



The WEEKLY

October 21st 2022

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

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Volunteers Needed!

Multiple openings on boards and commissions

Baker City is Hiring!

Evidence Technician job is open for applicants

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 25th:

City Council regular Meeting 7:00pm

City Hall Council Chambers

October 25th:

City Council Work Session 6:00pm

City Hall Council Chambers

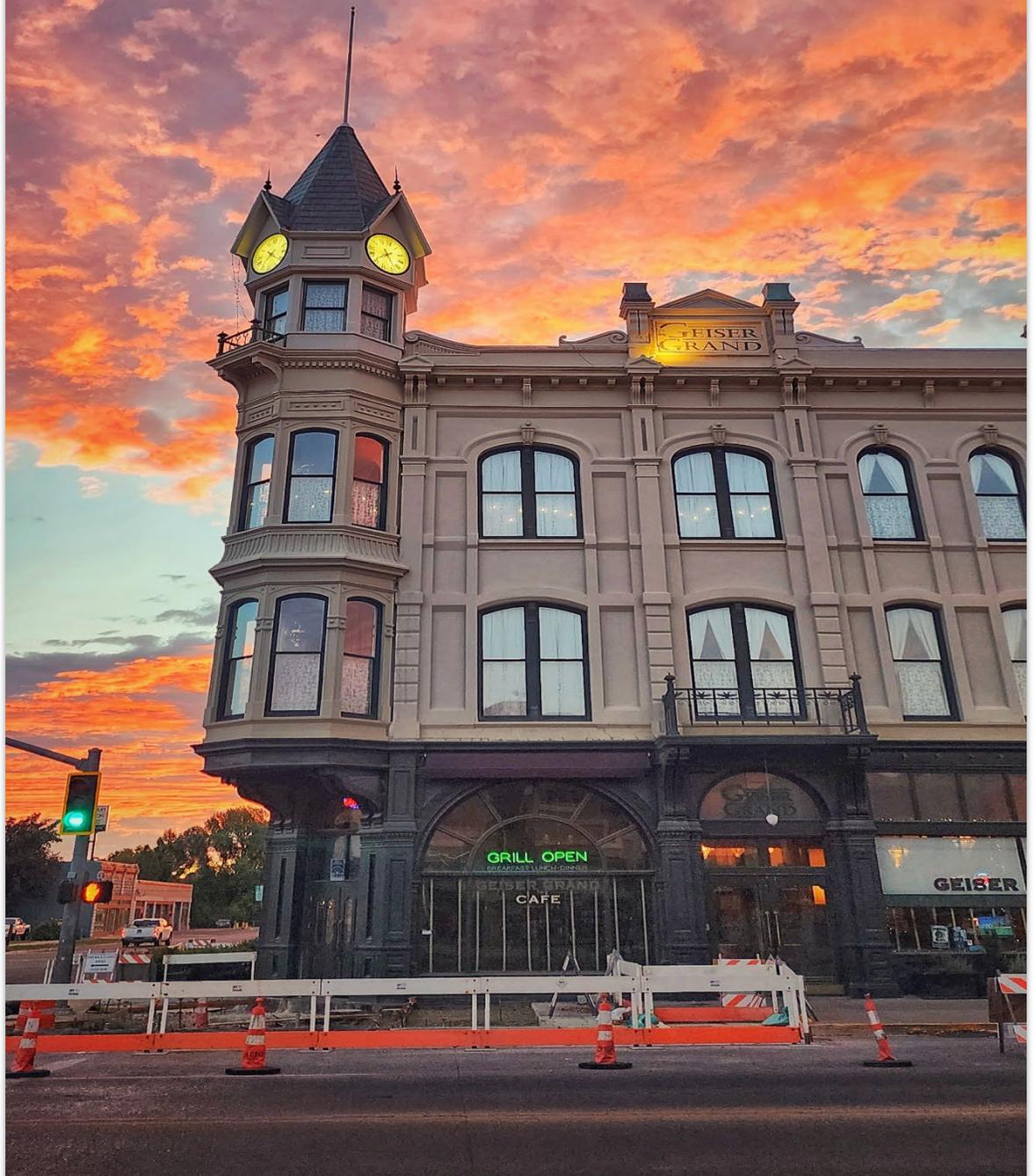


Photo above: Taken 10/21/2022 by Dallas Brockett. Beautiful sunrise at the historic Geiser Grand Hotel.

