

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update July 14, 2017

### Administration:

The City Council met this week for a short agenda. They appointed a number of citizens to various boards and commissions. If you are interested in volunteering please stop by City Hall as we have a lot of opportunities to take advantage of your expertise and energy. The Council also approved the Consolidated Dispatch Intergovernmental Agreement with the County and the Sheriff.

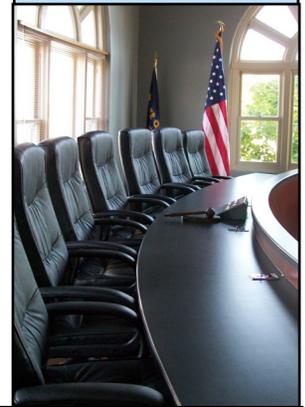
The Miners Jubilee starts on Thursday with many events scheduled throughout the weekend. The downtown merchants will be having a Sidewalk Fair and there will be Art in the Park. The Broncs and Bulls will be back for Friday and Saturday evenings. Look for music throughout the City as the weekend progresses.

Enjoy the festivities and stay cool!!

### City Council

#### July 25th Agenda Items:

- No parking resolution



### Finance:

#### Utilities:

- ◆ 12 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 10 customers disconnected service from July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed July 12<sup>th</sup> which included 90 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 54 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today which includes 489 residential and 60 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 109 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Ten residential customers (Zone 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

**Payroll:** Draw checks were issued today.

#### Accounts Payable:

The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated July 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Accounts Receivable:

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent July 11<sup>th</sup>.  
The billings were as follows:

Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,780
Cemetery	\$8,489
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fees	\$5,467
Lien Searches	\$1,560
Ambulance	\$115,867
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$3,054
Street Patching & Misc.	\$2,385
Economic Development Support	\$7,333
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$5,346
Misc.	\$3,523
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$155,088</b>





**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	6	1	5
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	8	5	2	21
Mechanical	2	2	5	2
Plumbing	2	4	0	0
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 810 NW New Street, Sumpter—Detached accessory building

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

**Planning Department:**

**Public Meetings**

- ◆ The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission will consider an application for a partition of property located at 3510 Cedar Street in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone. Staff reports were sent to the Planning Commission this week.

**Land Use Decisions & Projects**

- ◆ During the Planning Commission hearing on June 28<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission made a decision to not approve a request for a variance for a freestanding sign exceeding the area allowance at 175 Campbell Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. Notice of the decision and opportunity to appeal were sent to surrounding property owners and those who submitted testimony. The appeal period ends on July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ A sign permit application was approved at 3110 10<sup>th</sup> Street in the General-Commercial (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 June 25th to July 1st the Fire Department responded to a total of **42** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	25
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	16

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 32

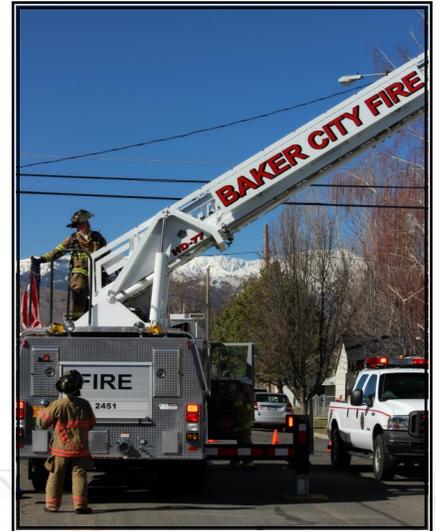
Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	8

## TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 10

- B Street: Burn Complaint
- Virginia Street: False Alarm
- 9th Street: Structure Fire
- Main Street: CO Investigation
- Mitchell Street: False Alarm
- Broadway Street: Burn Complaint
- 6th Street: False Alarm
- Resort Street: Gas Leak
- Auburn Street: Burn Complaint
- Midway Drive: Burnt Food



## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	7
Persons Arrived for Cover	6
Incidents Not Covered	1

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

- 39 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 24 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- 16 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 2 hrs Community Events-Leo Adler Birthday



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on July 18th.



*"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 280 incidents and opened 41 new cases this past week.
- ◆ One case initiated an investigation into a motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian who was seriously injured. That investigation was turned over to an Oregon State Police Traffic Reconstructionist.
- ◆ Five cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts.
- ◆ Five individuals were arrested on outstanding warrants and one was arrested on a probation violation.
- ◆ Three cases resulted in arrests for DUII, with one of those being Marijuana related.
- ★ BCPD provided extra patrol, to include foot patrol, during the 2017 Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally. The only rally related incidents involved excessive alcohol consumption by local citizens at rally related events.
- ★ Chief Lohner attended an Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Board Meeting in Portland this week.
- ★ 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 pending cases
- Followed up on 6 weed height violations
- Issued 1 citation for a weed height violation

#### **Animal Violations and Complaints**

- 3 dogs at large returned to owner
- 3 dogs at large impounded
- Followed up on 3 animal complaints
- Followed up on 2 barking complaints
- 1 new dangerous dog case
- Issued 2 citations for no dog license

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

- Issued 7 parking citations
- Followed up on 6 parking violations
- 1 parking warning
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Followed up on 2 temporary use permit violations
- Followed up on 1 complaint from Oregon DEQ



### Public Works: Airport Project

The first phase of the airport apron project is complete and the contractor is moving forward on phase two this week.



