

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## *Weekly Update September 9, 2016*

### **Administration:**

The City would like to welcome Robin Nudd who is our new Community Development Director. Robin comes to the City after working in various management positions at Baker County. Robin's first day will be September 15th and we are excited to have her on board.

Baker City received notification earlier today of lead levels exceeding 22 ppb in multiple school facilities within the Baker School District 5J. Lead contamination in drinking water may be the result of many factors including corrosion of piping, internal plumbing, or fixtures. Baker City Public Works collects 20 lead and copper samples every three years from selected homes throughout Baker City. These selected sites provide a concise representation of the water traveling through our distribution system. The action level for lead as prescribed by EPA for safe drinking water is 15Mg/L. The most recent analysis for Baker City water within our distribution system showed 0.0000 Mg/L @ the 90th percentile value. This information as well as other contaminant analysis can be found in the 2015 Annual Edition of Baker City's "Water Quality Report and Conservation Tips", available on our website using the following link: <http://www.bakercity.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=85>. Baker City remains dedicated to providing Baker City citizens, businesses, and agencies with high quality, safe drinking water.

### **Finance:**

#### **Utilities**

- ◆ Eight customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twenty customers disconnected service from September 2nd through September 8th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed Wednesday which included 710 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 171 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 474 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 96 or 19% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 86 late notices were sent September 8th.
- ◆ There were no water turn-offs this week due to a skip week.

**Accounts Payable** -The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated today.

### **City Council**

#### **September 13th Agenda Items:**

- Cured in Place Pipe Bid Award
- Pipe Bursting Contract Award
- Charter Franchise Ordinance
- AFSCME 2175 BCEA Labor Contract
- Parks and Recreation Board Appointment





## **Planning Department:**

**Public Meetings:** The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 21st to discuss potential updates to the Baker City Development Code. Some proposed changes include revisions to the Sign Code and preliminary plat requirements.

### **Projects and Land Use Decisions**

- A ±96 square foot addition was approved for a dwelling at 2215 Ohio Avenue in the High Density Residential (R-HD) Zone. Because the addition is located within a floodplain, a concurrent application for a Flood Plain Development permit was submitted and was also approved.
- A new ±1,000 square foot shop was approved at 555 Court Avenue in the Low Density Residential (R-LD) Zone.
- A ±504 square foot storage building was approved at 3710 Baker Street in the Medium Density Residential (R-MD) Zone.
- The Planning Department was selected by the Department of Land Conservation and Development to participate in a group that is testing a new online platform for electronically submitting mandatory reporting documents to the agency. The test will take approximately one hour, and once the online process is fully functional, online submittals will save the department time and printing costs when submitting reports.

## **Building Department**

### **COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- No new commercial permits were issued this week.

### **RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 14875 Mill Creek Lane, Baker City – New Residence
- 15192 N Rock Creek Lane, Haines – New Residence
- 3665 9th Drive, Baker City – Carport addition
- 312 Main Street, Unity – Detached storage building

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	1	3	1
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	3
Electrical	1	4	7	1
Mechanical	4	1	2	1
Plumbing	0	2	1	0
Fence	7	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>

**Volunteer Opportunity:**  
**1 Vacancy on**  
**the Planning Commission**



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

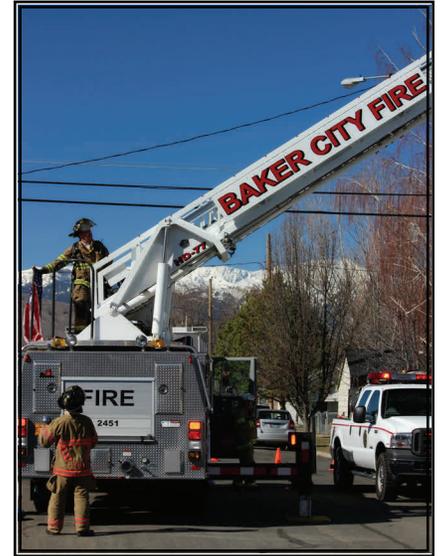
During the week of August 21st - August 27th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	9
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>27</b>

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	3
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>3</b>



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	0
Triple Calls	0

- Fire – Washington / Burn complaint
- Fire – 8th / Burn complaint
- Fire – 17th / False alarm

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **21** hours of in-house training.

Fire – Wildland incident command

## STATION MAINTENANCE

**23** hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on September 13<sup>th</sup>.



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# **POLICE** **DEPARTMENT**



✦ BCPD handled over **172** incidents and opened **30** new cases this past week.

A case involving the death of an infant as the result of asphyxiation related to co-sleeping is currently being investigated by the Baker County Major Crime Team. The following press release was submitted by the Baker County DA's Office:

*"On September 3, 2016, Tracin Givens (DOB 7-29-2016) was found deceased at his home at 1695 Auburn St. #3, Baker City, Oregon. Both parents Joshua Givens and Beth Speelman were present in the home at the time of the death. The death is being investigated by the Baker County Major Crime Team. An autopsy was conducted on Monday September 5, 2016 at the State Medical Examiner's Office and the cause of death was determined to be asphyxiation related to co-sleeping. The investigation is continuing and upon completion will be reviewed by the District Attorney's Office"*

- ✦ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various Officer Safety topics.
- ✦ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.