City Manager's Message

Halloween is just around the corner. The Baker City Finance Department is excited to hand out candy during business hours to trick-or-treaters on October 31. Bring your kids to city hall and visit finance.

Another thing that is just around the corner is the elections. I would encourage everyone who is able to take the opportunity to participate in the elections. We are a Representative Republic. Your voice is heard through the representatives you place in office locally, statewide, and federally. This ensures that everyone has a voice in their local government.

Council will hold a work session on October 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM before their regularly scheduled meeting. The work session will be a presentation from ODOT providing information about the 10th street project. The project has been ongoing for several years and will soon move from planning to construction. The project includes 10th street, Hughes Lane, and Cedar Street.

In their regular meeting on October 25, 2022, Council will consider a proclamation to celebrate first responders. It will be included in their packet and available for review. They have additional topics to review, but the meeting is anticipated to be fairly light.

Baker City still has numerous openings on boards and commissions. Please contact Dallas Brockett, City Recorder, if you are interested in providing input into the boards and commissions.

Have a great weekend. - Jonathan Cannon, City Manager



We need Volunteers!!

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

More information and applications can be found at:

<https://www.bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>





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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.**



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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

- On October 25th, the City Council will have a discussion about the burden of housing costs in Baker City. Please come and share your expertise, experience and ideas with City decision makers. Baker City is a "severely rent burdened city" by state definition, meaning 25% or more of our community members are spending more than 50% of their household income on housing. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:
 1. The causes and consequences of severe rent burdens within the city;
 2. The barriers to reducing rent burdens; and
 3. Possible solutions to reduce the number of severely rent burdened households within the city.

The City is in the process of developing a housing production strategy, and information about causes, barriers, and solutions to rent burdens will help inform this strategy for meeting the housing needs for Baker City residents.

- The City Council will hold their second hearing on October 25, 2022, to consider the recommendation from the Baker City Planning Commission, for a request from applicants and property owners, Leonard H., II and Gayle Gazley, to change the zoning designation of their property from General Industrial (I) to General Commercial (C-G) via a Baker City Comprehensive Plan Map and Zone Map Amendment. The City Council read the ordinance for the first time at their hearing on October 11, 2022. The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezone to the City Council at their public hearing on September 21, 2022, and approved a Conditional Use Permit allowing the existing structures on the property to be converted into a dwelling, contingent upon the Council's decision of the rezone. 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 Baker City Planning Commission held a public hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, and approved 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.

APPLICATIONS

- A final replat was approved, reconfiguring old subdivision lots from 1886 into two separate lots, at 2501 Carter Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) zone.
- A property line adjustment was approved between two properties at 2960 and 2980 East Street in the Industrial (I) zone.

Police Department

Over the past two weeks, BCPD opened 76 new cases and responding to 415 calls for service, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.

Chief Duby introduced patrol officer Joshua Chandler at this week's City Council meeting. Join us in welcoming Officer Chandler to Baker City! Having graduated from Baker High, Josh has returned to Baker City and comes to our department with over six years of law enforcement experience working for Elko Police Department in Elko, Nevada.



Police Department

NOW HIRING
EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

BCPD is hiring! Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Evidence Technician within the Police Department. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; however, the closing date will be November 4, 2022. This is a part-time, represented, and benefited position with a salary range of \$18.04 – \$20.30 per hour.

Position Description: As evidence/property processor performs a variety of functions related to receiving, packaging, maintaining, and disposing evidence/property. This position is required to work cooperatively in a team-oriented environment, assisting other personnel and/or departments as necessary.

Minimum Qualifications: Applicants must be 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or GED; pass typing test at 45 WPM net; proficient in Microsoft Office; training in secretarial and office practices and personal computers; or any equivalent combination of related education and experience which demonstrates provision of the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed in the job description; must pass a background check and drug screening.

To Apply: Applicants are required to take a typing test at Work Source Oregon, 1575 Dewey Avenue and submit the results with your application. Applications are available on the website. Please submit a complete application and resume to humanresources@bakercity.gov. A full job description is also available on the website. Applications can also be delivered to the HR office, located at City Hall, 1655 1st street, room 205. For more information, please contact Stacy Spriet in the Human Resources Department, 541-524-2036.

