



The WEEKLY

July 15th, 2022

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

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Miners Jubilee Weekend

July 15,16,17

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 26th – 7:00pm
Regular Council Meeting

August 9th – 7:00pm
Regular Council Meeting



Update from the City Recorder...

Our City Manager will be out the next couple weeks to spend time with his family. I will be providing the front-page weekly update until his return. At the last council meeting, City Council had a few agenda items they discussed. Psilocybin was one of the topics; council decided to present a permanent ban, that will be on November's ballot. I will be working on a draft and preparing that information for the next meeting. Tim with MetroWest Ambulance came to our meeting and spoke to city council. He provided some good insight on the transition. He also answered some general questions with LifeFlight and FireMed memberships. We are thankful that MetroWest will be honoring the FireMed membership until September 30th. We are also very thankful to be working with MetroWest and Baker County to make this transition as smooth as possible for our citizens.

We continue to work on our audio issue and to improve the capability of our council meetings. The old system is very outdated and inconsistent, so I have been working vigorously to get that up and running. We hope to have improved audio for the next council meeting, July 26th.

Thoughts and prayers are out to the family of the shooting victim this past week. As well as our first responders for the late hours, overtime, and handling such a tragic event. We appreciate all their hard work.

I had a zoom meeting with CivicPlus, our website provider yesterday. They provided our all-new design to us on the back end. I will be working on streamlining and updating all our data and information on the back end. Our new website will be launching mid-August! This has been a long time coming, and I am excited to have it live and share it with our citizens.

Miner's Jubilee is this weekend! I hope everyone has a fun and safe time. It is a historic event for our city.

Have a great weekend – Dallas Brockett, City Recorder/Executive Assistant

Finance: Utility/Billing

Utilities 07/09/22-07/15/22

- 7 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 7 customers disconnected service from July 7th to July 13th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 1 was billed July 8th and included 98 residential and 256 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 79 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (7%) are signed up for e-billing.
- Zone 6 was billed July 12th and included 489 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 129 (23%) are signed up for direct payment and 50 (9%) are signed up for e-billing.
- 24 residential customers were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) Of those 24, 14 have contacted the city and made arrangements. The remaining 10 have been turned off for non-pay.

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From 7/07/22-7/13/22, a total of 80 payments, in the amount of \$7,671.72 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

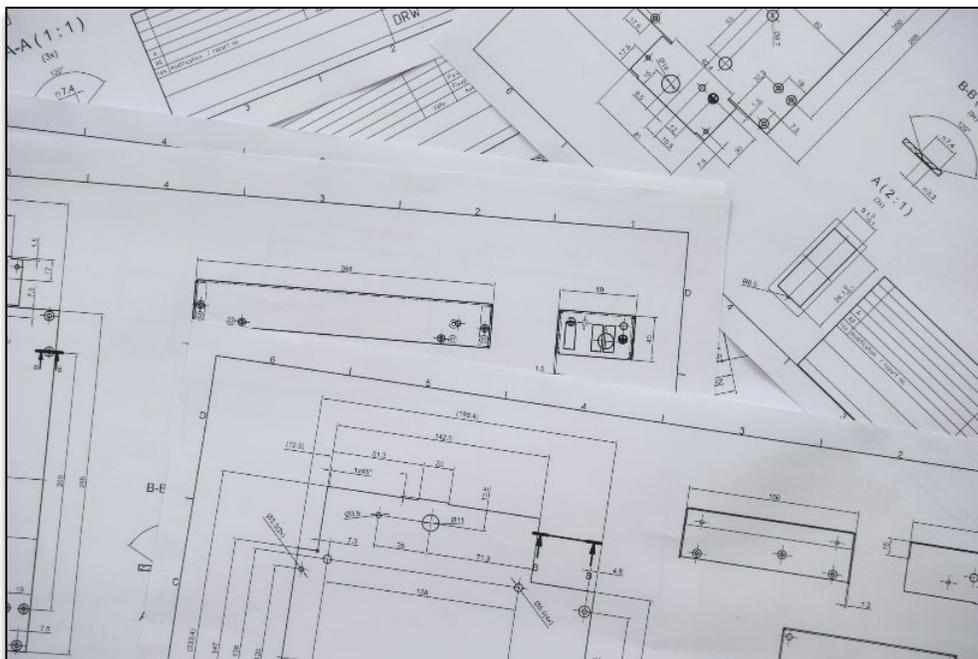
PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- A replat was approved to divide one lot into three at 2845 Madison Street in the Residential High-Density Zone. Notice of the approval with an opportunity to appeal was mailed to neighbors within 100' of the project on July 15, 2022. The appeal period ends at 5 PM on July 27, 2022.
- A new single family dwelling was approved at 3365 H Street in the Residential High Density Zone.



