



# The WEEKLY



July 1st, 2022

The latest news, views, and announcements of Baker City.

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### Councilor Seat Vacancies

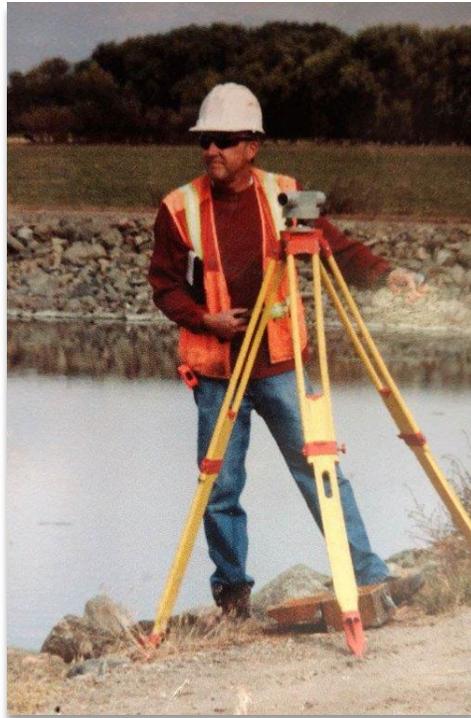
Baker City will have four vacant council seats! Closing date for Candidacy forms is August 19<sup>th</sup>.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
Regular Council Meeting

July 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
Regular Council Meeting

August 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
Regular Council Meeting



**Pictured Above: Tom Fisk with Public Works is retiring! Baker City is thankful for all his work and dedication to the city.**

I want to extend my appreciation to Tom Fisk in our public works department. Tom Fisk has retired. I wish him well as he moves on to other opportunities.

City Council approved the Budget for FY 2022-2023. Today is the new day of the Fiscal Year. An approved Budget gives staff authority to pay the bills which keep the city operational. Without an approved budget I could not legally write a check or authorize payment. The approval of the budget is a very important procedure each year for City Council to work through.

Citizens holding memberships with Life Flight Network likely received a notification this week from Life Flight. That notification is included in this weekly update. I am also including some additional information from Baker City regarding FireMed and how this impacts our citizens. Please take a moment to review the information.

Independence Day celebrations will occur on Monday July 4. Included in this weekly update is a photo from the National Archives of the Declaration of Independence along with a transcript of the full text. The signers of that document did so at great risk to their lives. I appreciate their willingness to put pen to paper and make and stand by a decision such as they did.

Have a great weekend and a fantastic Independence Day.

Jonathan Cannon, City Manager

## COUNCILOR SEAT VACANCIES

Baker City will have four City Council seats become vacant at the completion of the 2022 calendar year. The terms run for 4 years for the three candidates with the highest votes, and 2 years for the candidate with the lowest votes.

If you are interest in running for City Council, please pick up the elections packet from Dallas Brockett, City Recorder/Executive Assistant, 1655 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Baker City, Oregon 97814. Packets can also be emailed if requested.

The city council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Additional meetings may be called on an as-needed basis.

**Closing date for submitting completed candidacy forms is 5:00pm., August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Eligible candidates will appear on the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ballot. Elected candidates will be sworn into office at the first meeting in January 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact the recorder's office at 541-524-2033 or by email at [cityrecorder@bakercity.gov](mailto:cityrecorder@bakercity.gov)

