

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 30, 2020

Administration:

The Drinking Water Advisory has been cancelled for Baker City. On Tuesday, the City was placed on a drinking water advisory due to a small amount of fire suppression foam entering Baker City's municipal water supply. Public Works flushed out the lines and on Wednesday sent samples of our drinking water to a laboratory to be tested. Today we received the results that our water is safe to drink. You can find the test results on our website at www.bakercity.com.

City Council voted to purchase property adjacent to Central Park off of Resort Street. This parcel will allow vehicular traffic and parking for the downtown area. This has been a project the City has been pursuing for a number of years.

Clocks change this weekend and the weather looks to be nice. Don't forget to maintain social distancing if you are heading out for Halloween festivities.



Planning Department:

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The scheduled Baker City Planning Commission meeting for November 18, 2020 has been cancelled.

The next regularly scheduled Baker City Planning Commission meeting is December 16, 2020.

APPLICATIONS

- A home addition to a single-family dwelling was approved at 1031 Elm Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A carport for a single-family dwelling was approved at 2458 Church Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A replacement porch to a single-family dwelling was approved at 800 Foothill Drive in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- An interior modification to join two businesses was approved at 1935 and 1937 Main Street in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone.
- A detached garage to a single family dwelling was approved at 1011 Walnut Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.



"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 30 new cases and responded to 177 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. In addition to these calls for service, the Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team and uniformed officers from Baker City Police Department, conducted a search at the residence of Robert Stanley Olp, 2920 Elm Street Apartment #3. As a result of the operation, about 3 grams of Methamphetamine was located. The only persons present at the time of the search were Robert Olp and his 5-year-old daughter. Mr. Olp was cited for Possession of Methamphetamine and the Department of Human Services; Child Welfare was notified. The Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team is comprised of members from the Baker City Police Department and the Baker County Sheriff's Office. The team is supported by the Baker County District Attorney's Office and the Oregon State Police.
- ★ BCPD staff completed EVO (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) Refresher and Skid Car training. This training, designed to sharpen skills necessary to safely operate an emergency vehicle, was held locally at the Baker City Municipal Airport.
- ★ BCPD was recently awarded a 2020 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance Program. This grant funding will help offset some of the cost associated with replacing the bulletproof vests and outer carriers for officers that are currently utilizing vests purchased approximately five years ago. BCPD expects to complete sizing and place orders for the new vests next month. Vests purchased as a result of outfitting for the Department's most recent new hires, hired within the two years, will not be replaced during this grant cycle.
- ★ 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.

Looking for Volunteers!!

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 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 Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 20th** through **October 26th** the **Fire Department** responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	26	Request for Cover	1	General Alarms	2
Rural Calls	5	Arrived for Cover	3	Dispatched Alarms	3
Patient Transported	25			TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5
No Patient Trip	6				

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES		INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS	
Airport Transfers	1	• 25 Burn Permits Issued	
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0	• 28 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance	
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	1	• 11 hrs of Fire Training	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	• 38 hrs of EMS Training	
Doubles (2 calls at once)	0	• 0 hrs Community Events	
Triples (3 calls at once)	0	• 0 hrs Fire Prevention Inspections	
Quads (4 calls at once)	0		
Public Assist	0		

The Burn Ban has been Lifted!
Remember, you still need a FREE permit, available in person at the Fire Station.

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

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.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



The wastewater lateral trench on Reservoir Road was patched using hot asphalt from LaGrande.



Left: Both a dye test and a push camera were used for a residence on 10th Street. The dye test was unsuccessful, but the push camera was able to locate where the line is currently blocked.



Right: Although not affecting the flow of the line, you can see that a spoon somehow made its way into the wastewater line.

Left: A Public Works crew recently cleaned wastewater lines for a local restaurant. All material cleaned from the lines was transported to the wastewater treatment plant for disposal.

Public Works: Water Department



A new water service was installed on First Street for future use.

A hydraulic boring tool was used to install the line under the asphalt street to minimize street repair costs.



Excess concrete was used to construct a large utility vault for future use.

*****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.



Public Works



Public Works assisted the Baker City Fire Department Tuesday fighting a structure fire.



Justin received instructions from the Fire Department personnel and proceeded to use the excavator to remove smoldering debris and overburden so that the flames could be effectively extinguished.

Matt, Dennis and a fire fighter combined efforts to hook onto a travel trailer using a backhoe and drag it from the fire danger area.



Right: Several loads of leaves and other debris (not fire related) were hauled to the local landfill this week for disposal.



Public Works: Stormwater Department



The entire portion of the 21" main line has been installed. Compaction around the new curbs and catch basins were completed using a jumping jack compactor.

Special effort is used to set up the concrete forms so that the curbs are within specifications.

The workmanship shows in the final product.

The last section of concrete is scheduled to be poured Friday morning.





Public Works: Stormwater Department continued.



24.06 tons of hot asphalt were used to patch the trench line. The rented skid steer was found to be very useful backfilling the trench line, loading dump trucks and patching the street with hot asphalt.

Public Works: All Inclusive Playground

Baker City's All-Inclusive Playground continues to receive positive accolades!

We are honored to have our playground selected for inclusion in the 2021 GameTime playground equipment catalog.

Last Friday, professional photographer, Patrick Schneider, spent the morning in Baker City photographing approximately 13 of our kiddos.

It was a very chilly but fun time! The fall colors in the park provided a beautiful background for showcasing inclusive play and our awesome new playground!





HDDRC Grant Opportunity

Dear Historic District Property Owner;

Notice of grant opportunity for structures in the Historic District:

Every two years, due to our City's status as a "Certified Local Government", we have the opportunity to award funds to property owners for repair/maintenance on historic properties. This is a matching grant opportunity with specific guidelines, and the application window is now open. For more information, please visit the Baker City website, and go to the Historic District Design Review Committee page. You are also welcome to join us at any HDDRC meeting, or call the Building Dept. 541-524-2054.

We are personally reaching out to all property owners within the Historic District to notify you all of the above opportunity. We know that times are tough right now, and you may not have planned for any building maintenance/repairs. But if the opportunity to receive at least some of that money back was available --- (which it is!) --- maybe you would want to consider doing it!

Please contact the Building Department for an application form for the initial review of any proposed project. While a more detailed application is required should your project be selected, you will have additional time to pull that together. We are looking for your basic project description and costs for consideration. We have \$12,000 to award to historic qualifying properties.

If you have a project to submit for approval, please complete the application and email it to:

dkitzmillier@bakercity.com or mail/deliver it to Baker City Hall. Questions? 541-524-2054

This could be a wonderful opportunity for you. We look forward to working with you!

Dawn Kitzmiller – On Behalf of the Historic District Plan Review Commission





Public Works



It's that time of year again!

In prep for this year's snow plow season, Baker City Public Works is asking citizens to help our snow removal crews by **removing all travel or utility trailers, non-working or infrequently used vehicles and any other miscellaneous items currently being stored on the street or directly next to the street.** Our citizens play a key role in the success of our snow removal program!



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. 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.