



The WEEKLY

October 7th, 2022

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



INSIDE

Volunteers Needed!

Multiple openings on boards and commissions

Now Hiring

Multiple job openings within City Hall.

New Website is Live!

Please check out our all redesigned website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 11th:

City Council regular Meeting 7:00pm

City Hall Council Chambers



City Manager's Message...

The wildland fire on the hillside near Baker City brought numerous agencies together to fight that wildfire. The location of the fire was outside of our jurisdiction. Even so, it was close enough to ensure our Fire Chief monitored it closely in case it was to turn and threaten structures within Baker City. We all owe a thank you to the Oregon Department of Forestry (lead agency upon arrival), the Baker Rural Fire Department, and the other agencies who responded aggressively and promptly to control this wildfire. Had structures been at risk, the Baker City Fire Department might have been asked to participate to protect structures, but fortunately, conditions were right for our wildland crews to handle the fire. Thank you to everyone.

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City Manager's Message Continued...



We are now in October and the new ambulance service provider is fully settling into our city. They are working to integrate into the community bringing full-time staff and families to join our population. With a target of twelve paramedics and EMTs plus supervisory staff and five ambulances, they are making no small investment in the ambulance service area. They have opened a website for new memberships to their ground transport service program called LifeGuard. The link to the website is <https://ambulancemembership.com/baker-county/> and it is up and operational. LifeFlight still provides air transport and can be found at <https://www.lifeflight.org/>. Don't forget, existing FireMed memberships will transition to the LifeGuard ground transport service and remain in force until the current expiration of those memberships.

On another note. I attended the League of Oregon Cities conference this week in Bend Oregon. I met with representatives of one of our congressional seats as well as state and federal agencies. I participated in workshops and heard from other City Councilors, City Managers, and staff who face many of the same challenges we face. Conferences and training for staff are a small part of our budget and provide valuable insight, networking, and knowledge for our city. When possible we look for free training and events that do not require travel.

Have a great weekend.

- Jonathan Cannon, City Manager





Boards and Commissions

Apply for a Baker City Board or Commission and **join** your fellow residents in **shaping the future.**

Currently, Baker City has openings for the following Boards & Commissions:

- Historic District Design Review Committee
- Public Works Advisory Committee
- Tree Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Public Arts Commission

Openings coming soon:

- Budget Board
- Golf Board

Human Resources

The City of Baker City provides employment opportunity to all qualified employees and applicants, without unlawful regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran's status, or any other status protected by applicable federal, Oregon, or local law. Our EEO policy applies to all aspects of the employment relationship—including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, compensation, promotion, demotion, transfer, disciplinary action, layoff, recall, and termination of employment.

NOW HIRING

Fire Chief**Fire Department**First Review: **October 7, 2022**

Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Fire Chief within the Fire Department. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, however the first review will be October 7, 2022. This is a full-time benefited position. The job description and application can be found on the city's website:

<http://bakercity.com/2241/Human-ResourcesEmployment-Opportunities>

[Fire Chief Brochure](#)

Accounts Receivable/Cashier**Finance Department**First Review: **October 7, 2022**

Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Accounts Receivable/Cashier within the Finance Department. Application will be accepted until the position is filled, however the first review will be October 7, 2022. This is a full-time represented position. The job description and application can be found on the city's website:

<http://bakercity.com/2241/Human-ResourcesEmployment-Opportunities>



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LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

Thank you!

The Faster Internet Oregon coalition developed a **quick and safe speed test** that allows everyone to help map the availability and quality of internet service across Oregon. This information will:

- Identify Oregon homes that lack high-speed Internet
- Clarify which households don't have an Internet connection and why
- Provide cost estimates and assess solutions for areas with gaps
- Help secure broadband funding and ensure funds are equitably allocated so that **everyone has access to fast, affordable Internet service.**



“ I encourage everyone to participate in Faster Internet Oregon. The speed test is safe and easy. New federal funding creates a rare opportunity to improve internet access and affordability in Oregon, especially in communities that need it most. Your participation helps provide accurate information about gaps in service and the best approaches to fix them.