## **Code Enforcement Weekly Activity**

### **Property Maintenance**

Followed up on 2 old cases  
Issued 1 citation for non-compliance  
Closed out 2 cases ( property in compliance)  
Started 1 new case

### **Animal Violations and Complaints**

Followed up with 1 barking complaint  
1 dog at large returned to owner  
Issued 1 citation for dog at large  
Followed up with 4 animal complaints  
Followed up with one Kennel violation

### **Parking**

Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles  
Issued 6 parking citations  
Followed up with 3 violations

### **Weeds**

Followed up on 2 new weed complaints  
Checked 3 properties for compliance

### **Development Code Violations**

Followed up with one Temporary Use Permit violation

### **City Code**

Issued 1 citation for a non-compliance for street tree violation

### **Found Item**

1 found Item  
2 found items returned to owner



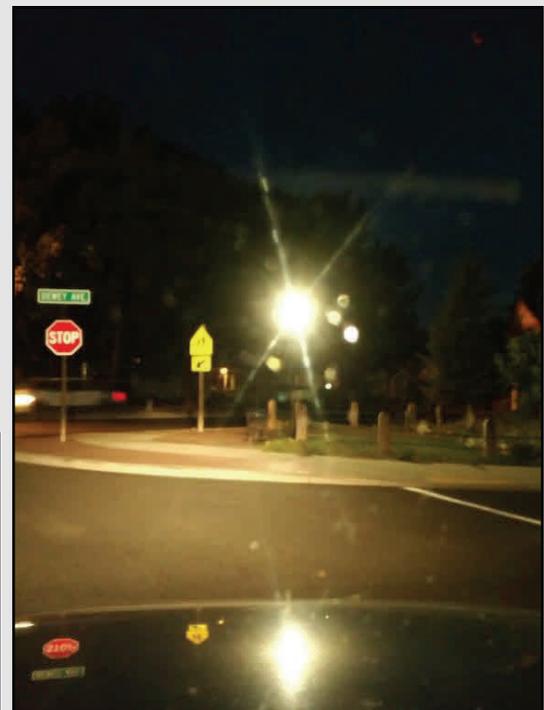
### Public Works-Street



A smaller Tymo Model 435 Sweeper was tested and reviewed this week. To the left, Tom reviewed the work after it swept this portion of the street.



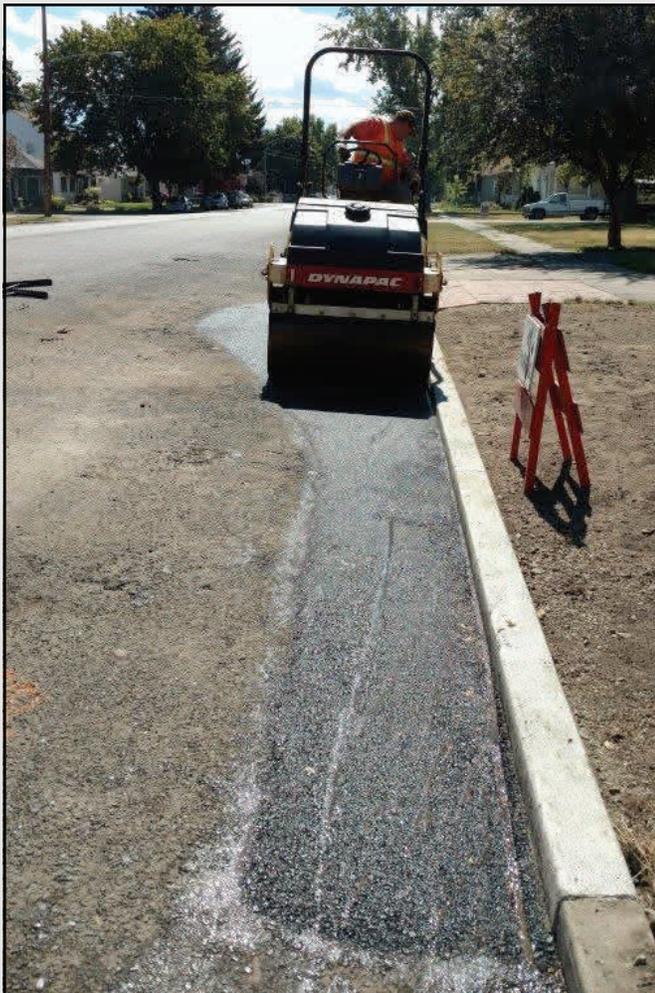
Street lights were repaired this week. New bulbs and photocells are replaced weekly (usually on Thursdays) as they become known to the Baker City Public Works Department. Above is a night view of the new L.E.D. street light at the corner of 7th and Place. To the right is a night view of the new L.E.D. street light at the corner of 2nd and Dewey Avenue.





