

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 16, 2017

Administration:

The City Council met this week to start wrapping up this fiscal year and to prepare for the 2017-18 budget year. The Council and the Budget Board have dealt with some significant issues and have been very thoughtful and deliberate in their decision making. The City could not continue to provide the essential services that we all expect without the dedication and commitment of these volunteers. Thank you for your service and for making Baker City a great place to work, live and raise our families.

It is nice to see the public works crew out on the Leo Adler Parkway getting ready to fix some of the issues with the asphalt. Each year we have roots and other issues that affect the walking surface. It is great to see this important community asset getting the maintenance it deserves. As you use the pathway in the coming weeks, please be careful around the construction.

It looks like hotter weather is on the horizon. There will be music in Central Park on Saturday and in Geiser Pollman on Sunday. Come out and enjoy the summer fun. Have a great weekend.

City Council

June 27th Agenda Items:

- Liquor License for Little Pig
- Sidewalk Café Ordinance 3355
- Interfund Loans
- Budget Resolutions



Finance:

A public meeting will be held on June 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. The 2017-18 approved budget is available online at <http://www.bakercity.com>. The City ended its contract for ambulance billings with Emergency Revenue Resources, LLC as of May 31st. The Finance Office will once again be billing for ambulance services.

Utilities

- ◆ Sixteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and seventeen customers disconnected service from June 9th thru June 15th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today which includes 487 residential and 60 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 108 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed June 13th which included 460 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 85 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ This week 10 residential customers (Zones 2 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) two of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll: Draw checks were issued June 15th.

Accounts Payable: The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated June 12th.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	0	7	13
Manufactured Dwelling	0	1	2	1
Electrical	4	3	18	7
Mechanical	0	2	2	2
Plumbing	2	2	1	1
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	7	8	30	24

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 585 Old Oregon Trail, Huntington—new residence
- 47759 Anthony Lakes Hwy, North Powder—residential addition
- 3 Iron Horse Loop, Sumpter—detached accessory structure
- 15455 Goodrich Crk. Ln., Baker City—detached accessory structure
- 475 Washington St., Baker City—detached accessory structure

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 104 Main St., Richland—carport addition
- 3055 10th St., Baker City—interior remodel
- 190 W Washington, Huntington—interior remodel

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission’s next meeting will be held on June 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission will consider two applications:

- ◆ A proposal for the addition of living space to an existing single-family dwelling and an addition to an existing accessory structure. The property is addressed as 1827 7th Street and is located in the Industrial (I) Zone.
- ◆ A request for a variance for a freestanding sign exceeding the area allowance at 175 Campbell Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application for the addition of a deck to a commercial structure was approved at 3110 10th Street in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 21st to May 27th the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	15
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 25



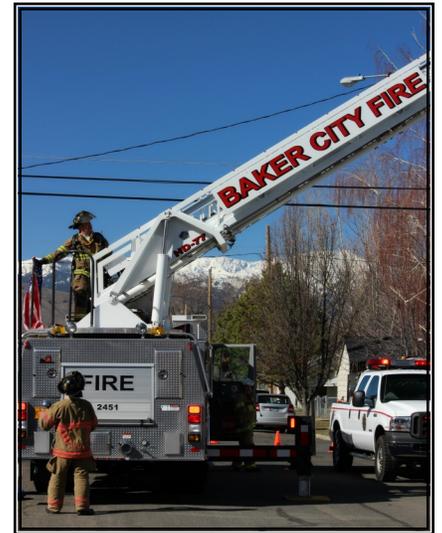
Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4



- ◆ 2389 Baker St.— Structure Fire
- ◆ 1935 Main St.—False Alarm
- ◆ B St.—Damaged Hydrant
- ◆ 2980 D St.—Faulty Smoke Detector



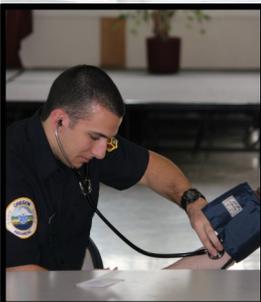
EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	10
Personnel Arrived for Cover	8
Incidents Not Covered	2



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **81** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **56** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—Command Training, EMS-Overdose/Poisoning/Trauma



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on June 20th.



"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."



POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ BCPD handled over 187 incidents and opened 23 new cases this past week.
 - One case resulted in the arrest of an individual for reckless driving following an investigation of reported erratic driving.
 - Two cases resulted in the arrests for thefts. One case involved a report of an adult stealing a bicycle from the Baker High School. The bicycle, belonging to a student at the high school, was recovered and returned to the owner. Another case involved a subject who was reported to have stolen a bag of aluminum cans from Safeway and was contacted putting the allegedly stolen cans through the can deposit return area at Albertsons.