Dallas Brockett

City Recorder / Executive Assistant

(541) 524-2033

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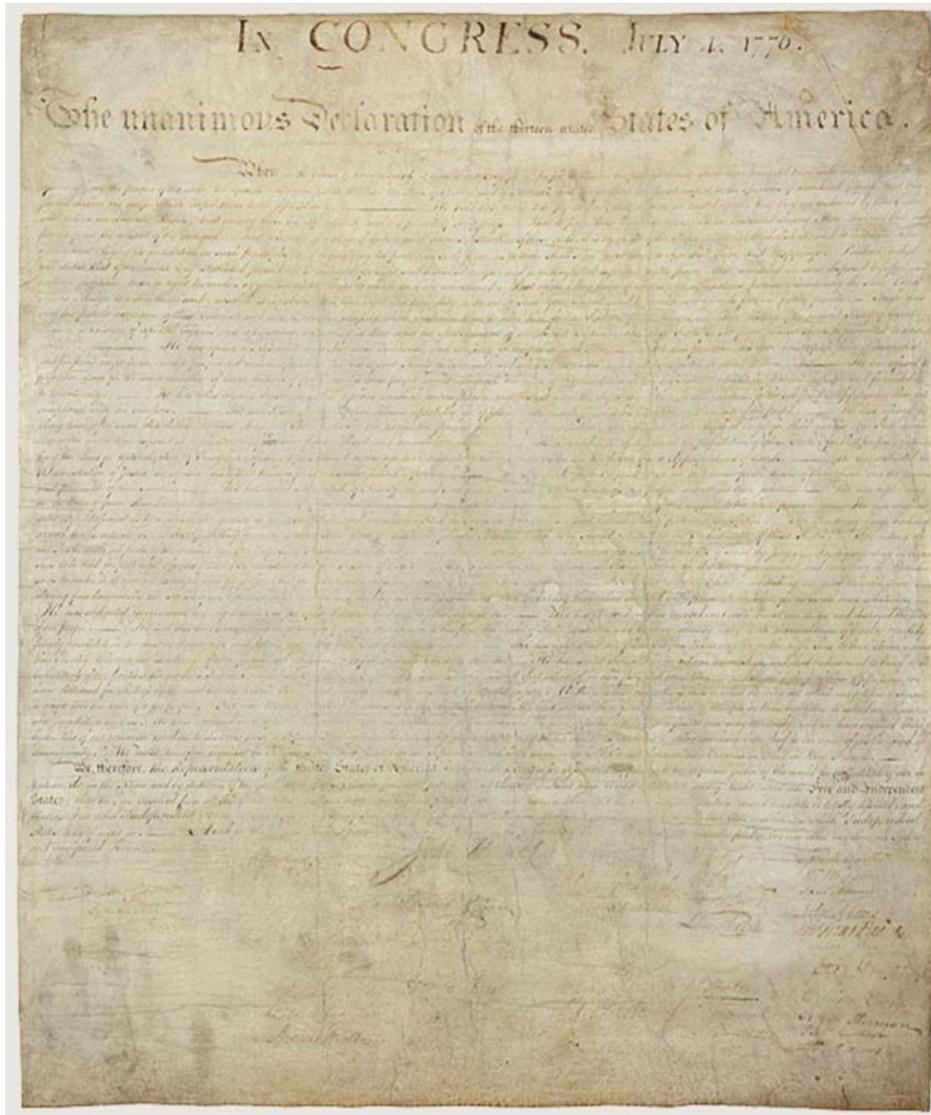
### Ambulance Service Update - Helpful Links with Information:

[Website Ambulance Page](#)

Above is a link to our website which goes to a page with Ambulance Service Information. The city will be providing data, history, and facts regarding the current ambulance service. This will be periodically updated.

**More questions? Please send an email to [cityrecorder@bakercity.gov](mailto:cityrecorder@bakercity.gov)**

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>



Note: The following text is a transcription of the Stone Engraving of the parchment Declaration of Independence (the document on display in [the Rotunda at the National Archives Museum](#).) The spelling and punctuation reflects the original.

### In Congress, July 4, 1776

**The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America**, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.-- That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the

consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

### **Georgia**

Button Gwinnett

Lyman Hall

George Walton

### **North Carolina**

William Hooper

Joseph Hewes

John Penn

**South Carolina**

Edward Rutledge

Thomas Heyward, Jr.

Thomas Lynch, Jr.

Arthur Middleton

**Massachusetts**

John Hancock

**Maryland**

Samuel Chase

William Paca

Thomas Stone

Charles Carroll of Carrollton

**Virginia**

George Wythe

Richard Henry Lee

Thomas Jefferson

Benjamin Harrison

Thomas Nelson, Jr.

