



# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update September 25, 2020*

## **Administration:**

The City Council met this week and heard from Police Chief Ray Duman and concerned citizens about the proliferation of nuisance properties in the City. They discussed various options and agreed to take a look at our current ordinances to see if there are some things that could be added to strengthen our code and how to work with citizens to help them get the properties back into compliance.

The City is continuing to help entities and businesses that have been affected by Covid-19. The Coronavirus Relief Committee will meet again on September 30<sup>th</sup> to assess the needs in our community and look for additional resources to aid our local entities. Let's keep up the efforts to shop locally and support our small businesses.

The smoke has finally cleared out and it looks to be a nice weekend to get out and finish the fall yardwork. The positive COVID cases in Baker County are down so keep up the social distancing and mask usage to help protect our families, friends and neighbors.

## **Planning Department:**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

The next regularly scheduled Baker City Planning Commission meeting is October 21, 2020.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- A re-plat was approved to divide property located at 1937 Main Street into two lots. The property is located in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone. The pre-notice period for this decision ends at 5pm on Thursday, September 24, 2020.
- A single-family dwelling was approved north of the intersection of Indiana Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. The property has yet to be issued an address.
- A residential addition was permitted at 1710 Auburn Avenue in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A residential addition was permitted at 1435 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- An accessory structure was permitted at 1855 Plum Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.



# Finance Department:

## Utilities

- Seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and four customers disconnected service from September 18<sup>th</sup> to September 24<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 7, which included 564 residential and 29 commercial accounts, was billed September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Of those accounts 168 (28%) are signed up for direct payment and 29 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 4, which includes 740 residential and 65 commercial accounts, was billed today. Of those accounts 215 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 66 (8%) are signed up for ebilling.
- This week 24 residential customers (Zones 3 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) six of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid. Of those six, all have paid and their service has been reinstated.

## Payroll

Seventy-eight employees were paid today including eight paid volunteer firefighters and a part-time plumbing inspector. Of those 78 employees, 70 or 90% are signed up for direct deposit.

# Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	5	10	4	9
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	4	6	5	11
Mechanical	7	9	4	1
Plumbing	3	4	0	2
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>

### RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 2185 14th Street, Baker City—New greenhouse
- 2032 8th Street, Baker City—Structural repair
- 1855 Plum Street, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 37057 Hudspeth Road, Baker City—New garage

### COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2308 Broadway Street, Baker City—Window replacements
- 2795 10th Street, Baker City—Accessory building addition x 2
- 375 N. Main Street, Halfway—Detached accessory structure
- 2029 Washington Street, Baker City—Commercial reroof

### HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is **October 7, at 8am** in the Building Department offices

\*\*The HDDRC Board currently has two vacancies



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of September 15th through September 21st the Fire Department responded to a total of **40** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	28	Request for Cover	2	General Alarms	0
Rural Calls	6	Arrived for Cover	1	Dispatched Alarms	6
Patient Transported	23			<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>6</b>
No Patient Trip	11				

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

### INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **0** Burn Permits Issued—**BURN BAN IN EFFECT**
- **49 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **16 hrs** of Fire Training
- **10 hrs** of EMS Training
- **2 hrs** of Fire Prevention Inspections



TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	
Airport Transfers	4
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	7
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	1

**Weed Complaint and Abatement**

Weed Complaints or yard maintenance concerns should be reported to the Fire Department at 541-523-3711 x 508 or emailed to [sclinkenbeard@bakercity.com](mailto:sclinkenbeard@bakercity.com)



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fire Department is **POSTPONING** the free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.

We will resume once social distancing is not required.

### Did you know....

\*\*\*It is legal to salvage road killed deer and elk.\*\*\*

If you are interested in salvaging the meat from road kill deer, please call 541-524-2047 and we will put you on a call list.



