

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update August 9, 2019

### Administration:

This past weekend we hosted a great Shrine weekend. The E/W Game was very well attended and there were lots of out of town visitors that were able to partake of the beauty and charm of our City. I had several people remark about what a wonderful city we live in.

The Baker County Fair and Livestock Show are in full swing with kids from all over the County displaying their projects. Head on down to the Fairgrounds and enjoy the many festivities.



The City Council will meet on Tuesday with a light agenda. Saint Alphonsus Medical Center will give the Council an update on their new construction and current events at the Hospital. It looks like it might be a little cooler this weekend. Get out and enjoy the weekend.



Starting August 15, members from the US Census Bureau will begin to canvas Baker County verifying addresses for the upcoming Census Count on April 1, 2020. You can find more information at [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov)

## Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

### Property Maintenance

- Responded to three complaints
- Followed up on six open cases
- Responded to five preventative cases

### Miscellaneous

- Four community service stops
- Twenty-three miscellaneous community contacts
- Nine park checks
- Three special detail
- Four found items

### Animal violations and complaints

- Impounded one dog
- Responded to seven animals running at large
- Performed two animal welfare checks

### Parking violations

- Issued one citation
- Orange tagged one vehicle
- Responded to five complaints
- Followed up on five previous complaints



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	12	7	16
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	8	7	13	12
Mechanical	8	11	12	11
Plumbing	5	8	5	2
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 19422 Taggart Lane, County—Remodel
- 43935 Running Iron Road, Baker City—New residence
- 2023 Balm Street, Baker City—Addition
- 44973 White Tail Lane, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 610 E 3rd Street, Huntington—Detached accessory structure

- 2245 Indiana Avenue, Baker City—Foundation & roof repair/replace
- 42008 Salmon Creek Road, Baker City—Additions
- 15793 High Country Lane, Baker City—Solar installation

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 49062 Bidwell Road, County—Cell tower modification
- 2715 10th Street, Baker City—Fire suppression addition

**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. The Planning Commission will discuss the following:

CUP-19-080: A request by property owner Bruce Munger for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a ±486-square-foot accessory structure with an eave height of ±14 feet. The purpose of the building is travel trailer storage. The property is located at 1509 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Baker City, Oregon, and identified as Tax Lot 2600 of Assessor’s Map 09s40e20ba (Ref. 3575) in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.

Work Session: Continued discussion about potential updates to the Baker City Development Code.

**Land Use Decisions**

- ◆ An ±864 square foot detached garage was approved at 2470 20<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.



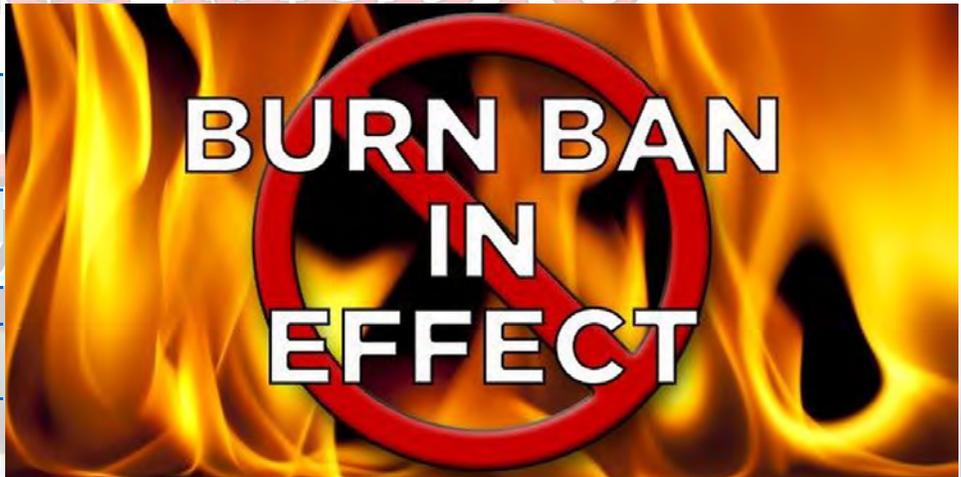
The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 30 through August 5 the Fire Department responded to a total of **42** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	12
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>36</b>



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

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	6
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>6</b>

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	5
Persons Arrived for Cover	2

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

- **34 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **5 hrs** of EMS Training
- **12 hrs** of Fire Training
- **1 hr** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **2 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 August 13th.