Francis Lightfoot Lee

Carter Braxton

**Pennsylvania**

Robert Morris

Benjamin Rush

Benjamin Franklin

John Morton

George Clymer

James Smith

George Taylor

James Wilson

George Ross

**Delaware**

Caesar Rodney

George Read

Thomas McKean

**New York**

William Floyd

Philip Livingston

Francis Lewis

Lewis Morris

**New Jersey**

Richard Stockton

John Witherspoon

Francis Hopkinson

John Hart

Abraham Clark

**New Hampshire**

Josiah Bartlett

William Whipple

**Massachusetts**

Samuel Adams

John Adams

Robert Treat Paine

Elbridge Gerry

**Rhode Island**

Stephen Hopkins

William Ellery

**Connecticut**

Roger Sherman

Samuel Huntington

William Williams

Oliver Wolcott

New Hampshire

Matthew Thornton





# LIFE FLIGHT

## NETWORK™

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As a valued member of Life Flight Network, we prioritize keeping you updated on important news that may affect your healthcare. Life Flight Network is committed to protecting our members and making you aware of changes in the industry both locally and on the national stage. After reading the below alert, if you or your family have additional questions or concerns, please contact our membership department at: **800-982-9299** or [membership@lifeflight.org](mailto:membership@lifeflight.org).

### ALERT!

Effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, Baker City Fire Department will discontinue their FireMed membership program. You are currently a member of both the Baker City FireMed and Life Flight Network membership programs. Please note, the discontinuance of the Baker City FireMed membership program will in **No WAY** affect your Life Flight Network air transport membership status. You will continue to receive the financial peace of mind and no out-of-pocket expense your Life Flight Network membership offers.

Life Flight Network's membership program is here to support your family in their time of need. If you have questions about your membership or the transition by the Baker City FireMed team, please contact our membership specialists at: **800-982-9299** or [membership@lifeflight.org](mailto:membership@lifeflight.org).

Thank you for your ongoing membership and support. We appreciate the opportunity to continue serving you and your community with high-quality, compassionate critical care.

Thank you,

Life Flight Network Membership Services

There. When You Need Us.

Life Flight Network is a not-for-profit air medical program owned by a consortium comprised of Oregon Health and Science University, Providence Health and Services, Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

[Air Membership Program](#)

Life Flight Network  
PO Box 3841  
Portland, Oregon 97208-3841



Attached below is the internal staff memo that was sent by City Manager Jon Cannon regarding LifeFlight:



## BAKER CITY, OREGON

P.O. Box 650, Baker City, OR 97814-0650  
 541-523-6541 Voice/TDD  
 www.bakercity.com

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### INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** ALL STAFF ANSWERING QUESTIONS REGARDING LIFE FLIGHT NETWORK/FIREMED MEMBERSHIPS

**FROM:** JONATHAN CANNON – CITY MANAGER *JONATHAN CANNON* 07/01/2022

**SUBJECT:** LIFE FLIGHT NETWORK/FIREMED MEMBERSHIPS

**DATE:** 07/01/2022

**CC:** IAN PHILLIPS – LIFE FLIGHT NETWORK REPRESENTATIVE

Baker City is receiving questions about Life Flight Network memberships. This memo is intended to assist staff in answering these questions. The memo is broken into two sections. Section one will provide information for staff to better understand Life Flight Network memberships moving forward. Section two will provide answers to frequently asked questions.

#### Section one

In October of 2011, Baker City entered into a contract with the Life Flight Network. Our role in the contract was to be the ground transport service provider known as FireMed. Baker City has met its obligations for the duration of the contract. Life Flight Network was notified in accordance with the contract that we will be terminating our participation in the contract and FireMed program beginning October 1, 2022. This means Baker City will no longer provide FireMed ground transportation for Life Flight Network. At this time it is unknown if Metro West will enter into a contract to provide ground transportation with Life Flight Network. Our understanding is that Metro West offers their own ground transportation membership program. I would anticipate they will offer this program instead of entering into a contract with Life Flight Network. Baker City has no control over the contract agreements between Baker County, Life Flight Network, and Metro West.