- ✪ 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 5 pending cases
- Followed up on 4 complaints

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 2 animal complaints
- 1 dog at large impounded
- 5 dogs at large returned to owner
- Issued 1 citation for horse at large
- Issued 1 citation for no livestock permit

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 6 parking violations
- Orange tagged 5 abandoned vehicles
- Issued 1 parking citation

Miscellaneous

- 1 found item
- Followed up with 15 grass and weed violations



Public Works

Crews worked this week constructing a new concrete curb on Valley Street and new ADA ramp on Park Street. They patched streets, swept streets, flushed fire hydrants, repaired fire hydrants, adjusted the fresh water flow from the Elkhorn Mountains to town, repaired damaged sections of the Leo Adler Pathway, and measured sludge depth at the Wastewater Treatment Facility along with several other tasks.

Public Works: Parks Department

The Parks Department would like to send a big thank you to Marian O'Connell at Eagle Cap Nursery, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members Linda Collins, Lisa Jacoby, and Gail Duman as well as volunteer Olivia Jacoby. For the 6th straight year, Eagle Cap Nursery has donated flowers to be enjoyed in our city parks and cemetery, and for the 6th year in a row board members and volunteers have handled the planting duties. We appreciate all of you!!!





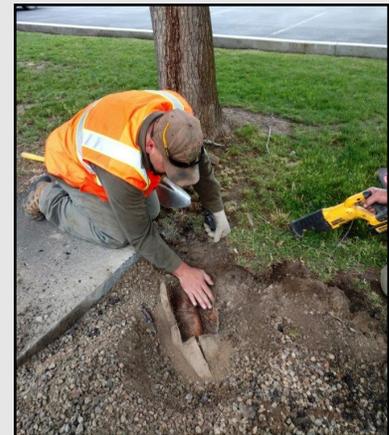
Public Works: Parks Department Continued

Public Works saw cut, excavated and patched 18 damaged areas along the Leo Adler Pathway.

This advanced warning sign on the pathway served as a warning to pedestrians that the pathway is closed for maintenance work.



Areas damaged from root intrusions were saw cut prior to excavation work.



Tree roots were the main culprit causing damage to the pathway surface.

Pictured above, Karl has cut away the structural fabric exposing one of the roots.



Once tree roots are cut off at the edge of the pathway that root can no longer cause heaving of the asphalt surface.

Public Works: Parks Department Continued



Blain and Karl are shown here loading damaged asphalt into the backhoe.

Blain and Karl also used the Public Works mini-excavator to excavate and load damaged asphalt into a 5 cubic yard dump truck.



Blain, Tommy, Karl Jake and Kyle worked to successfully patch the 18 damaged locations along the pathway between Hughes Lane and "D" Street.



Photo provided by: Basecamp Baker

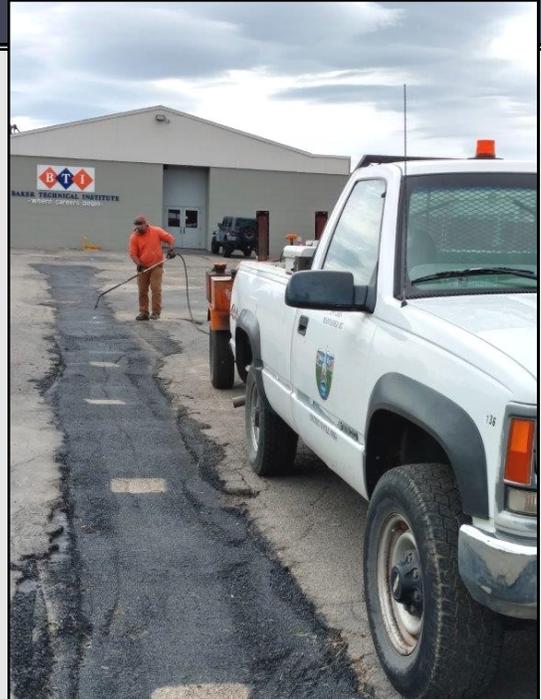


Public Works: Street Department



Scott and Stephen assisted the Baker County Library this week by using the Vactor truck to pump out standing water from their parking lot.

Jake is pictured below spraying a thin layer of tack oil onto the base lift of asphalt on "G" Street so that the top lift of hot mix asphalt will permanently bond to the base. The patch was completed the same afternoon.



Karl and Blain work to construct a new concrete curb on Valley Street .



Justin, Brian and Kevin pour a new ADA ramp on the south side of Park Street adjacent to Cedar Acres Park. This will allow for improved access to the new playground equipment which was recently installed.



Public Works: Water Department

Annual hydrant flushing continued this week. A bumper mounted diffuser unit is being borrowed from the City of North Powder for flushing fire hydrants this year. The diffuser helps reduce the 100# +/- P.S.I. energy from the water causing less erosion to surrounding properties.



Justin and Brian worked to replace a hydrant at 6th and Baker Street it was an old Pacific States hydrant and simply quit working properly.

Pictured below Justin is loading the old hydrant onto a trailer for disposal.





