

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 25, 2019

Administration:

Tomorrow, at Mt. Hope Cemetery, the local Rotary Club will be joining the public for a work party to repair sunken and leaning monuments in the Veterans section of the Cemetery. The event runs from 12-2:30 pm. The public is invited so please bring a shovel or pry bar and your enthusiasm.

Thursday night will be the downtown trick or treat event. Main Street will be closed from 4-6 pm to allow the ghoulish invasion of our historic downtown area. Please be extra careful driving on Halloween because there will be many kids out and about throughout our neighborhoods.

Enjoy the great fall weather and sunshine this weekend.



Code Enforcement

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 11 previous complaints
- Responded to 2 new complaints
- 2 Preventative contacts
- Opened 1 case

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Responded to 7 complaints
- Followed up on 9 previous complaints
- Issued 4 citations
- Issued 5 written warnings
- Orange-tagged 1 vehicle
- Responded to 2 camping complaints

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Impounded 3 dogs
- 7 Animal at large calls
- 2 Animal welfare checks
- 4 Dangerous dog follow ups
- 2 Dog bite follow ups
- 2 Kennel permit contacts

Miscellaneous:

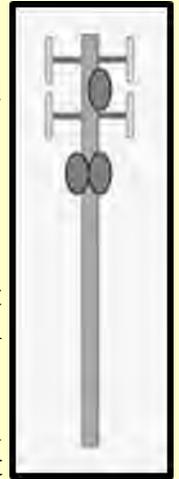
- 7 Found items
- 3 Community service stops
- 21 Miscellaneous community contacts
- 2 Park checks
- 1 Officer Assist



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled to **November 13, 2019, at 6:00 pm**, in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and submit testimony for each case, either in writing or orally at the hearing. Only comments on the relevant approval criteria are considered by the Planning Commission in the decision-making process. Contact the Planning Department for information about these criteria. The meeting will include:
 - ◆ CUP-19-101: the continuation of a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit request for a ± 70 -foot-tall wireless communication tower (cell tower) within the 1400 Block of D Street
 - ◆ CUP-19-114: a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit application for a new $\pm 1,920$ square foot accessory structure with a ± 14 -foot eave height at 505 Valley Avenue in the Residential High Density Zone



Land Use Applications

- ◆ An application has been approved for a Re-Plat to partition one (1) parcel into three (3) parcels at 3780 and 3780 1/2 10th Street in the General Commercial Zone. See Map A.
- ◆ An application was received for a Temporary Use Permit to occupy a travel trailer while the existing dwelling undergoes interior remodeling at 2456 East Street in the Residential High Density Zone.
- ◆ An application was received for a Temporary Use Permit to occupy a travel trailer while the existing dwelling undergoes interior remodeling at 3450 Broadway Avenue in the Residential Medium Density Zone.
- ◆ An application was received for a Re-Plat to partition one parcel into two parcels. The subject property is located at 3510 Cedar Street, Baker City, and is identified as Tax Lot 300 on Baker County Assessor's Map #09s40e09DC, in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. See Map B.

Map A



Map B





Finance:

Finance Director

Auditors from the City's new audit firm, Gaslin Accounting, PC, were at the City to begin the audit field-work for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. This contract, which was approved by City Council in June, is the first year of a three-year audit contract with Gaslin Accounting, PC.

Utilities

- ◆ Thirteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twenty-one customers disconnected service from October 18th thru October 24th. This includes all service changes. We continue to see more services turned off than on since October is the time of year when irrigation meters are being turned off for the winter and our "Snow Birds" begin to head south for the winter.
- ◆ Zone 3, which included 500 residential and 52 commercial accounts, was billed October 22nd. Of those accounts 115 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 41 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 8, which includes 473 residential and 19 commercial accounts, was billed today. Of those accounts 117 or 24% are signed up for direct payment and 25 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ This week 21 residential customers (Zones 3 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and six of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll

- ◆ Seventy-nine employees were paid today including nine paid volunteer firefighters, a part-time support staff for the fire department, a part-time plumbing inspector, a part-time building inspector/plan reviewer, a part-time administrative assistant for the building department, and a part-time patrol officer. Of those 79 employees, 73 or 92% are signed up for direct deposit.