#### Section two

1. Will Life Flight Network still provide service in the Baker ASA?
  - a. Yes, Life Flight Network has indicated they will continue to provide air transports in the Baker ASA. Enrollees holding active memberships can still receive air transports and continue to renew their memberships.
2. Will Life Flight Network still provide Baker City FireMed ground transportation through September 30, 2022?

- a. Baker City Fire Med is the second dispatched provider in the Baker ASA until September 30, 2022. Any enrollee of Life Flight Network FireMed memberships that rides in a Baker City Fire Department ambulance will still be covered by the Life Flight Network FireMed agreements. Metro West is the provider that 911 Dispatch calls first to provide ambulance services. Metro West does not honor Life Flight Network memberships.
3. Will Life Flight Network still provide Baker City FireMed ground transportation after September 30, 2022?
  - a. No, Baker City FireMed ground transportation will cease beginning October 1, 2022.
4. Does Metro West offer a service similar to Life Flight Network FireMed?
  - a. Baker City understands Metro West does offer a service similar to Life Flight Network FireMed called Metro West Lifeguard. Metro West can be reached at their office at (503) 648-6658 and their website is <https://www.metrowest.us.com/>.
5. What happens to my FireMed membership fees paid to Life Flight Network?
  - a. Baker City will work to refund unused membership dues to enrollees of Life Flight Network FireMed after October 1, 2022. Baker City understands Life Flight Network air transportation membership dues will remain with Life Flight Network since air transports will continue uninterrupted.
6. What happens to my Lifetime Life Flight Network membership?
  - a. Questions regarding Lifetime Life Flight Network memberships should be directed to Life Flight Network at 800-982-9299 or [membership@lifeflight.org](mailto:membership@lifeflight.org).

**Finance: Utility/Billing**

**Utilities 06/02/22-06/08/22**

- 9 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 6 customers disconnected service from June 23rd to June 29th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 8 was billed June 24th and included 483 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 130 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 28 (6%) are signed up for e-billing.
- Zone 4 was billed June 27th and included 742 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 245 (30%) are signed up for direct payment, and 51 (6%) are signed up for e-billing.
- 12 residential customers (Zones 2 and 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) Of those 12, 10 have contacted the city and made arrangements. The remaining 2 have been turned off for non-pay.

**DOXO**

From 6/9/22-6/15/22, a total of 67 payments, in the amount of \$6,619.19, were made.

**Building Department**

**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.

## Planning Department

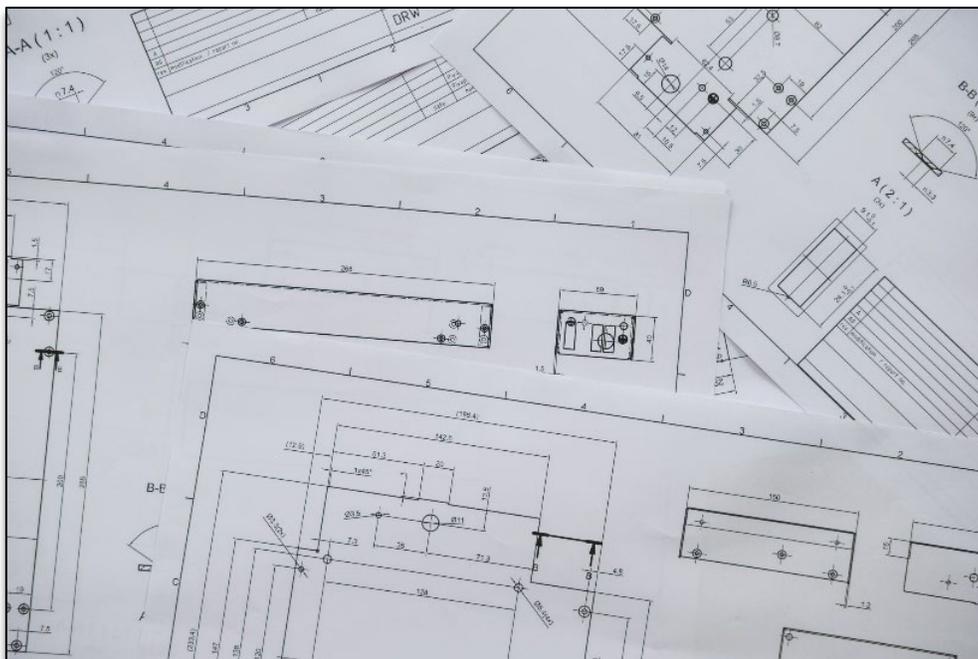
### PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6pm on July 20, 2022, in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall, to discuss:

- CUP-22-073: A conditional use permit to construct a 12-unit multi-family development on TL 400 of map 09S4008cb, east of the St. Alphonsus Emergency Room, off Midway Dr., in the General-Commercial Zone.