Baker City is an EEO Employer.

Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

14 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
00 Hrs.	Fire training
00Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
00	Fire Prevention/Inspections
5	Community Events
14	Residential Burn Permits

10/11/2022-10/18/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Baker City Fire Department emergency alarms detailed as follows:

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Burn Complaint/Service Call	00
Fire Investigation	00
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	00
# of staff requested	00
Staff response for cover	00
No staff response for cover	00

Burn Ban is lifted!

Public Works:

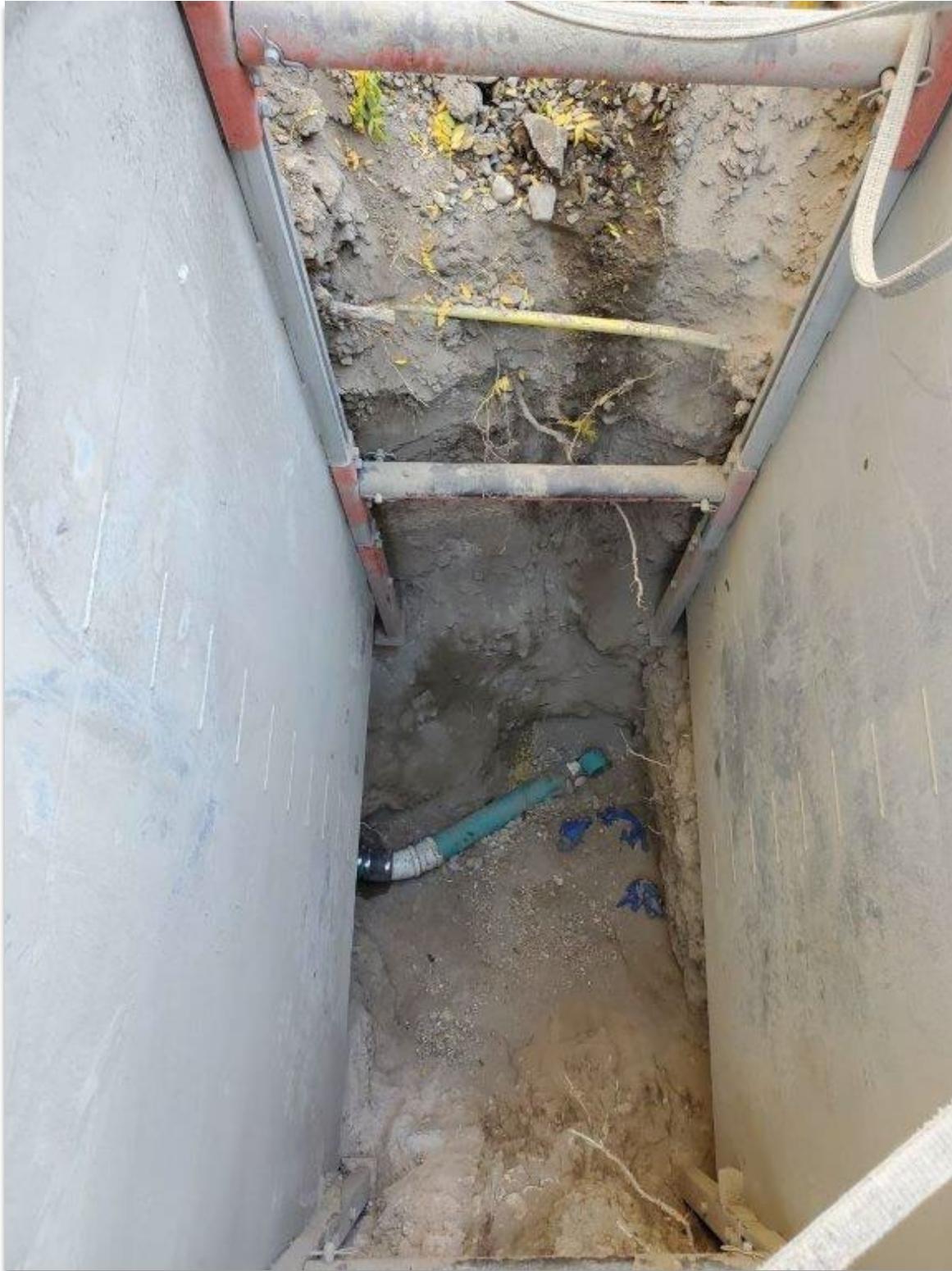
Public Works Weekly Update for 10/21/22

Public works crew is excavating a citizens lateral that is plugged from roots at the main line.



