

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 16, 2019

Administration:

The Washington Street project will be moving into the final phase next week. The contractor will be in next week to pave the street. Thank you to all the residents that have been impacted by all the construction over the last month, and for your patience with the inconvenience.

The Eastern Oregon Tribute Festival will be in full swing today and tomorrow. The “We Like ‘Em Short” film festival is also at the Eltrym Theater. It looks like we will have a lot of folks in town to partake in these events.

Get out and enjoy these last few weeks of summer.



For an update on the 2020 Census,
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Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Responded to four complaints
- Followed up on six open cases
- Responded to six preventative cases

Miscellaneous

- Three community service stops
- Twenty-one miscellaneous community contacts
- Six park checks
- Three found items

Animal violations and complaints

- Impounded four dogs
- Responded to five animals running at large

Parking violations

- Towed one vehicle
- Orange tagged two vehicles
- Responded to four complaints
- Followed up on five previous complaints



Finance:

UTILITIES

- ◆ Eleven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twelve customers disconnected service from August 9th thru August 15th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed August 13th and included 467 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 103 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 30 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today and included 485 residential and 62 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 119 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 40 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Six residential customers (Zones 5) 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.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent August 12th. The billings were as follows:

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| ◆ Cemetery - \$2,983 | ◆ Golf Cart Lease Payment - \$2,519 |
| ◆ Wastewater Maintenance and Property Lease - \$5,895 | ◆ Baker County Economic Development Support - \$30,270 |
| ◆ Street Cuts and Miscellaneous - \$6,626 | ◆ Baker School District 5J School Resource Officer Support - \$18,379 |
| ◆ Lien Searches - \$43 | ◆ Baker County EMS Support—\$4,510 |
| ◆ Ambulance - \$484,686 | ◆ Miscellaneous - \$1,220 |
| ◆ Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease - \$5,688 | |
| ◆ Property and Weed Abatement - \$1,255 | |
| ◆ Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment – \$10,994 | |

Total Billed \$ 462,780

PAYROLL

Draw checks were paid on August 15th.

CENSUS 2020

Beginning August 18 through mid-October, the U.S. Census Bureau will be performing its first field operation in preparation for the 2020 Census. We will be sending Census staff, referred to as 'Listers', out into neighborhoods to verify addresses. Approximately 35% of all addresses in the US will be verified by our Listers (the rest have been verified by other means such as satellite images). The Listers will first knock on the door, identify themselves and ask a few questions about a specific residence - a Housing Unit. The Lister will carry Department of Commerce/US Census Bureau identification and carry a U.S. Census briefcase.

Here is a link that provides more information about the AdCan project.

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2019/ad-can-launch.html>



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	5	3	12
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	2
Electrical	5	4	10	14
Mechanical	3	2	2	3
Plumbing	2	3	1	3
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14	14	16	34

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 2389 Baker Street, Baker City—Demolition of fire damaged structure
- 1827 7th Street, Baker City—Residential addition
- 115 2nd Street, Richland—Foundation addition
- 42395 Adams Road, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 2520 1st Street, Baker City—New Accessory dwelling

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 17569 Deer Park Loop, Baker City—Cell tower modification

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is August 28, 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 CUP-19-080, a request by property owners Bruce & Noel 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 10th 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.

Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A ±199 square foot deck was approved at 2803 Main Street in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ An existing building at 2028 Main Street in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone was approved for use as a commercial space on the first floor and for two dwelling units and two office spaces on the second floor.
- ◆ A ±120 square foot shed was approved at 1275 Broadway Avenue 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