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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- ✦ During the previous two weeks, BCPD responded to over 374 incidents and opened 55 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case led to the felony arrest of a local Baker City resident for possessing electronic images of sexually explicit conduct involving a child. The suspect was charged with Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony. The arrest occurred following a search warrant served by FBI agents, as part of an unrelated federal investigation at the suspect's home. The charge, in this case, only requires that a suspect be in possession of the images and the suspect does not have to necessarily be in the images or to have allegedly taken them to be charged. The investigation is ongoing and more charges are possible.
- ✦ BCPD staff, COPs (Citizens on Patrol) volunteers and Reserve Officers participated in the Community Night Out (also referred to as National Night Out), an annual event held each year at the Geiser Pollman Park. This community-building event is designed to promote public safety community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in order to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. This event featured a free BBQ chicken dinner cooked by the Baker City Lions Club, live music, various community service organizations and resources with information booths, retail booths, giveaways and raffle prizes. Many thanks to Oregon Trail Electric Co-Op for sponsoring this year's event, to Oregon Trail Restaurant for providing the food at a greatly reduced cost and Safeway for donating all the ice, soda and water for the event and to Barefoot and Bonefide for performing live free of charge!
- ✦ 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



Wednesday night's electrical storm and heavy rains caused some issues for Public Works. Justin and Jake F. had to remove fallen trees from downtown streets and pump water away from flooded intersections.

At least 3 fires, presumably caused from lightning strikes, were started in the Baker City watershed. To the left, you can see smoke in the distance at the top of the Elkhorn Mountains from a fire burning nearing the head of Elk Creek.



Right: Work has begun at the Baker City Municipal Airport. The apron that is near the historic Heilner hangar is being reconstructed. Excavation will continue through the month and paving should take place in early September. This \$1.2 million project is funded entirely by grants from the Federal Aviation Administration and Oregon Department of Aviation.

Below: Images from Saturday's Shrine Parade



## Public Works: Water Department



The Oregon State Dam Inspector inspected Goodrich Dam and Reservoir earlier this week.





### Public Works: Water Department continued

The installation of the new ductile iron on the Mountain Line Pipeline Project is progressing very well. The crew was able to install 26 lengths of pipe in one 10-hour day! On Thursday, the crew also installed an air relief valve on the new line. Below are the stages of line installation, ending with a fully installed section of line with protective barrier.



Left: A piece of steel pipe used long ago to pipe water to Baker City. Notice the leak repair using a screen attached with wire and covered with concrete.

Right: A piece of the old riveted steel line (above) vs a the ductile iron pipe currently being installed (below).



### Public Works: Street Department



As requested by ODOT, the ruts on Campbell Street between Main and 1st Streets were filled to improve the road surface and protect the electronic wires controlling the stop light.



Once filled, the patch was cooled down using water so the intersection could reopen before noon.



## Public Works: Street Department



The crew spent a lot of time patching, crack-filling and cleaning the streets in preparation for next week's chip seal project.



An asphalt grinder was used to re-shape portions of Washington Street this week.



## Public Works: Shop



Most of the week has been spent prepping and calibrating these pieces of equipment so they are ready for the upcoming chip seal project.





## Public Works: Chip Seal Project



The Public Works Department's **annual chip seal project** will commence **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** and will run **through Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be **temporary street closures and vehicle speed limitations** posted throughout town. To see the specific areas affected, please reference the maps on the City's website or visit the Public Works Department at City Hall.

### Monday, Aug 12

- ◆ Campbell—RR Tracks to 10th
- ◆ Eagle Crest Wy—Quail Ridge Ln to Elkhorn Dr
- ◆ Eagle Crest Wy—Elkhorn Dr to Petry Ln
- ◆ 11th—Indiana to Side Westview
- ◆ Indiana—W Side Petry to W side Columbia
- ◆ W Side Columbia to 11th
- ◆ Indiana—11th to Hillcrest Dr

### Tuesday, Aug 13

- ◆ View Court
- ◆ Elkhorn Dr—Indiana to Eagle Crest Wy
- ◆ Westview—11th to 9th
- ◆ Scenic Vista Lane
- ◆ Indiana—Center Line 17th W Side Petry

### Wednesday, Aug 14

- ◆ Petry Ln—Indiana to Eagle Crest Wy
- ◆ Campbell—10th to E Side 1st
- ◆ Campbell—1st to Main

### Thursday, Aug 15

- ◆ Windmill Ln—Bootsma Section
- ◆ Windmill Ln—E Campbell to Bootsma Section
- ◆ Birch—N Side Bi-Mart to N Side "D"
- ◆ Tenth—Myrtle to Auburn