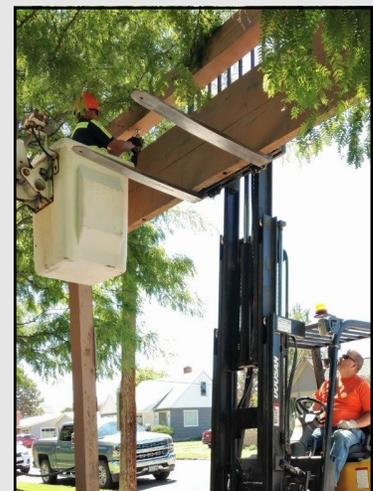
### Public Works: Miner's Jubilee

Final preparations for Miner's Jubilee were made this week. Barricades were put out early Thursday and Friday mornings for the closure of Grove Street near the Geiser-Pollman Park and for Saturdays Miner's Jubilee Parade.

Dennis performed repair work on one of the lights in the park.



Every year the large wooden Geiser-Pollman Park sign has to be removed so that vendor vehicles, trailers etc. can pass through the entrance and not hit the hanging sign. Dennis operated the bucket truck and Craig operated the forklift to safely remove the sign.





## Public Works: Wastewater Department

A residence on 9th Street has been experiencing wastewater problems recently. Timing worked out so that a wastewater camera vendor was coming to town to demonstrate a new lateral launch camera unit.

The carrier camera was inserted into the city main line, driven up the line 180 feet and then the lateral launch camera was sent up the lateral.

Keith is pictured here going over the camera system with James (the company's representative).



The lateral launch camera gave a clear view of the connection between ABS and PVC pipes. The lateral launch camera traveled 80 feet up the lateral and could have traveled much further - but there was no need. It performed very well and would be very useful for inspection of laterals and determining the cause of blockages.

Pictured right, the lateral launch camera is slightly extended beyond the end of the camera to demonstrate how it works.





### Public Works: Facility Maintenance

A small cover is being constructed over the heat pumps behind City Hall to protect them from damage caused by ice falling off of the City Hall roof. Kevin is working to set the beams that will support the rafters for the small shed roof.



### Public Works: Street Department

The crack fill crew continue to work this week on Baker City streets and other city assets.



Dan at the 5J School District requested that the cracks in the Sports Complex entry road and parking lot be filled. The work took 3 hours. The School District was billed for the time.

Sam-O Swim was closed for a repair on Friday. It was a good opportunity to work filling cracks in their parking lot while there were no cars there. The remainder of the lot will be crack filled at a later date.



Kyle and Ryan are pictured here filling cracks on 3rd Street.



## Public Works: Street Department Continued

Valley Street was particularly busy on Tuesday. First the crack fill crew worked filling cracks on Valley Street between Resort and Oak Streets. Then it was reported that there was a manhole lid on Valley near Clark Street that had sunken several inches into the street creating a hazard.

The other item was the discovery of an underground natural gas leak on Valley Street between Main and First Streets. Cascade Gas Company personnel immediately requested a street closure for Valley Street so that repair work could be performed as safely and quickly as possible. Their repair work was completed late Tuesday evening and Valley Street was reopened.



The Cascade Gas Co. crew repairing the gas leak on Valley Street.



The crack fill crew of Jake, Stephen, Kyle and Ryan working on Valley Street.



The sunken manhole lid on Valley Street.



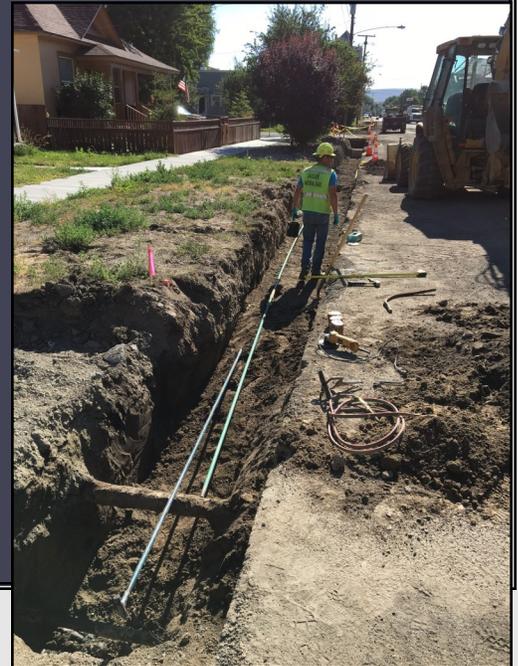
## Public Works: Auburn Avenue Improvements

City crews began the demo and base prep work for the curbs, sidewalks, and driveway approaches that will be reconstructed as part of the Auburn Avenue Full-Depth Reclamation and Paving project. This week, the crews worked on the section from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. Once work in this section is completed early to mid next week the crews will move down to the block between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Expect road closures along Auburn Avenue as this work progresses over the next several weeks, and please use caution when driving in and around work zones.