~ Mark Bennett, Baker County Commissioner



Planning Department**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- The Baker City Planning Commission held a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, and recommended approval to City Council for the two requests from applicants and property owners, Leonard H., II and Gayle Gazley, which include a Baker City Comprehensive Plan Map and Zone Map Amendment to change the zoning designation of their property from General Industrial (I) to General Commercial (C-G), along with a concurrent Conditional Use Permit to convert an existing building into a dwelling. The ±.55 acre subject property is addressed as 560 Elm Street, Baker City, OR, also identified as Tax Lot 501 of Assessor's Map 09s40e21cd (Ref. 17582). The first public hearing with City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2022.
- The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing both in-person and virtually at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City, Oregon, to consider a Conditional Use Permit request by applicant, Steven Walborn, and property owner, Oregon Department of Corrections, to replace an existing radio communication tower with a 52-foot tower in the same location on the Powder River Correctional Facility property. The property is addressed as 3600 13th Street and is also identified as Tax Lots 2800, 2801, and 2901 of Assessor's Map 09s40e08cd (Refs. 15418, 15664, 15663), located in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.

**Planning Commission
Recognition**

The Planning Department would like to recognize Tim Collins for 12 years of dedicated service on the Planning Commission. Tim recently concluded his time as a Planning Commissioner. We will miss his expertise and thoughtful consideration of all applications that came before the Commission. He provided a wealth of knowledge of Baker City history, planning law and community changes, and we're grateful for all the time he volunteered. Thank you Tim!

The City Council recently selected Gratton Miller as a new Planning Commissioner. Welcome, Gratton, and thank you for serving Baker City.

Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 10 Hrs. Station and vehicle maintenance
- 08 Hrs. Fire training
- 00Hrs. EMS training
- 00 Hrs. Safety training
- 02 Fire Prevention/Inspections
- 00hrs Community Events
- 09 Residential Burn Permits

09/27/2022-10/03/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Baker City Fire Department emergency alarms detailed as follows:

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

Burn Ban is lifted!

Police Department**BCPD Press Release**

On Friday, September 30th, 2022, Baker City Police Department arrested RICHARD WAYNE CARROLL, age 52, for multiple drug and firearm charges stemming from several investigations by the Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team over the course of the last two years.

Mr. Carroll was arrested at the Baker County Jail when he went to bail out an associate. He was lodged on the following charges:

- Unlawful delivery of methamphetamine
- Unlawful possession of methamphetamine
- Unlawful attempted delivery of methamphetamine

Four counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On Monday, October 3rd, members of the Narcotics Team located TOM RAYMOND CARROLL (RICH'S BROTHER) in Baker City, who is currently on release from federal custody pending resolution of a federal case after drug and gun charges were brought against him by the Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team in 2021. Tom is currently under supervision out of Multnomah County.

Baker City Police and task force members stopped TOM in a vehicle and a female passenger fled. She was located a short distance away, identified as JIMI LEE KAYSER, age 34, from the Portland, Oregon area. It was determined she had out of county warrants for fail to appear for robbery and burglary first degree. She had small amounts a methamphetamine on her person. TOM was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine and as a result an out of county warrant was issued for violation of his release. He and KAYSER were both lodged in the Baker County Jail.

Later that day detectives executed a search warrant on the residence of RICHARD CARROLL at 1129 Elm Street in Baker City. As a result of the warrant detectives located what we believe to be numerous stolen items, mostly tools, as well as four AR -15 style rifles.

RICHARD CARROLL was then charged with four more counts for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Other charges will be pending.

The Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team is comprised of members from the Baker City Police Department and is supported by the Baker County Sheriff's Office the Baker County District Attorney's Office and the Oregon State Police.

The mission of the narcotics team is to disrupt and/or dismantle mid to upper-level drug trafficking individuals and organizations as well as provide valuable intelligence and investigative resources to all law enforcement regarding unlawful criminal activity. Detectives with the Baker City Police Department are part of both the Narcotics Team and the Major Crime Team.

Public Works:

Public Works Weekly Update for 10/07/22

Public works crews have cleaned the screens up in the water shed.