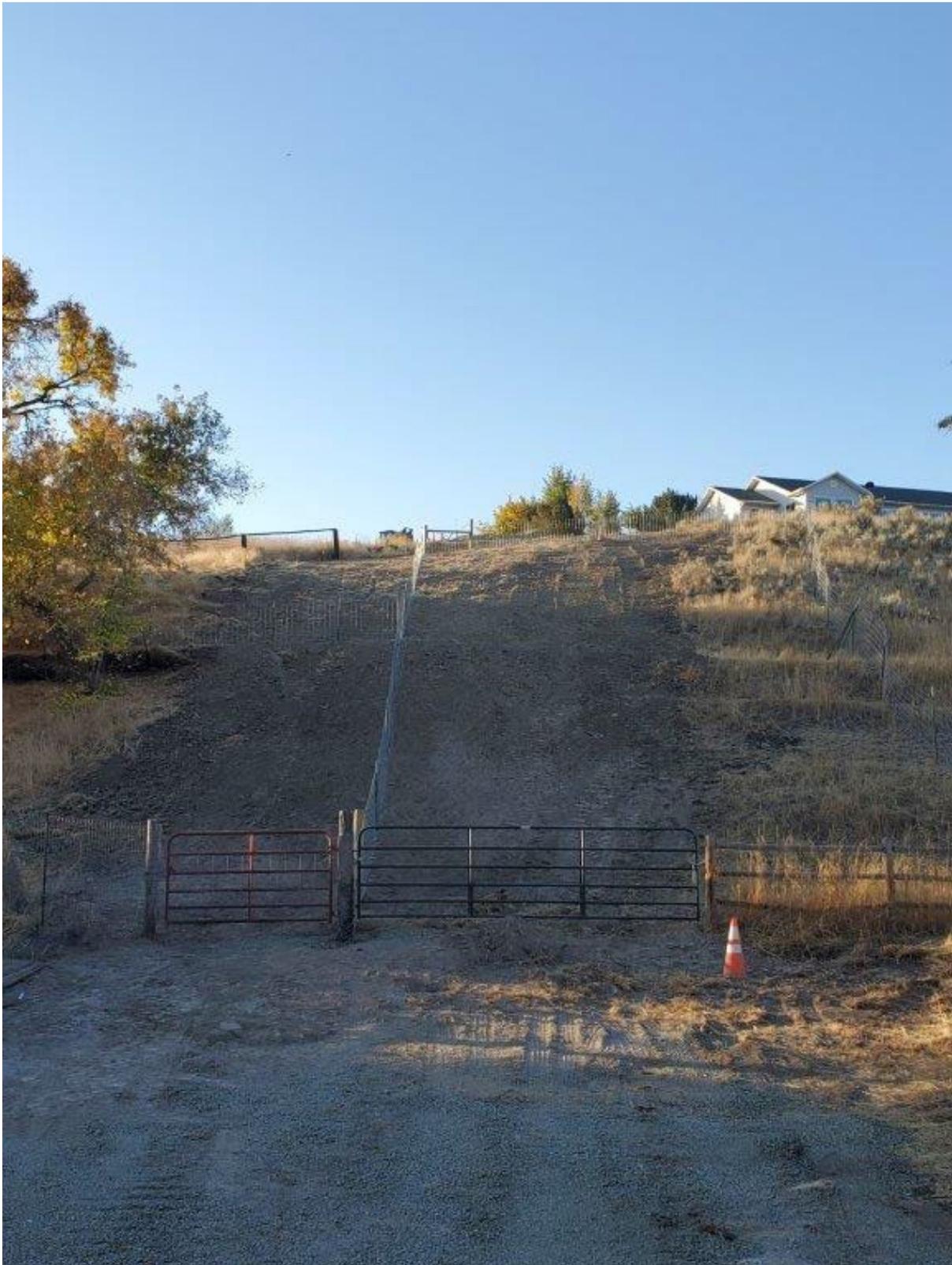
Public Works:

Here is the repaired connection at the main line.



