



The WEEKLY

July 29th, 2022

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

INSIDE

Baker City Community Night Out

August 2nd,
2022

BURN BAN IN EFFECT

Fire Chief
sends out
press release
on burn ban.



Public Works staff working on removing a root that was damaging a sidewalk.

Update from the City Recorder...

This week we had a council meeting on Tuesday. The meeting went smoothly, and it was productive. There were a few ordinance readings for wastewater and the psilocybin ban. You should see the ballot title for the psilocybin ban in the newspaper for the next couple weeks.

Fire Chief Sean Lee released a statement on Thursday of a local burn ban. This will include all burn barrels and open burn piles, however cooking fires, bbq's, grills, smokers are okay. Chief Lee urges everyone to be safe and use good practices while cooking outside. The press release is attached within The Weekly.

As a reminder, there are four openings for city council for the general election this November. Come down to the City Recorder's office and pick up a packet if you would like to run for office.

We have had some extreme heat the last few days, be sure to stay hydrated!

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

Finance: Utility/Billing

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

- 3 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 4 customers disconnected service from July 21st thru July 27th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 3 was billed July 22nd and included 503 residential and 56 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 139 (25%) are signed up for direct payment and 39 (7%) are signed up for e-billing.
- Zone 8 was billed July 25th and included 485 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 133 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 27 (5%) are signed up for e-billing.
- 21 residential customers were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) Of those 21, 10 paid or made arrangements. The remaining 11 were shut off for non-pay.

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From 7/21 – 7/27, a total of 50 payments, in the amount of \$4,610.84, 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.

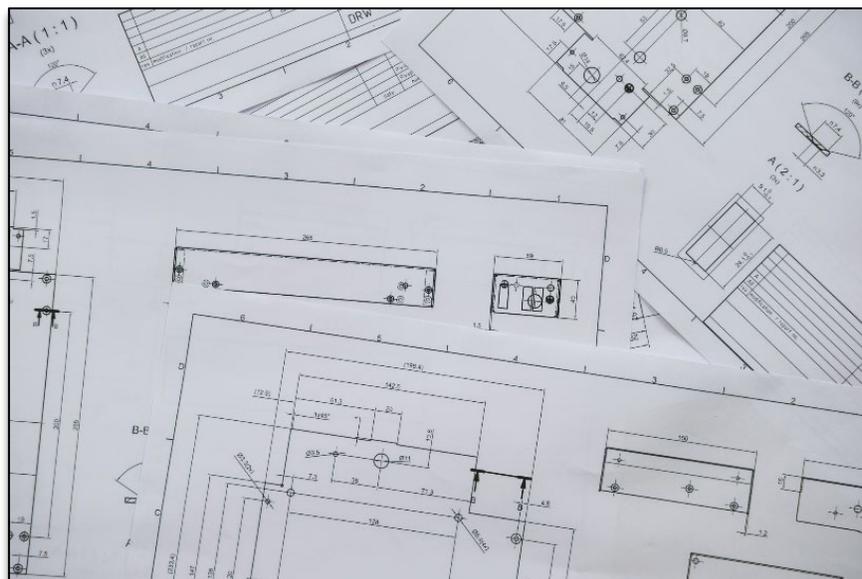
Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- The next regularly-scheduled Planning Commission hearing is Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

APPLICATIONS

- 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.
- An accessory structure (gazebo) was approved at 2100 Court Avenue, in the General Commercial (G-C) Zone.
- A new hanging sign was approved for Betty's Books, at 1813 Main Street, located within the Central Commercial (C-C) Zone and the Historic District.
- The conversion of an existing building was approved at 2055 1st Street, in the Central Commercial (C-C) Zone. The building will be used for offices and retail with mobile vending units.



Police Department**BCPD Weekly Report – 07/14/2022 thru 07/27/2022**

- Over the previous two weeks, BCPD opened 66 new cases and responded to 429 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- BCPD Office Manager Phoebe Wachtel and COP Volunteer Marlene Rogers helped license bicycles at the Bike for the Health Event held at BELC (Baker Early Learning Center), formally North Baker Elementary. Just a friendly reminder, licensing your bike is free of charge at the Police Department and just takes minutes! Bicycle helmets are also available for children in need at the Baker City Police Department. A big thank you goes to Baker City Rotary for their continued support of this program!
- 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, to Frank Carlson for performing live at the Powder River Pavilion and event co-sponsor, Oregon Trail Electric Co-Op.

Hope to see everyone there!