### APPLICATIONS

- The Planning Department is reviewing an application to divide one lot into two on Carter Street in the Residential High-Density Zone. Notice of the application and opportunity to comment was mailed to neighbors within 100' of the project. All public comments will be accepted until July 13, 2022 at 5pm.



Fire Department



**MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS**

29.0 Hrs. Station and vehicle maintenance	
10 Hrs.	Fire training
6.5Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
03	Fire Prevention/Inspections
15 hrs	Community Events
00	Residential Burn Permits

06/21/2022-06/27/2022

**EMERGENCY RESPONSES**

The Baker City Fire Department responded to a total of 6 emergency alarms detailed as follows:

<b>FIRE REPORTS</b>	07
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	07
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b>	07
In-City Responses	05
Out of City Responses	02
Transports	05
No Transports	02
Airport Transfers	00
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	00
MVA's	00
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	00
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	01
EMS Assist	02
<b>Emergency Call Back</b>	
Requests for cover	03
# of staff requested	06
Staff response for cover	01
No staff response for cover	02

Public Works Weekly Update 6/17/22

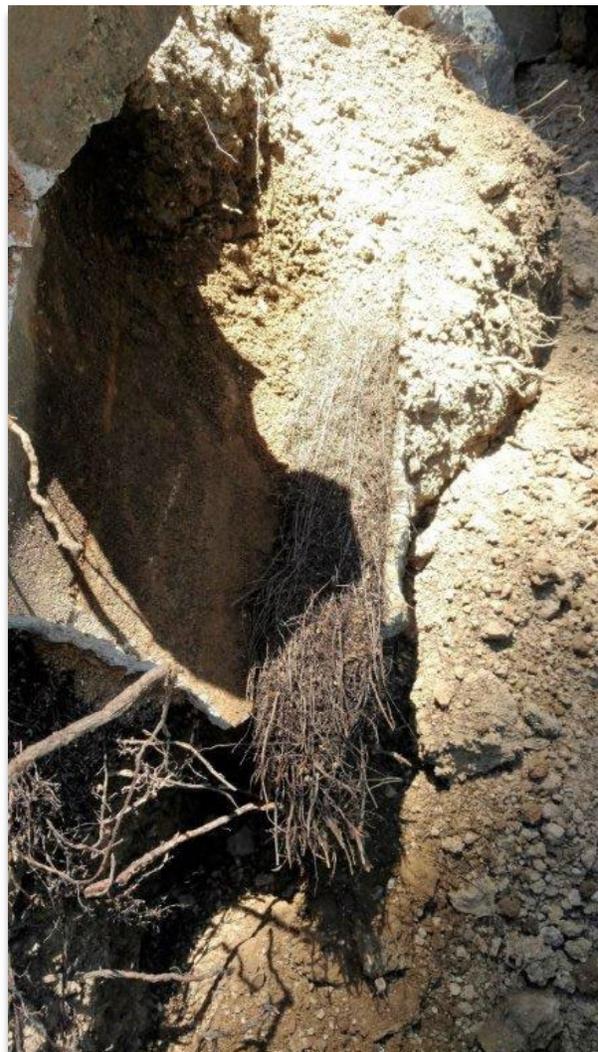
Public Works:

Water Department:



Mountain Pipeline project: As of today the entire 2,500 feet of new 24" P.V.C. Waterpipe has been installed and reconnected to the old Concrete line so that additional Mountain water can be brought to town through the remaining summer months.