Boards, Commissions and Committees:

The City of Baker City is seeking volunteers for the following:

- ⇒ Tree Board—2 positions available
- ⇒ Public Works Advisory Committee—2 positions available
- ⇒ Historic District Design Review Commission—1 position available

Most positions are for a 3-year term. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit www.bakercity.com to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email admin@bakercity.com or call 524-2033 for more information. The direct link to the volunteer form page is: <http://bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>



"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 175 incidents and opened 43 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One incident involved a suspect who fled from police in a vehicle and was subsequently arrested on several charges including: Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Driving While Suspended, Recklessly Endangering, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine and Interfering with a Police Officer. The suspect was also wanted on a valid probation warrant out of Union County. The passenger in the vehicle was also arrested on a Union County warrant for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.
- ★ BCPD is investigating a reported arson that occurred outside a downtown business. The suspects, captured on the video surveillance, allegedly set fire to temporarily discarded mattresses and box springs stored behind a local appliance store. The fire caused substantial damage to the brick exterior of the building and to the metal enclosure used to store cardboard recycling. The incident remains under investigation.
- ★ BCPD staff with Baker County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police responded to a false alarm activated at Brooklyn Elementary. Officers quickly searched the school and determined that there was not active threat. Regular school activities resumed a short time later.
- ★ Sergeant Mike Regan, along with members from the Baker City Fire Department, presented medals to members of the Special Olympics Swim Team following a competition held at Sam-O-Swim. Congratulations to everyone who participated!
- ★ 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.



Fire Department



Baker City Firefighter Jason Bybee represented the Baker City Fire Department at the Special Olympics. Jason, along with Sergeant Mike Reagan from the Baker City Police Department presented medals to the winning athletes.



Baker City Fire Department raised the flag for the recent Homecoming.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 8th** through **October 14th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **39** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	11
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	32

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	1
Public Assists	2

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	6
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	7

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	8
Persons Arrived for Cover	5



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **38 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **8 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **12 hrs** of Fire Training
- **16 hrs** of Community Events
- **40 hrs** of EMS Training
- **8** Burn Permits Issued

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.
 Don't miss the next check on October 29.



Public Works: Street Department

Sign maintenance is ongoing for Public Works. Vibration from the wind and passing trains most likely caused this sign to fall at 7th and Carter. It will be repaired today.



Our street sweeper has been hard at work. Just a friendly reminder to not blow or rake your leaves into the streets.

Public Works: Police Department



The chain link fence around the generator pad at the Police Station was installed and the enclosure will soon be ready for the new generator.

A portion of the gutter system had to be re-plumbed so the roof water would not drain onto the new concrete.



Public Works: Airport



At the airport, concrete sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the office was in poor condition with trip hazards and a cross-slope which greatly exceeded ADA maximum allowances.



Blain, Kris and Nate removed the old sidewalk.

Forms were set up Monday and the new concrete poured Tuesday Morning.



The new sidewalk will be ADA compliant.





Public Works: Goodrich Reservoir



Justin, Scott, Karl and Brian video-inspected the outlet pipe at Goodrich Reservoir on Monday. Recent snow made the project difficult. Both vehicles required chains to scale the steep snow covered road. Even then, shovel work had to be done to keep the vehicles mobile.



Right: High winds are keeping the face of the damn free of snow for a portion of the fall/winter seasons.



Below: The steel grates keep the rocks and other debris from entering the outlet pipe.



Right: Here is the slide gate opened enough to allow the inspection camera to enter the pipe.



Above: Here you can see the service truck parked at the top of the dam with Karl operating the inspection camera computer.



Brian installed a custom designed / built deflector at the end of the sharp crested weir. This deflector keeps the water flowing inside the 48" squash pipe. Here are before and after photos of the deflector installation.