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

26.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
03 Hrs.	Fire training
08Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
00	Fire Prevention/Inspections
0hrs	Community Events
01	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	08
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	08
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	08
In-City Responses	07
Out of City Responses	01
Transports	04
No Transports	03
Airport Transfers	00
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	01
MVA's	02
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	00
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	00
EMS Assist	02
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	06
# of staff requested	09
Staff response for cover	03
No staff response for cover	05



Baker City Fire Department
1616 2nd St.
Baker City, OR. 97814

PRESS RELEASE

Burning Ban in Effect

On July 28, 2022

Baker City will implement residential burning ban beginning 5pm, Thursday, July 28, 2022.

This includes all burn barrels and open burn piles.

This closure does not include cooking fires, BBQ's, grills, or smokers. However; use extreme caution when using fire or outdoor cooking. Please, use fire safe practices when cooking and/or using outdoor BBQ's. Have a fire extinguisher nearby or a garden hose ready.

Baker City Fire Department will not issue burn permits until the closure is lifted.

Sean Lee
Fire Chief
Baker City Fire Department

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?

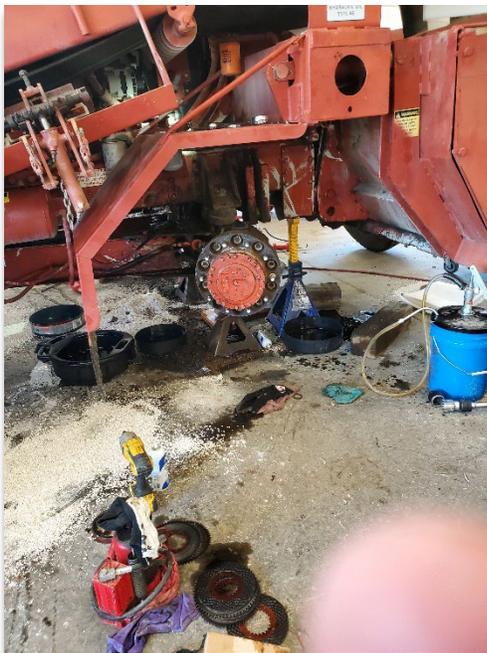
Take a few steps on your lawn. Notice your footprints. If they stick around for a few hours, it's time to water. On the flip side, if your lawn is soggy or you see a lot of runoff, you may be overwatering.

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.

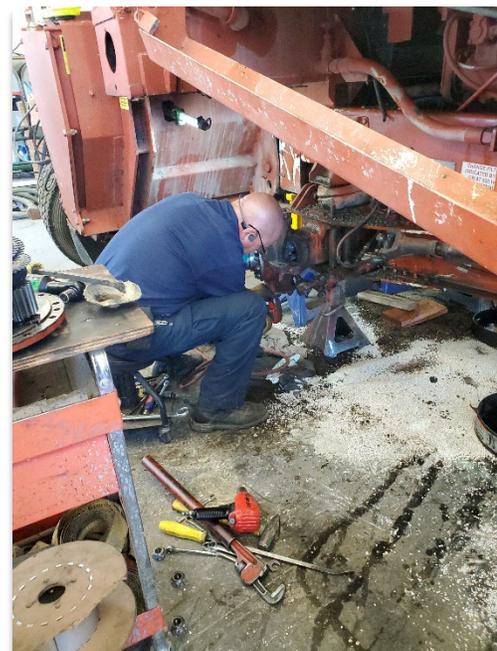
Public Works:

Public works crews are removing a root that pushed up a curb. The curb is being repaired before the street gets chip sealed.



Public Work's Shop Crew working on the chip spreader and is currently torn apart to be repaired for chip sealing.

Public Work's Crew putting the spreader back together.



Public Works:

Gyllenberg Construction crew is setting a new control structure from the setting pond B to pond C, as part of the waster water project upgrades.



Gyllenberg Construction setting the new pipe into the new structure.



The finished control structure is pictured here.



Public Works:



Pictured here is the public works crew grinding the street in preparation for installing new services for new homes on Baker Street.

Pictured below are photos of the pump at the new wellhouse on Indiana Avenue that was sets earlier this week.



Have a great weekend!

Elected Officials

Mayor: Kerry McQuisten mayor@bakercity.gov

Acting Mayor: Joanna Dixon jdixon@bakercity.gov

Shane Alderson: salderson@bakercity.gov

Jason Spriet: jspriet@bakercity.gov

Johnny Waggoner Sr.: jwaggonersr@bakercity.gov

Dean Guyer: dguyer@bakercity.gov

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