

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 26, 2019

Administration:

The City Manager, Fire Chief and Building Inspector took a tour of St. Alphonsus Medical Center's remodel of their cafeteria and emergency room. The changes will be significant and the contractor is proceeding at a nice pace. The transformations should have a positive effect on patient and family care.

The City Council met this week and heard from the United States Census Bureau about the upcoming 2020 national census. It is extremely important for all people to be counted in our area as well as throughout the State of Oregon. Approximately 13 billion federal dollars will be allocated to Oregon that will be based on population counts in the 2020 census. In addition, Oregon may be in line for an extra seat in the House of Representatives at the Federal level. For more information, please go to **2020census.gov**.

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It looks to be a typical hot weekend here in the City. Get out and enjoy the sunshine.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Responded to seven complaints
- Followed up on nine open cases
- Responded to four preventative cases
- Issued one citation

Animal violations and complaints

- Impounded seven dogs
- Responded to ten dogs running at large
- Performed five animal welfare checks
- Responded to one dog bite

Parking violations

- Issued one parking citation
- Orange tagged three vehicles
- Responded to ten complaints
- Followed up on five previous complaints

Miscellaneous

- Five found items
- Five community service stops
- Twenty miscellaneous community contacts
- Four park checks
- Two special details



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	18	5	12
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	1	4	4	13
Mechanical	2	7	2	5
Plumbing	1	4	3	3
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	8	33	14	34

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 49196 Hwy 30, Haines—Addition/ replacement
- 15849 High Country Lane, Baker City—Solar addition
- 203 IbeX Street, Sumpter—Porch addition

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2090 4th Street, Baker City—Interior Alteration
- 26321 Malheur Line Lane, County—Cell tower modification
- 38249 Old Hwy 30, County—Cell tower modification

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is August 14, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

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 ±132 square foot residential addition and a ±432 square foot accessory structure were approved at 2023 Balm Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A home occupation permit for a fresh-cut flower business and an accompanying ±160 square foot greenhouse were approved at 1605 7th Street in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A minor modification application was approved to change the access point for a parcel created through a previously-approved partition on Birch Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A minor modification application was approved to decrease the height of an existing billboard sign at 2505 Broadway Avenue in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 16 through July 22 the Fire Department responded to a total of **35** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	30
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	14
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	33



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	2

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	9
Persons Arrived for Cover	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **40 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **20.5 hrs** of Fire Training
- **30.5 hrs** of EMS Training
- **3** Burn Permits Issued
- **4 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **28 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 30th.





"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 202 incidents and opened 46 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case, currently under investigation by the Baker County Major Crimes Unit, involves two subjects suspected of robbing two victims and assaulting one of them. This incident occurred in the vicinity of Cedar and H Street at 1:48 a.m. on Monday, July 22nd.
- ✪ Detective Regan led the Miner's Jubilee parade driving the Department's latest addition to the fleet, the 2019 Dodge Charger. Miner's Jubilee and the Baker Broncs and Bulls Riding, by all accounts, were enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Both events went very smoothly with no related arrests made during the associated festivities.
- ✪ 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

Right: On Monday, Scott checked on the dam and water level at the Goodrich Reservoir. There was no noticeable change to the dam embankment and water storage was increasing slowly.



Justin and Brian worked to tie in a portion of the mountain line between the reservoir and the Elk Creek settling tank.

Left: A laser level is used to keep the pipe on the designated grade. Each joint of pipe is deflected as needed to keep within alignment tolerances.



Left bottom: Brian is bringing one of the last pieces to be used to tie in this section of the pipeline.

Right: Steve is teaching Dylan, one of our summer college workers, on how to properly set up the surveyor tripod so that the pipeline route can be accurately marked on the ground



Public Works: Street Department



The Miner's Jubilee was well attended with many entries. Dennis operated the sweeper, cleaning up horse apples and other debris.

On Wednesday, crews worked to crack fill and patch some of the streets that will be chip sealed beginning the week of August 10.



Right top and bottom: The crew is crack filling and patching Birch Street just north of Campbell Street.



Left: The crew is patching next to the new curb at the intersection of 7th and Campbell Streets





Public Works: Streets Department continued

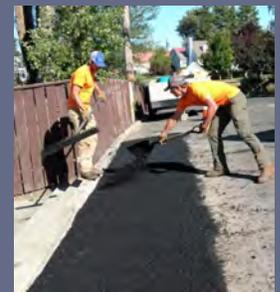


Work was done this week on Westview Drive to improve a section of the street and adjacent curb. When there are heavy rains or snow melt runoff, the water runs onto the resident's property and into their home.

Left top: The resident had to place a wooden beam and sand bags to prevent water from coming onto their property.



Left bottom: Kris and Craig jackhammer the asphalt and underlying concrete in order to lower the street surface and raise the curb.



Right top and bottom: The street edge was patched with fresh asphalt to complete the repair project.



Public Works is working to keep ahead of the concrete contractor by removing the portions of old concrete which is scheduled to be replaced.



Left: Blain is carefully removing a portion of a driveway that is being replaced. He is especially careful not to drop any pieces onto the newly poured concrete curb.

Right: Curb work that was completed earlier this week.



In preparation for the overlay in late August, the existing asphalt on the Washington Street bridge deck needed to be removed. On the right, Craig and Jake are using an asphalt grinder attached to a skid steer to grind the asphalt surface.



Left: The grindings were hauled from the bridge deck to fill in the gap next to the new curb.

Right: The concrete contractor is finishing up some of the sidewalk on the south side of Washington Street.





Public Works: Streets Department continued



Graffiti has been an ongoing problem and the Dewey Street/U.P.R.R. underpass. Public Works has been working with ODOT to determine a way to keep the area clean and respectable.

Reminder: Trees need to be trimmed for 12 feet of clearance on streets and 8 feet over sidewalks. This tree on Balm Street was determined to not be in compliance.



Public Works: Shop

We are replacing the power steering pump and this truck will be back in service on Friday.



Scott replaced the hydraulic cylinder for the quick connect. This piece of machinery is back at work.

This truck had both the driver's door latch assembly and the water pump replaced.



The City just acquired this isolated bucket truck from the Dallas-Ft Worth area. It will make a great addition to our fleet.