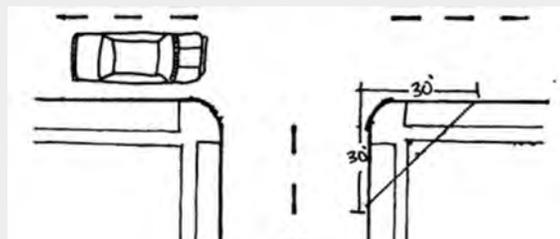
It's that time of year that we'd like to remind everyone to please take a look at the trees at your property to make sure there's sufficient clearance below tree canopies to allow safe and unobstructed travel for both pedestrians and vehicle utilizing the sidewalks and streets.

Section 94 of the Baker City Code of Ordinances requires that there be at least 8 feet of clearance above the sidewalk and 12 feet of clearance above the street, as illustrated below.



If you own a corner lot, please ensure that all street/traffic signs are clearly visible as the intersection is approached. If you have vegetation or objects located near the street corner, please be mindful that anything within this vision clearance area that is between 2 to 8 feet in height may impact visibility at the intersection.

Please review the vision clearance area illustrated below.





Public Works: Stormwater Department



A resident recently complained that a drain line on Orchard Street was not working properly. An inspection camera revealed minimal room inside the pipe. For a brief moment, the camera got stuck, however once free, a push cam unit was used to inspect the line.

The inspection found the line to be in good condition.



Public Works: Street Department



Public Works is working in conjunction with Baker 5J School District on their parking lot overlay project.

Water line valves and wastewater manholes will have to be adjusted as part of the project.

Here Justin and Brian are working to adjust one of the water valve tops.





Public Works: Street Department continued



Asphalt patching was completed on Clifford Street on Friday. This work was the final step in the completion of the new water main line project.



The Washington Street Main Line Bore Project was completed this week. The crew patched bore holes on both the east and west side of the Powder River along with a water trench line.



This patch was intentionally left low because the existing asphalt in this area is too high and will be ground down next week.

The remaining chip seal rock was delivered to the city stockpile site on Atwood Road.



A resident on Campbell Street is constructing a new concrete sidewalk on both the west and south sides of the property. As part of the project, Public Works is constructing a new ADA compliant curb to match the new ramp. Kris and Blain created the form and performed the concrete placement work.





Public Works: Water Department



Justin and Brian worked to place 20" diameter Class 51 and Class 53 ductile iron pipe along the pipeline route for installation starting next week.



Left: Brian is loading the pipe trailer with nearly 6,000 pounds of pipe. The pipe is then taken via grader and trailer to the installation location.

Right: A water meter on 3rd Street had developed a leak. Here you can see the hole. A special tapered screw was used to try and plug the hole, but it still continued to leak.



Blain and Nate were able to freeze the charged service line to stop the flow of water so that a new meter setter could be installed.



Hydrant flushing resumed this week. Here the crew is working on the northwest part of Baker City.

