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UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 23rd:
Regular Council Meeting
7:00pm



Pictured: A small fawn was located in Baker City. ODFW came to assist BCPD.

A message from the City Recorder...

I hope everyone has been having a great week. This last council meeting was a short one, but we accomplished a lot of agenda items. There were several ordinances that were read including some housekeeping changes to our water and wastewater ordinance, along with establishing a filing fee as an option for future candidates, and the psilocybin ban. Our next regular city council meeting is August 23rd, 2022, at 7:00pm.

The last day to submit signatures for those who want to run for council is August 19th, 2022, and that is only one week away! If you would like to run for city council, please come pick up a packet at city hall and fill out the state form before obtaining signatures. 46 verified signatures are required to be placed on the ballot for November 8th's election.

Have a great weekend!

Dallas Brockett, City Recorder/Executive Assistant

Finance: Utility/Billing**NEW FINANCE DEPARTMENT HOURS****EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm – closed for lunch at 1:00pm-2:00pm

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

- 11 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 14 customers disconnected service from August 4th thru August 10th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 5 was billed August 6th and included 473 residential and 18 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 143 (29%) are signed up for direct payment and 36 (7%) are signed up for e-billing.
- Zone 1 was billed August 9th and included 98 residential and 255 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 78 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (7%) are signed up for e-billing.
- 10 residential customers were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) Of those 10, 4 paid or made arrangements. The remaining 6 were shut off for non-pay.

DOXO 8/4-8/10

- From 8/4 – 8/10, a total of 66 payments, in the amount of \$6,193.70, 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 City Planning Commission hearing for August 17, 2022, has been cancelled.
- The Baker County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at the Baker County Courthouse, 1995 Third Street, Baker City, to hear a Site Plan Review request from Maverik for a new gas station and convenience store in the Commercial-General Zone and Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) of Baker City. The property is located southeast of the I-84 and Hwy 86 intersection and will be accessed via Old Best Frontage and Best Frontage Roads. Based on the Joint Management Agreement between Baker City and Baker County, Baker County is responsible for making land use decisions within the UGB using the Baker City Development Code after providing an opportunity for the City to comment on a pending application. This meeting will be held in person and virtually via Zoom. For more information, please contact Tara Micka at the Planning Department by calling 541-523-8219 or emailing tandrews@bakercounty.org.

APPLICATIONS

A Conditional Use Permit was approved to build a 12-unit multi-family housing development (apartments) across Midway Drive from the Emergency Room at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone. Notice of the approval with an opportunity to appeal was mailed to neighbors within 100' of the project on August 5, 2022. The appeal period ends at 5 PM on August 17, 2022.