## Public Works-Street Cont.

Crews worked this week patching and crack-filling streets in Baker City. Wednesday 12 tons of "C" mix asphalt was used to repair 15 locations on Baker City streets. At the request of the Mayor for the City of Haines, two Baker City workers assisted three City of Haines personnel in crack-filling 6 blocks of Haines streets on Thursday. To the Right, crew of Riley, Scott, Jake F., and Karl (in Backhoe) are working to patch Main Street between A and B Streets where a tree stump had been previously removed.



To the left, Karl is carefully operating the steel wheel roller to compact the asphalt adjacent to the newly poured concrete curb.

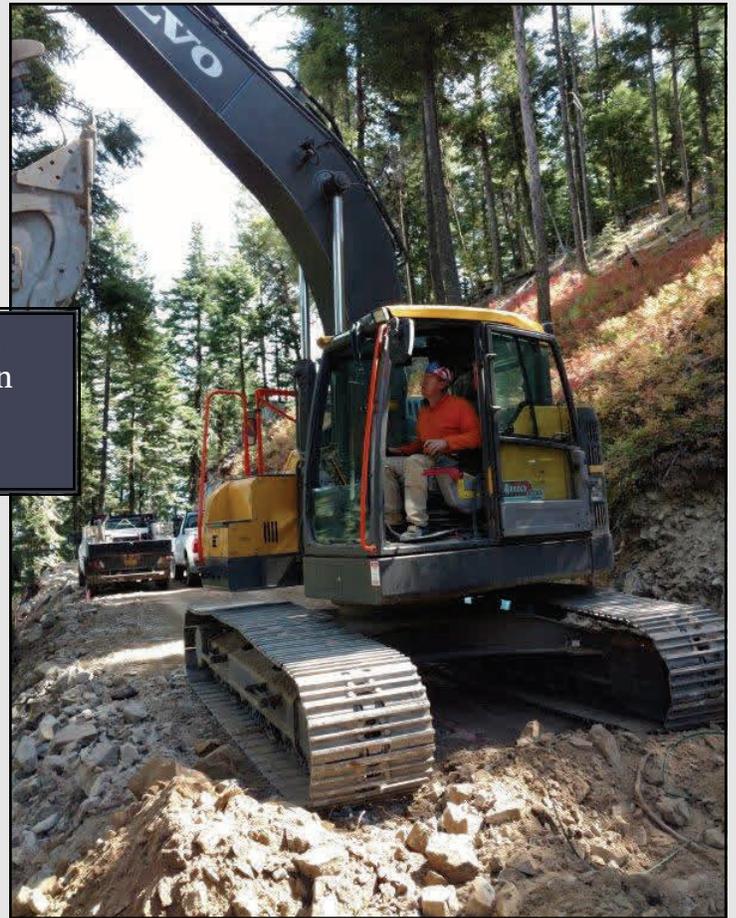


## Public Works-Water



A three man crew is making significant progress replacing a portion of the old 12" concrete water line between Big Mill and Little Mill Creek Drainages. A new 20" water line is being installed in this section. Blain is operating the trackhoe equipped with a specialized "Crusher Bucket" which crushes the native rock into a smaller size which is then used to protect ("bed") the pipe.

Working quarters are very tight on this project with steep up and downhill slopes. Here, Justin carefully swings the trackhoe bucket past trees standing below the pipeline road.



This view shows the Pipeline Road surface after the new pipe has been installed. The new surface will be much safer to travel for Water Department personnel when it is required to adjust the flow of water to meet customer demands in Baker City.

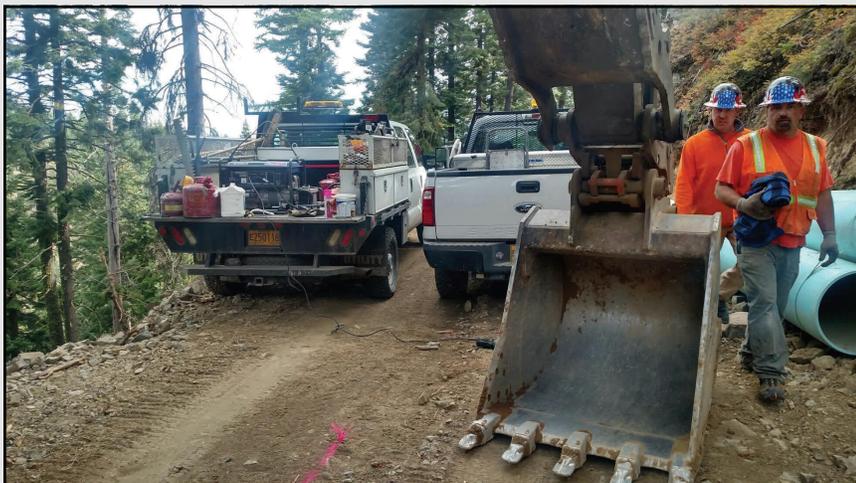


# Public Works-Shop



Wes and Scott traveled to the mountain line project to repair the jumping jack crew are using to compact the gravel around the pipe.

Wes and Scott serviced and checked over the forklift and put back in service.



The Volvo 225 had a broken hold down pin so Wes and Scott repaired it on the mountain. (Justin and Karl are pictured.)