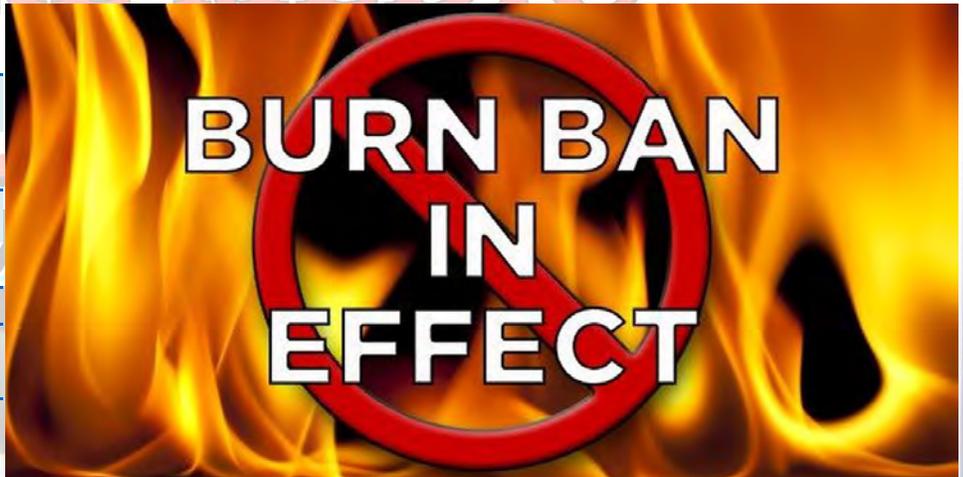
During the week of August 6 through August 12 the Fire Department responded to a total of **24** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	14
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	14
No Patient Trip	4

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

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



FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	5
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	6

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Persons Arrived for Cover	7

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **24 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **9 hrs** of Fire Training
- **24 hrs** of Community Events
- **5 hrs** of EMS Training
- **3 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 August 20th.





"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 198 incidents and opened 35 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ★ Relating to the tragic death of a Baker City toddler from a self-inflicted gunshot wound that was investigated by BCPD this past November, the Baker County District Attorney's Office released the following statement concerning this case:

On August 9, 2019 Peter Lee Mankins (DOB 10/05/85) of 1905 Birch St. Baker City, Oregon, was sentenced to 34 months in prison. Mankins pleaded guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide a Class B Felony, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine a Class A Misdemeanor, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person also a Class A Misdemeanor. One count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Minor were dismissed as part of a plea agreement with the District Attorney's Office. Mankins received the prison sentence based on the Criminally Negligent Homicide conviction. The Negligent Homicide conviction stems from a November 4, 2018 incident in which Mr. Mankins' two-year old son, Liam Mankins, got control of a handgun and shot himself in the head. Mankins was asleep in his bedroom when the child accessed the handgun and was playing with it on the floor when it discharged. Liam was transported to Saint Alphonsus hospital in Baker City and was life-flighted to Saint Alphonsus hospital in Boise, Idaho where he later died. The Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine charge stemmed from methamphetamine being found in the home. The Recklessly Endangering Another Person charges stemmed from methamphetamine in the home being readily accessible to the child. Mr. Mankins tested positive for methamphetamine at the time of the offenses based on toxicology reports.

"We felt strongly that Mr. Mankins' needed to be accountable and serve prison time. It was also important that he receive drug treatment in prison. The fact that he took responsibility for negligently causing the death of his son was also a factor in allowing him to plead guilty to the Criminally Negligent Homicide charge and not face a longer prison sentence," stated District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff.

Once Mr. Mankins is released from prison he will be on three-year post-prison supervision and will be required to continue drug treatment.

- ★ 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

This past week, chip sealing was the name of the game for Public Works. The 4-day project included chip sealing portions of Campbell Street, Birch Street, Windmill Lane, Wagle Crest Way, Elkhorn Drive, Petry Lane, Indiana Street, Walnut Street, 10th Street, 11th Street, Westview Drive, View Court, Scenic Vista Lane, and a section of 9th Street.

We'd like to give a big **THANK YOU** to Baker County for the use of their dump truck, and to ODOT for the use of their rubber tire roller and sweeper!



Left: The chip rock needs to be damp to properly bond with the hot oil.



Right: When rock spills into the street, everyone chips in the help.



Left: Loose rock was removed from the railroad tracks by Matt, while Caden prepares to roll the rock and oil.

Left: Recessed yellow centerline stripes are covered with duct tape to protect them from the oil.



Left: Special speed signs are installed for drivers to slow down.

Right: a good "fan spray" is important to obtain coverage on the street.





Public Works: Water Department continued