Police Department

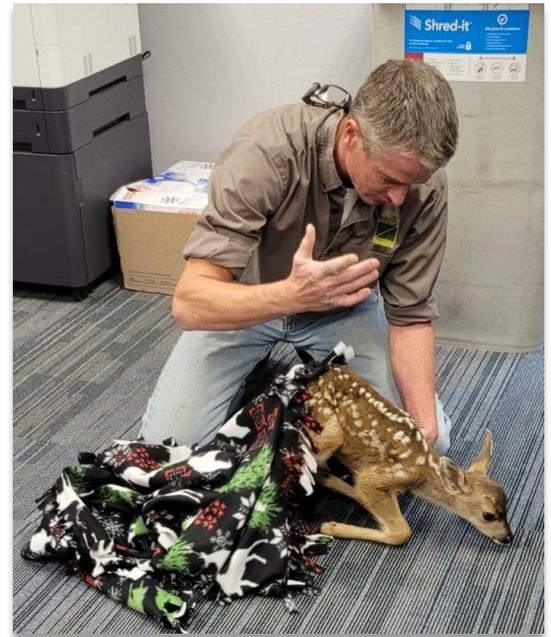
BCPD Weekly Report

- Over the previous two weeks, BCPD was very busy, opening 69 new cases and responding to 451 calls for service.
- This little fawn, thought to only be a couple days old, was found on the east end of Campbell Street late at night after an employee at Motel 6 called dispatch. Upon responding to the scene, officers determined that the mother had been hit by vehicle and was deceased. The fawn was transported to dispatch where she was cared for until ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) could be contacted and was in route. The fawn was then transported to the Baker City Department in early morning hours to await transfer by ODFW who arrived to check out the fawn and ready her for transport to a fawn rescue in Bend, Oregon. Brian Ratliff with ODFW is pictured examining the baby fawn.

ODFW recommends not to approach a fawn who appears to be alone and to leave the area. Mothers often leave their young for extended periods to feed and so they don't draw attention to their young. Fawns are generally safe from predators because of their lack of scent and their protective coloring. Your presence and your human scent may frighten the mother away, endangering the fawn.

- Community Night Out, held Tuesday, August 2nd at the Geiser Pollman Park, was a great event with over 500 people in attendance and more than forty booths on hand representing 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 featured a free dinner, live music, and a chance to win some amazing prizes.

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 dinner, 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.



Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

21.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
03 Hrs.	Fire training
12Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
02	Fire Prevention/Inspections
15hrs	Community Events
00	Residential Burn Permits

08/02/2022-08/08/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

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

FIRE REPORTS	06
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	06
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	06
In-City Responses	05
Out of City Responses	01
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	01
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	03
# of staff requested	05
Staff response for cover	01
No staff response for cover	02



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:

Chip-Sealing Begins Next Week!



City of Baker City, Oregon Public Works Department

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Press Release

Beginning August 15, 2022, the Baker City Public Works Department will be chip sealing a number of city streets. It is expected that this work will last for four days. The chip seal process extends the life of a street by restoring vital asphalt pavement components that are lost through the aging and oxidation process. By sealing the street, moisture is unable to penetrate below the asphalt surface. A list of the streets to be treated as well as map showing the street locations for the 2022 project are attached.

A minimum 48-hours notice will be provided to residents affected by the street improvement project. Please expect traffic delays and possible rerouting of traffic during this project. Should inclement weather conditions or mechanical issues arise, the street work will be rescheduled for the next available work day.

Your cooperation and patience during this project are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Baker City Public Works at (541) 524-2047.