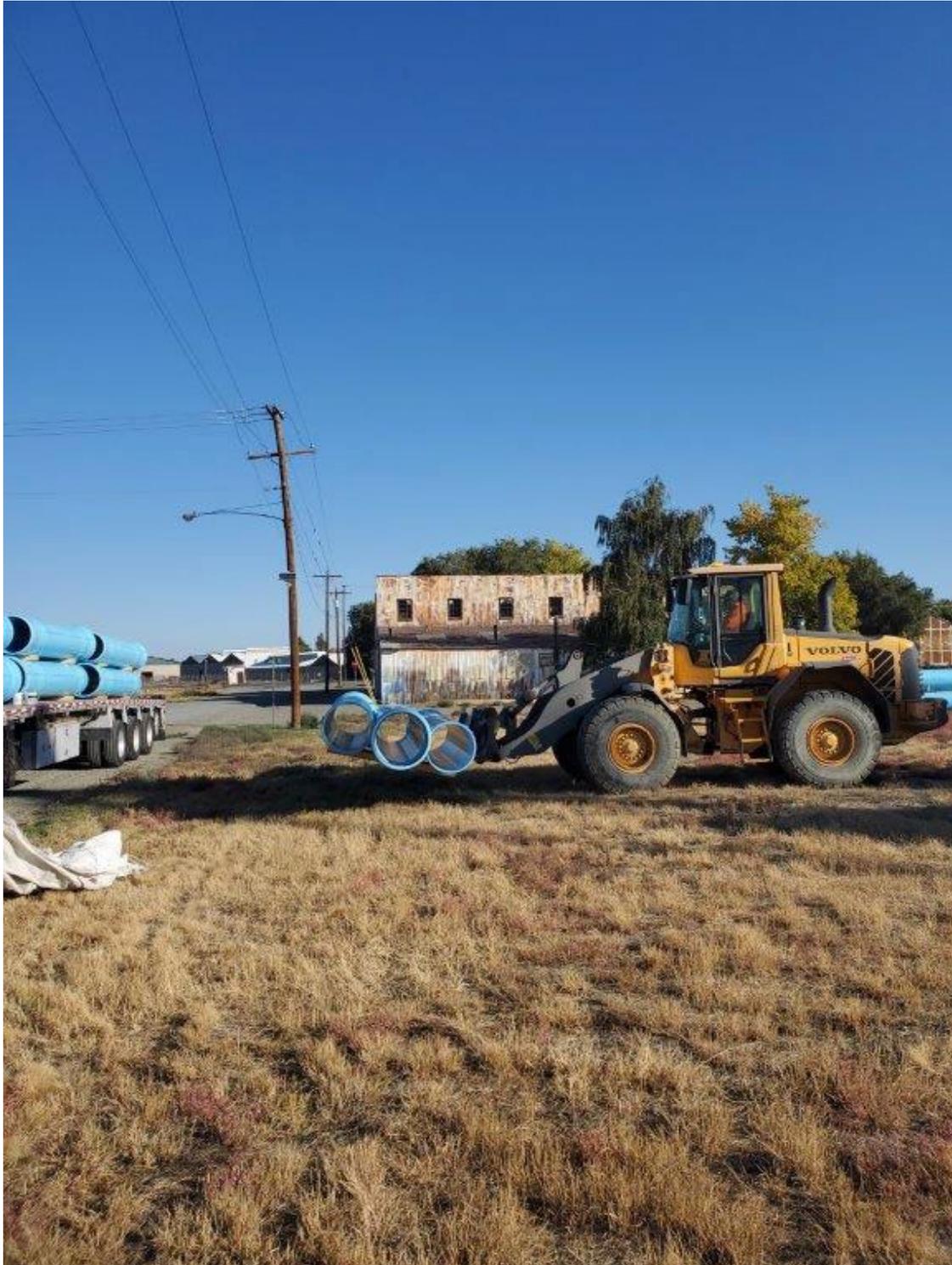
Here the Water Operator is cleaning the screen.



Here is the finished manhole base.



The warehouseman is unloading pipe for the next section of mountain line to be replaced.



Have a great weekend!



Elected Officials

Mayor: Kerry McQuisten mayor@bakercity.gov

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