

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## *Weekly Update June 23, 2017*

### **Administration:**

Today officially kicks off our summer of events within the City. Nearly every weekend for the remainder of the summer is filled with fun events that bring lots of people to our area. This weekend is the Baker City Cycling Classic with the Tour d'Town Criterium set for Saturday starting at 1:30. Please remember that Main, First Street and a portion of Second Street will be closed to traffic and parking for much of Saturday. The City will be full of bicyclists this weekend so be extra careful driving.

The City Manager attended the TLT Committee meeting this week. The Committee heard additional reports on the upcoming Solar Eclipse event which will take place in August from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We all need to keep abreast of all the plans as this event will truly impact our citizens as well as the multitude of visitors expected in our community. Please stay tuned for further updates.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the summer heat.

### **City Council**

#### **June 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda Items:**

- Sidewalk Café Ordinance 3355
- Interfund Loans
- Budget Resolutions



### **Finance:**

#### **Finance Director**

A public meeting will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> 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>.

May's financial report is available on the web at <http://www.bakercity.com/2155/Finance>.

#### **Utilities**

- ◆ Twenty-one customers signed up for new water/sewer service and thirteen customers disconnected service from June 16<sup>th</sup> thru June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 will be billed Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> rather than today due to a staff vacation.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed June 12<sup>th</sup> which included 494 residential and 49 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 97 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ This week 23 residential customers (Zones 3 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) three of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	5	2	12
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	2
Electrical	7	2	8	24
Mechanical	1	0	3	4
Plumbing	3	1	0	4
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>46</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 2215 Ohio Street, Baker City—residential addition
- 44270 Miles Bridge Road, Baker City—detached accessory structure
- 14977 Profitt Loop, Baker City—detached accessory structure

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 3685 10th Street, Baker City—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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

The Baker City Zoning Map GIS Data has been converted to Google Earth layers to better serve customers at the front counter.



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **June 4th to June 10th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	18
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	10

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26



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

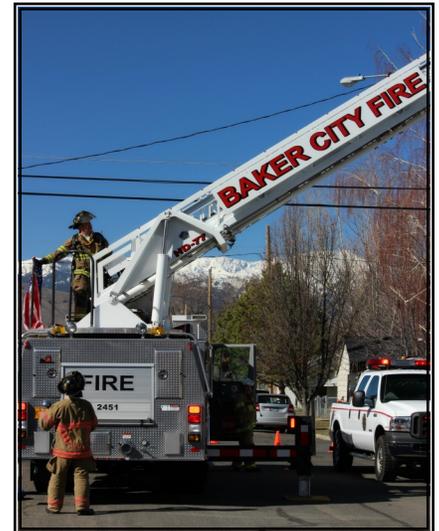
## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3

## TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



- ◆ General Alarm: Resort Apartments
- ◆ False Alarm
- ◆ Burn Complaint
- ◆ Resort Street—Dumpster



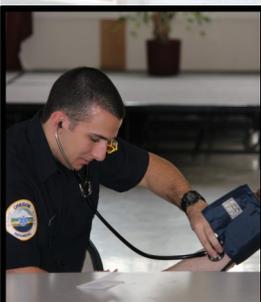
## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	20
Personnel Arrived for Cover	6
Incidents Not Covered	14



## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **64** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **12** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—Command Training, EMS-Overdose/Poisoning/Trauma
- **1** hr of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **8** hrs of Community Events



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 27th.



*"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 195 incidents and opened 30 new cases this past week.

◆ One case resulted in the arrest of a subject on forgery charges after he presented a stolen and altered check to purchase over a \$100.00 worth of inventory from a local hardware store. This subject also had an outstanding out-of-county warrant for contempt of court, Coos County.

◆ Three cases resulted in the arrests for outstanding warrants.

★ The District Attorney's Office issued the following press release regarding an ongoing investigation into an apartment complex fire that occurred on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

*On June 16, 2017, Bradley Adams (DOB 1/18/1996) of 1430 Dewey Ave, Baker City, Oregon, was arrested on a District Attorney's Information for two counts of Assault in the Third Degree, one count of Assault in the Fourth Degree, one count of Reckless Burning and ten counts of Reckless Endangerment.*

*The charges stem from a fire that Adams started in an outside stairwell of the Powder River Terrace Apartments at 1490 Resort Street in Baker City.*

*The two felony counts of Assault in Third Degree allege that Adams' actions caused the victims to suffer serious physical injuries as a result of the fire. One of those victims suffered a broken ankle jumping from her apartment to avoid the fire and another suffered severe smoke inhalation. Another victim suffered from smoke inhalation which led to the Assault Fourth Degree charge. The multiple Reckless Endangerment charges allege that Adams' actions in starting the fire placed these individuals at risk of serious physical injury. The Oregon State Police Fire Marshall and the Baker County Major Crime Team are continuing to investigate the case. At this point in the investigation it appears that Mr. Adams did not intend to set the apartment complex on fire and that his actions were reckless; however, the investigation into this aspect of the case is continuing.*

★ 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**

- Started 1 new case
- Followed up on 2 pending cases
- Followed up on 1 trash complaint

#### **Parking Violations and Complaints**

- Issued 2 parking citations
- Followed up on 6 parking violations

#### **Animal violations and complaints**

- 2 Animal welfare checks

- 1 dog bite

#### **Found Items**

- 4 found items
- 2 found items returned to owner

#### **Weeds and Grass**

- Followed up with 9 violations

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Issued 1 citation for DWS violation



## Public Works: Parks Department

The power of tree roots is very impressive. Pictured below a tree root barely bigger than a pencil width was able to push up the pathway asphalt and create a large bump in the surface.