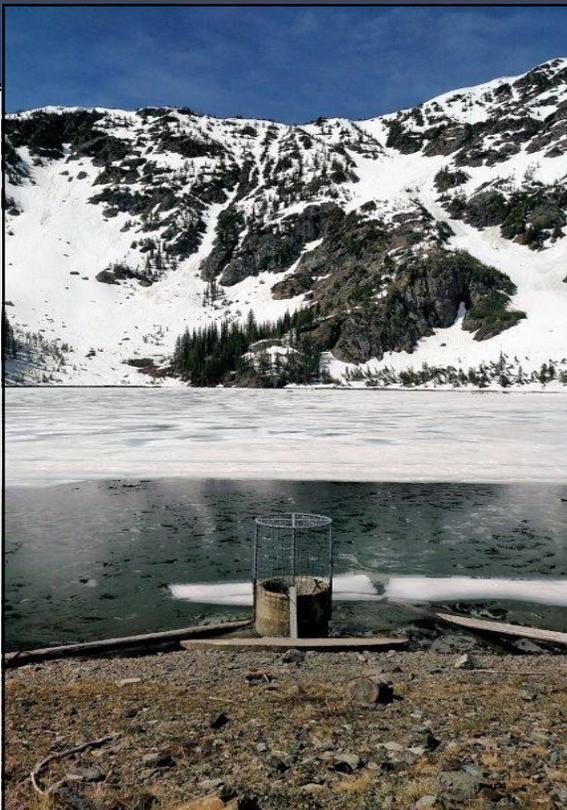
Public Works: Water Department Continued



A public fire hydrant and private fence near Albertsons was damaged recently as shown in this photo.



The hydrant was hit so hard it broke a port, twisted and pushed the hydrant toward the southwest.



Jake closed the outlet valve at Goodrich Reservoir Wednesday to completely close the drain pipe located at the base of the dam.

The reservoir will fill completely within the next week and any rain or snow melt water will flow out through the overflow.

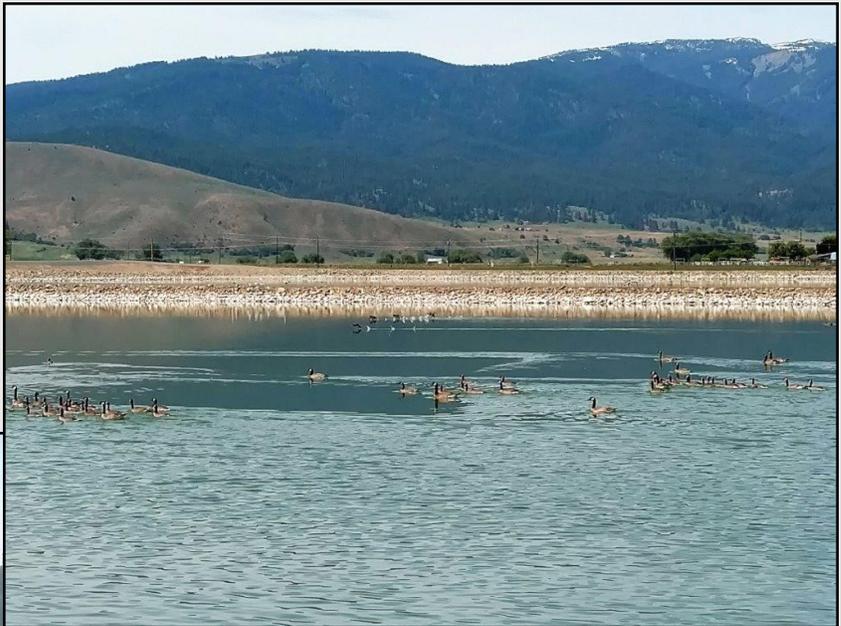
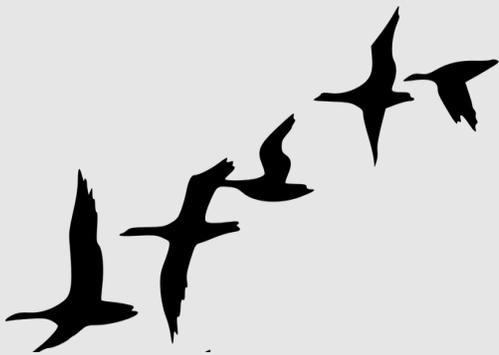


Public Works: Wastewater Department

D.E.Q. requires that bio-solids be measured annually at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Several batches of goslings made their home at the Wastewater Treatment Facility this spring.

In the distance you can see Jay and Steve taking bio-solid measurements. The GPS base station is in the foreground.





Public Works: Shop



Wes has been instrumental in assisting purchasers with items sold through the Govdeals website. Pictured left he is returning to the shop after loading a generator which had been sold.

The Code Enforcement truck was towed to the shop. It was locked in park due to a broken part. It is now at the Chevrolet dealer awaiting repairs.



Wes and Scott adjusted the air knife and water pump on the street sweeper. A radio will also be installed and it will be back in service this Friday.



The rental crack filler arrived today. Pictured left, the team is learning about the machine. Work to fill street cracks will begin next week.