Police Department**BCPD Weekly Report**

- During the previous week, BCPD stayed very busy, opening 41 new cases and responding to 186 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainees.
- BCPD officers responded to reported shooting in the parking lot of the Baker Technical Institute involving a juvenile victim in the early morning hours of Wednesday, July 13th, 2022. Upon arrival, officers located a male juvenile with a gunshot wound. Lifesaving efforts were attempted but were unsuccessful.

The Major Crime Team, consisting of members of the Baker City Police Department, Oregon State Police and Baker County Sheriff's Office, was activated. A juvenile suspect was identified and subsequently, arrested. The Oregon State Police and the Major Crime Team continue to investigate this incident.

- Community Night Out is almost here! This family-friendly event is Tuesday, August 2nd at the Geiser Pollman Park beginning at 5:00pm. Come out and get to know your local law enforcement agencies, civic groups, and neighborhood organizations! Designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhoods' relationships with local law enforcement and community partners, this event also features free dinner, live music, and a chance to win some amazing prizes.

Please see the flyer for more information, including a list of the event's sponsors and vendors. If you would like to reserve a booth space, there is still time! Contact Phoebe Wachtel by calling 541-524-2014 or by email at officemanager@bakercitypd.gov.

A special thank you goes to the Oregon Trail Restaurant for providing the food at less-than wholesale cost, to Elkhorn Grills for cooking, to the Baker Lions Club volunteers for serving, to Safeway for providing the soda, water, and ice for this event and to Frank Carlson for performing live at the Powder River Pavilion!

Hope to see everyone there!



Police Department



Family Fun TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

A time for the community to come together for a fun evening of food, games, live music, information and sales booths and raffle drawings. An annual event dedicated to bringing Law Enforcement and the community together in a fun relaxed family friendly drug and alcohol-free atmosphere.

One **FREE RAFFLE TICKET** to each person as they go through the food line. Extra raffle tickets may be purchased 1 for \$1, 7 for \$5, 15 for \$10, 35 for \$20. **Raffle proceeds and donations help fund future events.** Raffle drawings begin after everyone has gone through the food line and had a chance to get a free raffle ticket. If you leave before all raffle items are given out, please give your ticket to someone who is staying. **See raffle items at vendor booths prior to 6:00 pm**



FREE Dinner Provided By:

Oregon Trail Restaurant provides food at less than wholesale cost:

Safeway donated, and is serving **soda pop, water and ice**



BBQ cooked by Elkhorn Grills Served By Baker Lions Club volunteers

Food Line at Lions Shelter: serve vendors 4:30 pm

Begin to serve public 5:00 pm

Live Music by Frank Carlson

at Powder River Pavilion



Baker County Sheriff's Dept donating, and serving Snow Cones

Thank s to Staci Erickson and the Juvenile Department assisting with general cleanup **MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Register Today to have a VENDOR BOOTH at Baker City Community Night Out
and to be included in marketing promotions

Booth space is FREE for community service information and non-profit organizations.
All vendor booths must provide door prize item at \$20 or over value for the raffle drawing
\$20 fee to Booths selling products, sharing political information and Retail Sales

Email booth request to: officemanager@bakercitypd.gov with copy to: bakercityevents1@gmail.com

Registered Sales and information Booths:

- Baker City Fire Department -Chief Sean Lee
- Baker County Community Literacy Coalition - Jessica Dougherty
- Baker County Juvenile Department - Staci Erickson
- Baker County Safe Communities Coalition
- Baker County Sheriff's Office - Ashley McClay
- Baker Relief Nursery - RaeAnn Butler
- Blue Mountain Community College - Jeff Nelson
- CASA of Eastern Oregon -Kimberly Wirth
- Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles -Robby Fast
- Oregon Dept. of Transportation -Billie Jo Nickens
- Safe Families -Andy Mica
- The Attic Social -Kris Brown



Organized by:
Baker City Police Department,
Baker City Events and
Baker City Lions Club.
Event Co-Sponsor:
Oregon Trail Electric Coop



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Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 11.0 Hrs. Station and vehicle maintenance
- 02 Hrs. Fire training
- 05Hrs. EMS training
- 00 Hrs. Safety training
- 03 Fire Prevention/Inspections
- 02 Community Events
- 09 Residential Burn Permits

07/05/2022-07/12/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

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

FIRE REPORTS	04
General alarms	01
Dispatched alarms	03
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	05
In-City Responses	03
Out of City Responses	02
Transports	03
No Transports	01
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	00
EMS Assist	00
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	05
# of staff requested	08
Staff response for cover	01
No staff response for cover	03

Public Works:

Water-Wise Lawncare

We need your help saving water this summer! Lawn irrigation is one of the main drivers of increased water use in Baker City this time of year. As temperatures rise and we reach the peak summer season, these tips can help you keep your grass looking great using less water.

How much and how often should I water my lawn?

Watering deeply but infrequently promotes deeper root growth, which leads to more drought-tolerant grass. Lawns typically need about 1 inch of water per week, applied either in a single watering or divided up into two shorter sessions. Use lawn watering gauges or empty tuna cans to measure how much water your sprinklers put out and then calculate how long to water. View this video for more information:

<https://bit.ly/3PbkEdl>



Looking for a simpler way to tell if your grass needs water?