Public Works:

Public works have rehabbed the ground where they ran main line extensions off of 13th street.



Public Works:

A new hydrant was installed at the top of the 13th street main line extension.



Public Works:

Crews are prepping areas to be patched.

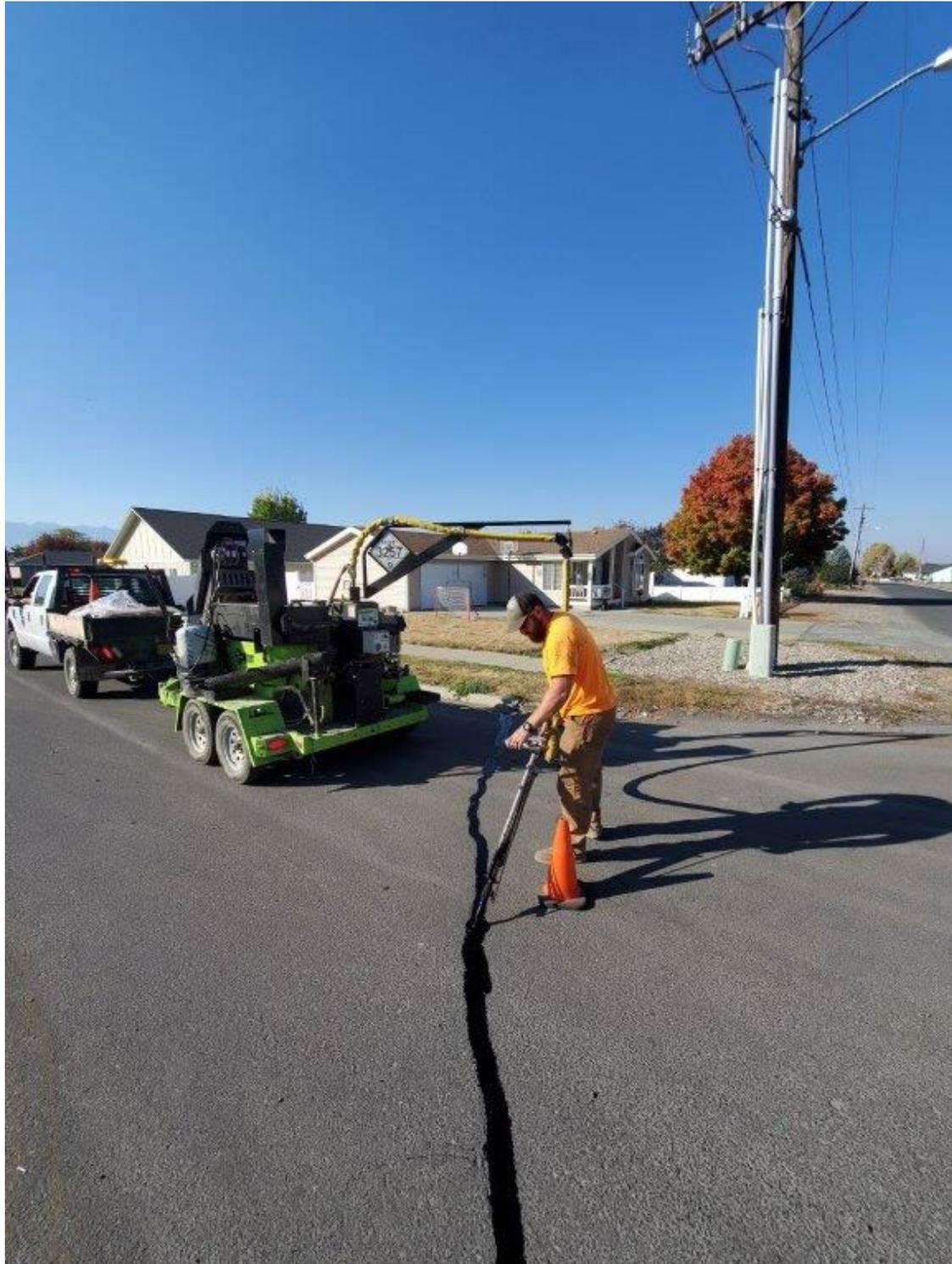


Public Works:

Public works crews are patching for the last time for this season.



Crews are crack filling streets.



Have a great weekend!



Elected Officials

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