A small sample of the tree and grass roots that have been growing inside the old pipeline. The new P.V.C. pipe will be impervious to roots



A small sample of the tree and grass roots that have been growing inside the old pipeline. The new P.V.C. pipe will be impervious to roots



Pipe is laid, backfilled and compacted.

The last fittings and special adapter pipe were attached so that Mountain water could once again be conveyed to town



Snow melt slowed significantly over the last two weeks as demonstrated by the flow of water in Elk Creek.



Over 25 ton of hot asphalt was used to patch several trenches last week



Crackfill and street patching work continued this week in preparation for the 2022 chipseal project. The crew worked patching the north half of Mitchell Street between 4th and Hwy. 7 using over 12 ton of special "D" mix asphalt. The south half of the street will be patched in July.

An obliterated street intersection monument at the intersection of Ash and Washington Streets was re-monumented



Wastewater Department:

Several Wastewater Collection lines were cleaned this week. A very "challenging" Wastewater Lateral installation on First Street was successfully completed this week. Non-cohesive soils caused for several small trench wall cave-ins



The street surface was ground out using the rented asphalt zipper unit



Concrete sidewalk was cut twice to allow room for the trench shielding

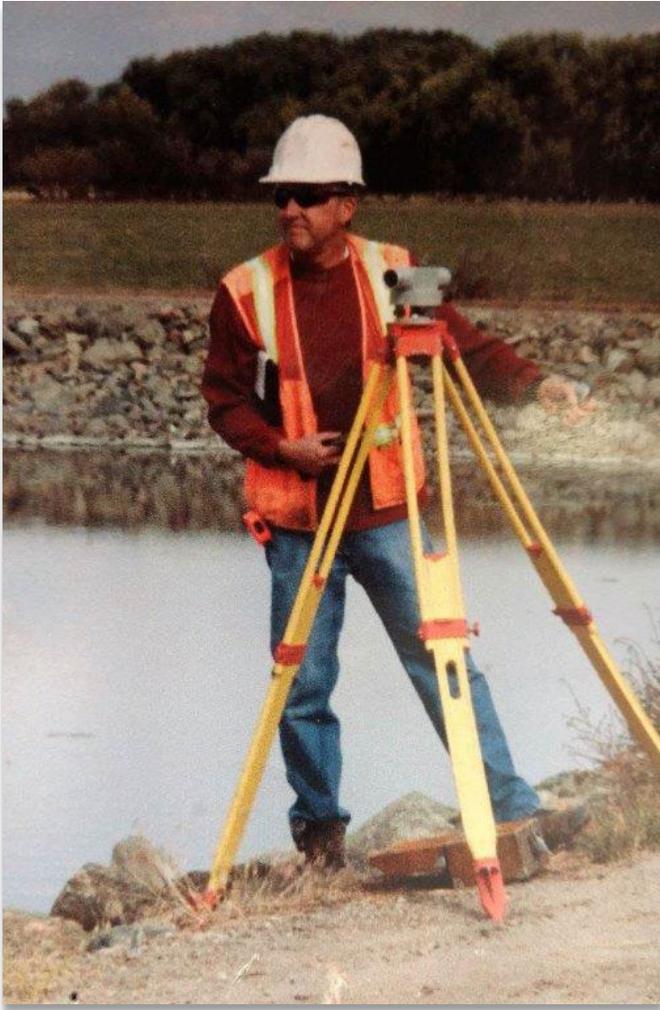
Water lines and Cascade Gas lines were cut and removed from the trench





Your Public Works Employees pictured above. Pictured below are this year's temporary summer workers.





After 28 years working for the Baker City Public Works Dept., Tom Fisk has decided to retire! It was a difficult decision - this job has been a great experience and wonderful opportunity to serve the citizens of Baker City.

Thank you to you all! Tom Fisk

# Have a great weekend!

## Elected Officials

Mayor: Kerry McQuisten [mayor@bakercity.gov](mailto:mayor@bakercity.gov)

Acting Mayor: Joanna Dixon [jdixon@bakercity.gov](mailto:jdixon@bakercity.gov)

Shane Alderson: [salderson@bakercity.gov](mailto:salderson@bakercity.gov)

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