Take a few steps on your lawn. Notice your footprints. If they stick around for a few hours, it's time to water. On the flip side, if your lawn is soggy or you see a lot of runoff, you may be overwatering.

What can I do to maintain my lawn and still be water-wise?

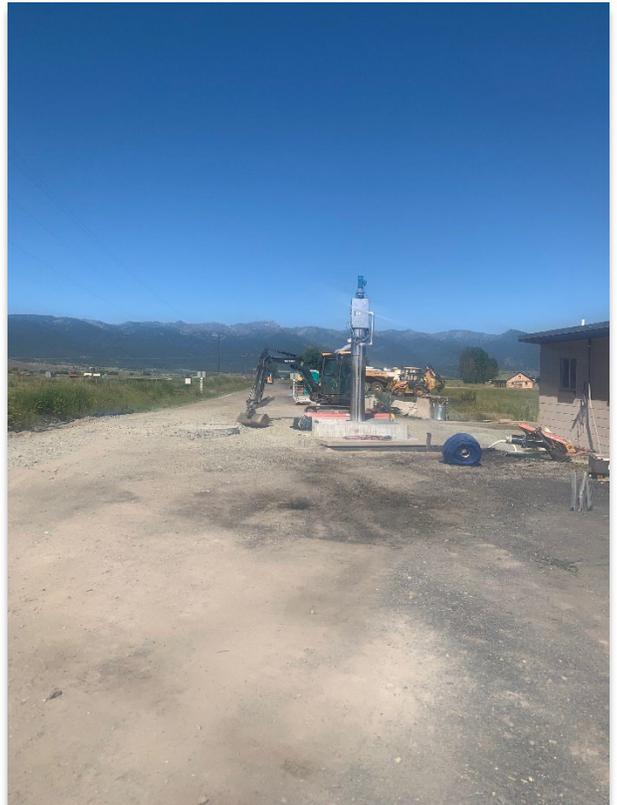
- Set lawnmower blades to a height of 3-4 inches to encourage deeper root growth and promote drought tolerance.
- Aerate your lawn regularly. Aeration strengthens roots and helps them grow deeper, which allows for better water absorption.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn to provide a natural fertilizer and help the soil retain moisture.
- Look for ways to reduce your lawn's footprint. Consider replacing lesser-used or harder-to-water areas (such as borders, narrow strips, or steep grades) with low-water-use native plants and decorative groundcover. Adding pathways of gravel, pavers, or steppingstones also reduces the lawn area.

Public Works:



This week crews patched Mitchell Street in preparation for the August Chip Seal project.

Work continues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the addition of a new screen.

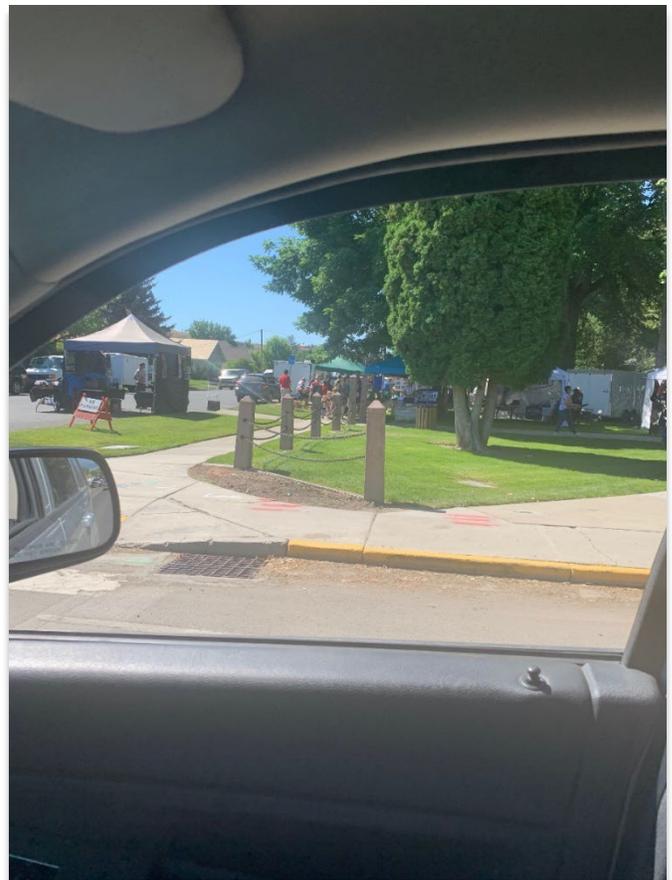


Public Works:



The storage ponds at the treatment plant are being drained so that work on the control structures between the ponds can occur.

Miners Jubilee is in full swing in Geiser Pollman Park. Public Works sets out many barricades both for the park and for the parade on Saturday. Please watch out for the extra traffic and pedestrians in the area.



Have a great weekend!

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