Blain is rolling the hot asphalt while Jake cleans the edge of the patch.



It is rare when the patching crew can be seen working in a "jungle type" setting. Justin, Blain, Karl and Jake are working to repair that section of pathway between Campbell Street and "C" Street.



## Public Works: Street Department

With the recent warm and dry weather street repair work is currently ongoing. Those streets scheduled to be chipsealed will be crackfilled and then patched as necessary to prepare them for the chipseal work (new coating of oil and rock).

A new Bearcat crackfill machine has been rented for this years work.



Pictured below two of the summer workers are removing weeds from some of the cracks near 3<sup>rd</sup> & C in preparation for crackfilling.



Pictured above the crackfill crew is crackfilling on Fifth Street adjacent to Baker High School. Thursday the crew will be starting to crackfill streets scheduled for the 2017 Chipseal Program - such as sections of Baker and Broadway Streets.



Street sweeping normally continues daily through the spring, summer and fall months. Here, Matt is sweeping along Auburn Street.



## Public Works: Street Department Continued

**Auburn Street Improvements:** Utility work continues on Auburn Street in preparation for the upcoming pavement project. This week the crews are working on upgrading the storm facilities at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Auburn. This will include replacing an old manhole, replacing the old terracotta mainline with new PVC pipe, and installing four new catch basins.



The old manhole was removed and replaced with a new precast base. Here Justin loads the old manhole base for removal from the site.



Here the new manhole base has been placed on the prepared subgrade and set to grade.



Several Streets in town and a three block section of the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway were patched Wednesday.

Justin, Blain, Brian and Tom worked to patch two locations on Pocahontas Road along the asphalt joint seam which had begun to unravel creating potholes. Setting up safe and proper traffic control signs and cones was paramount to keeping workers and the traveling public safe.





### Public Works: Street Department Continued

A diesel spill was discovered in the vicinity of Main and Campbell. Six bags of absorbent material was used to soak up the fuel at locations between Main and 13th Streets where the vehicle had stopped leaving small puddles of diesel.



Justin, Scott and Brian worked Monday to pour the final section of sidewalk for the Cedar Acres Park project.

### Public Works: Water Department



Work continues at the Water Treatment Facility to upgrade the SCADA system to automate controls and monitor the turbidity bypass system. Pictured left, the new turbidity monitors have been installed and plumbed in. Next week the controls contractor will be onsite to complete the startup and programming for the new system.



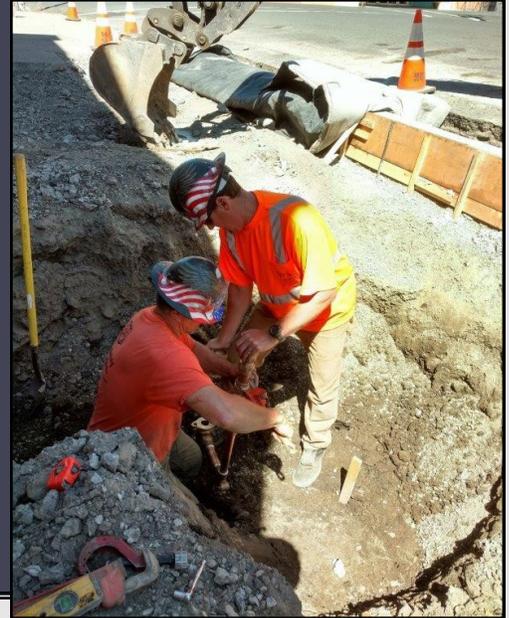
### Public Works: Water Department Continued



Fence repair work continued this week.

Jake worked on the section of fence near the "headwaters" of the Elk Creek drainage. Here you can see where a tree had fallen across the fence this winter.

Justin and Blain worked this week installing a new water service for a business on Valley Street between Main and First Streets.



### Public Works: Stormwater Department

There has been a drainage problem at the Baker Library parking lot recently. Maintenance personnel contacted Public Works requesting additional assistance in determining the physical location and condition of drain lines. Rick and Tom worked with library personnel to locate lines and determine problem areas.



Rick is seen here using the Jetter truck to blast through a root blockage that was stopping water from draining from the parking lot.

Upon inspection of one section of the existing 6" diameter concrete line it was determined to be in poor condition (you can see offset joints

and poor grade control - plus there is a blockage just out of sight in this photo). Most likely - there will have to be repair work done in the future to keep the system operable.





## Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott installed a new spare tire on the front of the side by side trailer so that crews will have a spare when they go into the watershed.

The governor system that controls the generator needed serviced. The oil was changed and it is up and running again.



The code enforcement officer's truck had thrown an engine code. After changing the fuel, it is back on the road again.

The grader had a cylinder not firing. After pulling it apart Wes and Scott found that the spray nozzles needed to be replaced. While in the shop this equipment will receive a full tune-up that will include replacing the turbo and exhaust manifold. The grader should be up and running again next week.