*"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**

- ★ Last week, BCPD opened 58 new cases and responded to 227 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
  
- ★ On Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Baker County Sheriff's Office received a complaint, made to the Department of Human Services -Child Welfare Division, concerning children playing in hazardous conditions at a residential property, occupied by Shebb Robert Bassman, DOB 2/9/1988, located at W. Airport Road near Hwy 86 in Baker County. Upon arrival, Baker County Sheriff's Office Deputies located Garret Eli Lovell, DOB 8/11/1996. Lovell was wanted on several warrants including an extraditable warrant out of Grant County. Lovell was arrested and lodged in the Baker County Jail.
  
- Baker County Sheriff's Office Deputies also noted the presences of several bicycles, which included bicycles that had been reported as stolen. As a result of this information and given the number of recent bicycle thefts reported to the Baker City Police Department, the Department applied for and was granted a search warrant to look for stolen bicycles at this location. Baker City Police Department investigators and Baker County Sheriff's Office staff executed the search warrant, recovering numerous bicycles and bicycle parts. The investigation is ongoing. The bicycles recovered from the property have been listed on the Department's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Baker-City-Police-Department-827385403973352/>. We are asking anyone who can identify any of the bicycles in this post as their property, to please contact the Department at 541-524-2014.
  
- ★ BCPD has posted a list of unclaimed property on the Department's Facebook page: [Unclaimed Property](#). If you think you may be the owner of any of the listed items, please contact Evidence Technician, Lynn Magnuson at 541-524-2014 ex. 606.
  
- ★ Face coverings, shields and/or masks are required in the front entrance of the Baker City Police Department, which is open to the public. This policy is in response to Governor Kate Brown's order requiring face coverings be worn in public indoor spaces by anyone 5 years of age and older.

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

- ⇒ **Historic District Design Review Commission**—2 positions available
- ⇒ **Tree Board**—2 positions available
- ⇒ **Parks and Recreation Board (2-yr term)** - 1 position

Positions are for a 3-year term unless noted. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email [admin@bakercity.com](mailto: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>



# Public Works Department



In the Water Department, two separate “hot taps” were performed by a team from the city of LaGrande. A “hot tap” refers to leaving the water main line live while tapping into it for new service.

Left: Here you see the crew working on Birch Street for the new Silver Birch sub-division.

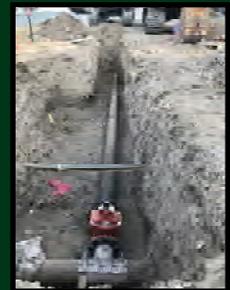
Right: The disk shown is cut out of the ductile iron water line on Birch.

Far right: The closed valve keeps water from coming out of the newly created tap.



Left: Here is the finished Birch Street water tap for Silver Birch subdivision done by Blain and Riley.

Right: The crew also finished the Clark Street water tap for the Carriage Homes development.



Left: Wednesday, crews spent the day patching various location throughout Baker City.

Right: A driveway approach was patched at 4th and Estes.



Left: The Quail Ridge Golf Course golf cart path was patched near the 10th hole.

Right: X marks the spot in the golf course where Schneider Water Services will begin to drill the municipal drinking water well.



The Mountain line pipeline was reconnected last week. Justin and Brian backfilled the trench and restored the road surface.



## **Public Works: Watershed Hunting Access Permits**

### **Baker City Watershed Hunting Access Permits**



Permits are available at the Baker City Public Works Department at City Hall front entrance

- Hours to request a permit are: **Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM—12:30 PM and 4:00 PM—5:00 PM.** A mask is required.
- Outside of the above hours permits can be requested through email at [bakercitywatershedhunting@gmail.com](mailto:bakercitywatershedhunting@gmail.com). The required items listed below will need to be sent in along with the request. This process may take 1-2 business days to complete.

The following information will be required when applying for a permit (either in person or via email):

1. Hunter's name, address and phone number
2. Hunting ID #
3. Hunting tags (will need to see electronic tags)
4. Vehicle make/model and plate number you will be driving to the watershed
5. If you will have a non-hunting companion – that individual's name, address and driver's license #

Permits will not be issued until Forest Service fire classification is no longer at high or extreme. If you have questions please call (541) 524-2047. Permits will be issued no sooner than 3 business days prior to your hunt.