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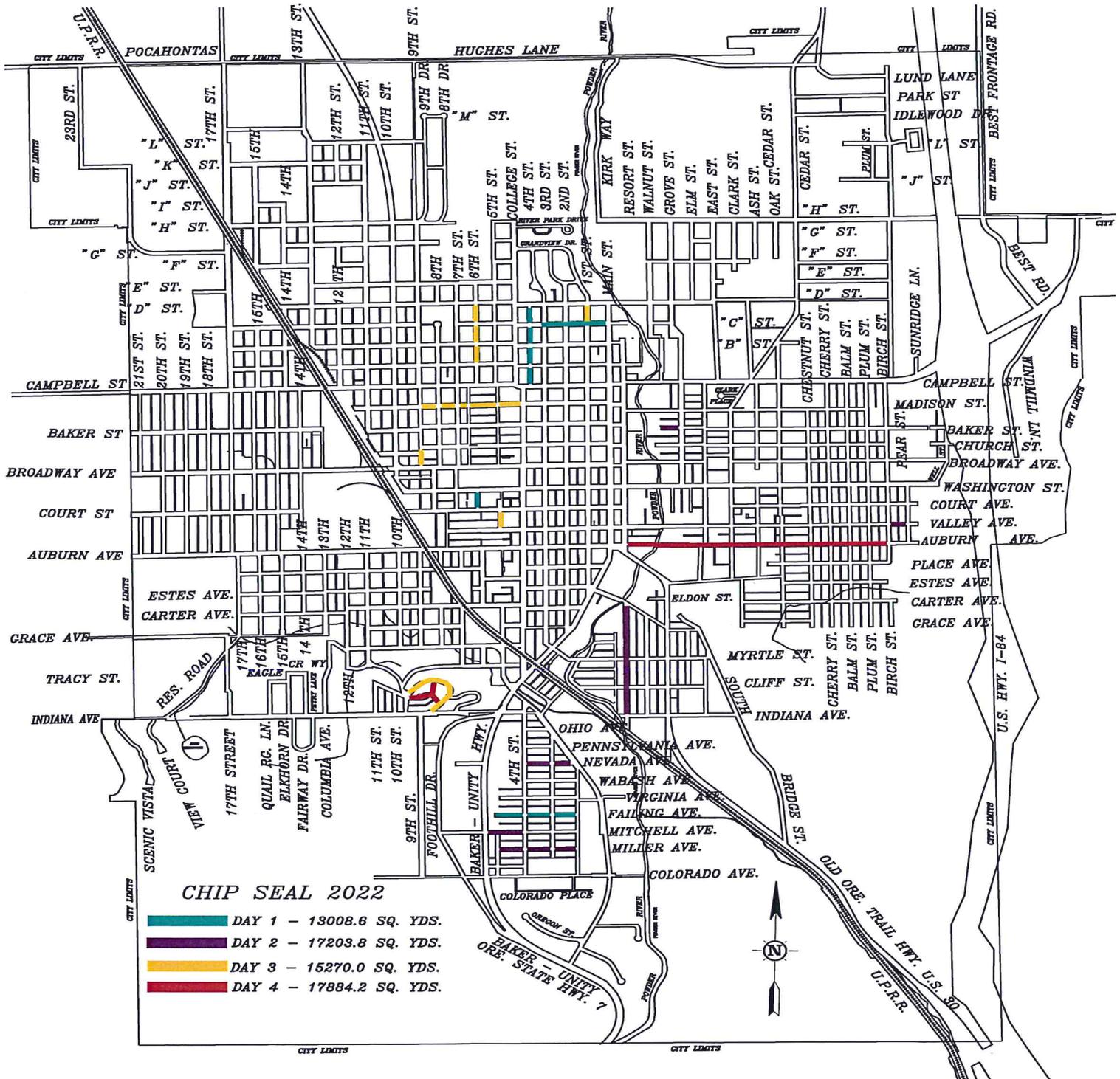
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2022 BAKER CITY CHIP SEAL

STREET	DAY	ORDER
Failing - 5th to 2nd (-int)	1	1
Sixth - Court to Washington	1	2
Fourth - Campbell to A	1	3
Fourth - A to D (-int)	1	4
C - W.side 3rd to Main	1	5
STREET	DAY	ORDER
Mitchell - Hwy 7 to 4th	2	1
Miller - 5th to 2nd (-int)	2	2
Nevada - 4th to David Eccles (-int)	2	3
Resort - Indiana to Estes	2	4
Valley - Birch to Pear	2	5
Baker - W. of Grove to Grove	2	6
STREET	DAY	ORDER
Ninth - Broadway to Church E.	3	1
Madison - 9th to 4th (-int)	3	2
Sixth - A to D (-int)	3	3
First - C to D	3	4
Fifth - Valley to Court	3	5
Hillcrest Dr - Indiana to 9th	3	6
STREET	DAY	ORDER
Auburn - Resort to Oak	4	1
Auburn - Oak to Chestnut	4	2
Auburn - W.side Chestnut to Birch	4	3
Hillcrest Place	4	4

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Open House



Where:

Baker City Fair Grounds Event Center

When:

August 17th, 2022

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please join the USDA-Forest Service: Whitman Ranger District for an open house on the proposed **Baker City Watershed Fuels Management Project**.

Purpose: To reduce hazardous fuels between the Baker City Watershed and nearby private land.



Have a great weekend!

Elected Officials

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