Once the old curb was removed, the curb line had to be excavated to a depth of 2' to allow for the placement of base rock below the future curb. Here Blain is digging out for the future curbs with the mini-excavator while Brian operates the dump truck.

During excavation, a shallow gas service was encountered just below the bottom of the asphalt. This line was too shallow to avoid conflict with the planned milling and pulverization work in the street. Cascade sent a crew out the next day to relocate the service line outside of the work limits. Many thanks to Cascade Gas for getting this done in such a timely manner so that the street project could move forward without interruption.



Justin is operating the rented trackhoe to remove the old concrete curb. →

Pictured left, the trench has been excavated and is ready for base placement.





## Public Works: Auburn Avenue Improvements Continued



Justin is crushing the old concrete curb so that it can be recycled and used as base material under the new curb.

The pile shown in this photo is all the concrete curb material which will be used for base under the new curb which will be constructed on Auburn Avenue.



The Baker City Public Works road grader is being repaired and is currently unavailable for use.  
The Baker County Road Department helped out by loaning one of their road graders to Public Works for the Auburn Street Project.  
Thank you to Baker County for their assistance!

**Thank You!**

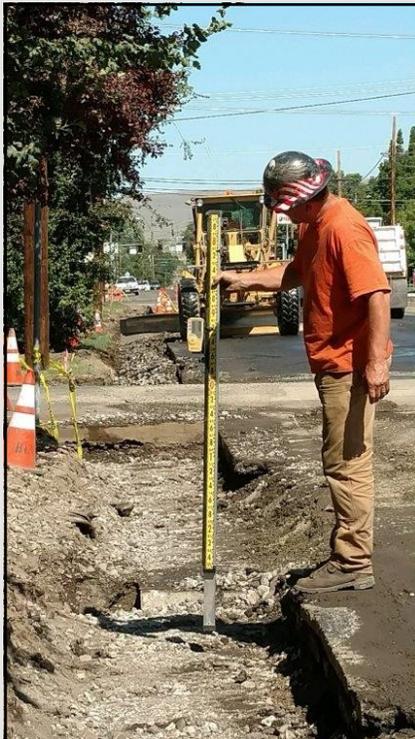


## Public Works: Auburn Avenue Improvements Continued



Recycled concrete and asphalt that was crushed using the City's recently purchased Eco-crusher is being used as the sub-base for the new curb. Pictured above, Justin operates the grader that has been fitted with a wing which quickly spreads the material to the proper elevation.

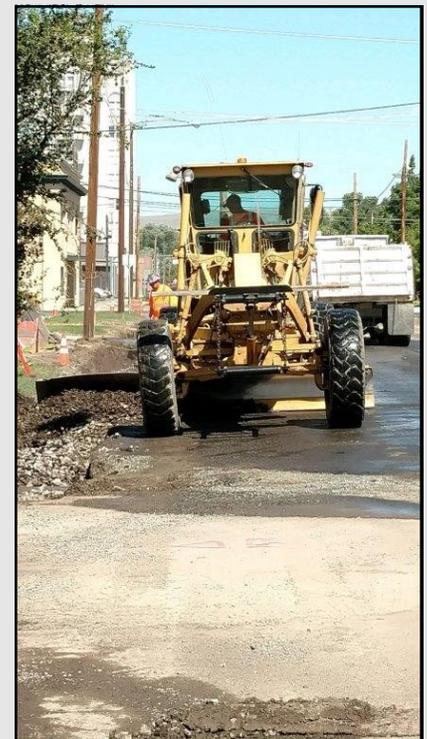
Pictured below, Blain uses a hoe pack on the mini-excavator to achieve proper compaction of the sub-base material.



Blain is using a "linker rod" and laser level to check the top of base rock elevation while Justin grades the rock on the next section.



Justin operating Baker County's road grader to level crushed rock for the new curb base.





### Public Works: Shop



Work continues on the grader. The head and spacer plate were pulled. Wes and Scott will be installing a remand head next week.

The driver's door window regulator quit working and Scott replaced it.



The spot light was no longer working on this cruiser. The handle and switch were replaced and it is working again.

Scott built a plate for the County's grader. This will help to level gravel in the curb trenches along Auburn Avenue.



The check engine light came on and we found a problem with the O2 sensor. It was replaced and is back in service.

Wes and Scott serviced the ambulance and mounted a charger for the infra red sensor they use for fires.



Karl helped out in the shop and mounted the cross conveyor.

The conveyor is working very well.

