



The WEEKLY

July 22nd, 2022

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

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Baker City Community Night Out

August 2nd

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 26th –
7:00pm
Regular
Council
Meeting

August 9th –
7:00pm
Regular
Council
Meeting



Main Street, Baker City – 1907

Update from the City Recorder...

This week has flown by. Our City Manager and Human Resources Manager are out for a couple weeks, and it has been – dare I say it – quiet upstairs in City Hall.

I have been working on next weeks packet for City Council. It should be an easy meeting however, there will be some ordinance readings regarding Water and Wastewater. The council packet will be sent out Monday to the public. Our regular meeting starts at 7:00pm next Tuesday, July 26th.

It is election time – we currently have four open spots for city council after this year. The last day to submit documentation and your 46 signatures is next month. If you are interested in running for city council, please come to the city recorder's office to pick up a packet. You must fill out your SEL-101 form first prior to collecting signatures!

I am working on all the data and information for our new website. It has been a vigorous process, but we are still expecting to have our launch date for the new website next month in August. I have also been in talks with other vendors to make the online experience with forms and information for our citizens even better. Stay tuned for updates!

The police department has hired a new code enforcement officer, Michael Flynn. Mr. Flynn will be starting next week and will be going through extensive field training.

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

Finance: Utility/Billing**Utilities 07/09/22-07/15/22**

- 20 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 13 customers disconnected service from July 14th to July 20th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 2 was billed July 15th and included 470 residential and 14 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 117 (24%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (5%) are signed up for e-billing.
- Zone 7 was billed July 19th and included 578 residential and 31 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 186 (31%) are signed up for direct payment and 35 (6%) are signed up for e-billing.
- 27 residential customers were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) Of those 27, 17 have contacted the city and made arrangements. The remaining 10 have been turned off for non-pay.

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From 7/14/22-7/20/22, a total of 57 payments, in the amount of \$5,443.44 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.

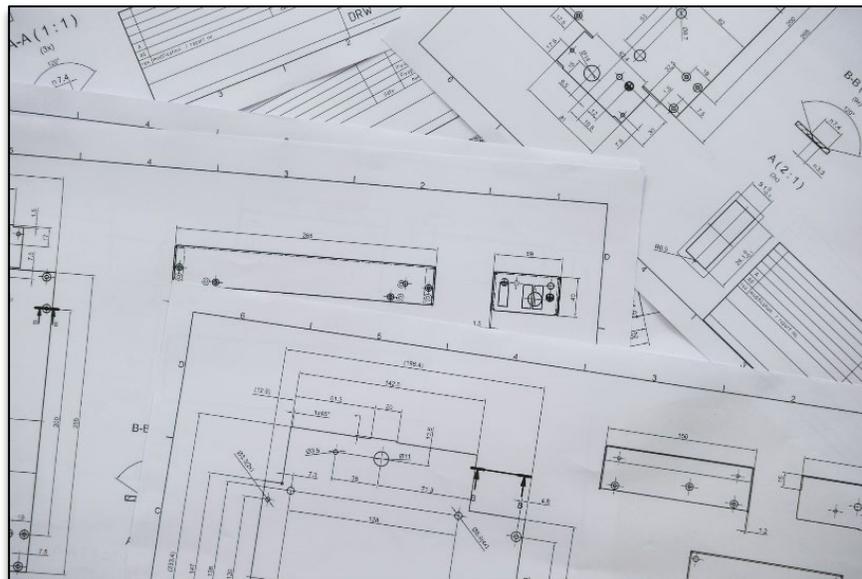
Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 20, 2022, in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall and approved a conditional use permit to construct a 12-unit multi-family development on TL 400 of map 09S4008cb, east of the St. Alphonsus Hospital Emergency Room, off Midway Dr., in the General-Commercial Zone.

APPLICATIONS

- A property line adjustment was approved between two properties on Highland Drive. One property is addressed as 3120 Highland Drive and the other is unaddressed but is located west of 3100 Highland Drive. Both properties are located in the Residential Medium-Density Zone.
- A Land Use Review was approved for the development of a new single-family dwelling at 3580 Indiana Ave, which is in the Residential Medium-Density Zone.
- A re-plat was approved to divide one lot into two at 2501 Carter Street within the Residential High-Density Zone. Notice of the decision and opportunity to appeal the decision was sent out on Thursday, July 21st. The appeal period ends at 5p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.



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



Baker City Events A 501(c)3 nonprofit Volunteer Board Members www.bakercityevents.org bakercityevents1@gmail.com



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Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

15.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
14 Hrs.	Fire training
00Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
01	Fire Prevention/Inspections
64hrs	Community Events
07	Residential Burn Permits

07/13/2022-07/20/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

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

FIRE REPORTS	12
General alarms	01
Dispatched alarms	11
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	06
In-City Responses	05
Out of City Responses	01
Transports	04
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	01
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	04
# of staff requested	07
Staff response for cover	03
No staff response for cover	01

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.

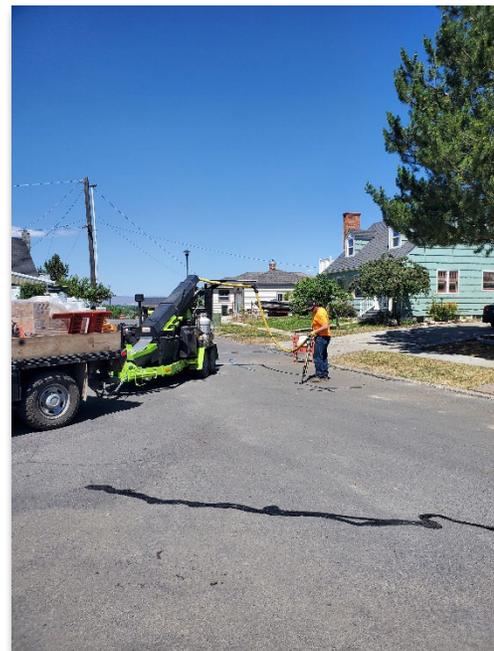
Public Works:

Public Work's Crew are sealing a concrete curb that had just been poured in preparation of chip sealing.



Public Work's Crew finishing the curb in preparation for chip seal.

Public Work's Crew crack filling the street.



Have a great weekend!

Elected Officials

Mayor: Kerry McQuisten mayor@bakercity.gov

Acting Mayor: Joanna Dixon jdixon@bakercity.gov

Shane Alderson: salderson@bakercity.gov

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Johnny Waggoner Sr.: jwaggonersr@bakercity.gov

Dean Guyer: dguyer@bakercity.gov

Kenyon Damschen: kdamschen@bakercity.gov

