

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## ***Weekly Update July 21, 2017***

### **Administration:**

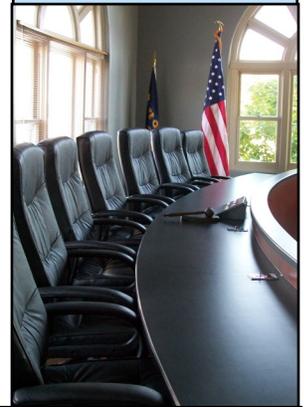
The City Council meeting scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to a very light agenda. The next Council meeting will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Economic Development Committee has been working on a plan to market and put parameters in place to attract prospective businesses into the City-owned Elkhorn Industrial Park. They will be finalizing the plan to bring to the City Council in the near term.

The Baker City Downtown group held a successful meet and greet event this week at the Orpheum Theater. They are setting up their various committees and working towards meeting the standards to become a Performing Main Street Program.

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe in the heat.

### **City Council**

**The July 25<sup>th</sup>  
Council Session  
has been  
cancelled.**



### **Finance:**

Registration for the new paperless E-billing for utility bills is now under way. The registration forms are available online at [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) or at the Water Department. Customers that participate in this program will receive a monthly \$1.00 discount on their utility bill. E-billing will replace paper billing for those that sign up beginning with their September bill.

### **Utilities**

- ◆ 11 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 13 customers disconnected service from July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed July 18<sup>th</sup> which included 461 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 85 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed July 19<sup>th</sup> which included 546 residential and 27 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 121 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which includes 494 residential and 50 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Twenty-two residential customers (Zones 2 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) seven were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	4	11	6	14
Manufactured Dwelling	1	1	0	0
Electrical	8	10	11	3
Mechanical	1	2	2	5
Plumbing	0	0	4	7
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 331 Record St., Halfway—City pump station
- Gover Ln., Halfway—City pump station
- 1800 Church St., Baker City—Reroof on 4 apartment structures
- 1490 Resort St., Baker City—Building repair after fire

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

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 14082 S Rock Cr., Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 3150 Elm St., Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 1010 Cole St., Haines—Detached accessory structure
- 140 Summit St., Halfway—New residential house
- 475 Washington Ave., Baker City—Manufactured home and detached garage
- 12147 Bulger Flat Ln., Haines—Detached accessory structure



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 2nd to July 8th the Fire Department responded to a total of **48** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

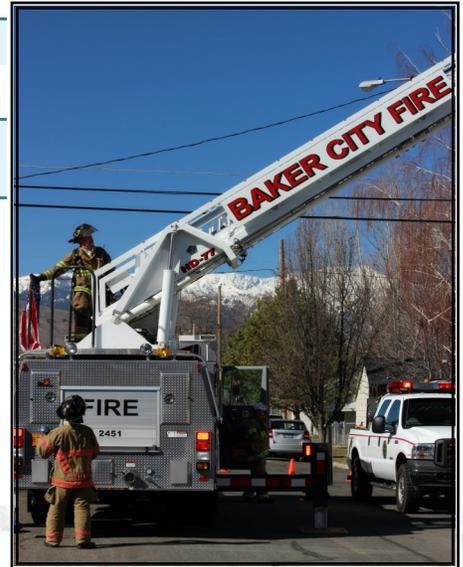
City Calls	30
Rural Calls	10
Patient Transported	27
No Patient Trip	13

**TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 40**

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	6

**TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 8**



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	3

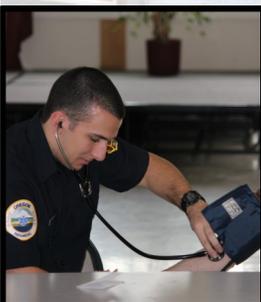


## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	9
Persons Arrived for Cover	1
Incidents Not Covered	8

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

- 76 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 2hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 8 hrs Community Events-Haines Rodeo



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 25th.



*"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 257 incidents and opened 61 new cases this past week.

★ BCPD personnel responded to and assisted with the investigation of the tragic death of Dylan Thomas, who was killed when struck by the wheels of a commercial motor vehicle during the Miner's Jubilee Parade. The Baker City Police Department wishes to express their most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dylan Thomas. Please know that we hold you in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

★ One case involved the investigation of an Assault I case involving the stabbing of a victim with a sharp instrument. The following press release was issued immediately following the incident:

*On July 17, 2017 at about 8:54 pm Baker City Police Officers were dispatched to Madison Street, behind Rite Aid & Safeway, for the report of a man who had been stabbed in the abdomen. Officers arrived on scene and found that a 24 year old Baker City Man had been cut with a sharp instrument. That man was transported to St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City and later flown to St. Alphonsus Boise, where he is being treated.*

*The Baker County Major Crime Team was activated and members of the Baker County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police and Baker City Police Department responded to conduct the investigation. Multiple persons were interviewed through the night and into the morning hours of July 18<sup>th</sup>, while officers and detectives also processed the crime scene.*

*At this time we believe we have contacted everyone who was involved in the incident, however the assault is still currently being investigated and no arrests have been made at this point.*

An arrest was made in this case on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Harold Irvin Wilkerson, 43, 3720 Campbell Street, was charged with first-degree assault and probation violation. Wilkerson is accused of stabbing Tyler Worstell, 24, of Baker City in the abdomen and it is believed that the two are acquainted.

★ 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**

- 1 nuisance property abated per Court Order
- Followed up with 1 pending case
- Followed up with 4 weed and grass violations

- 2 dogs at large returned to owner
- 1 chicken & 2 dogs impounded

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

- Issued 2 parking citations
- Followed up on 3 parking violations

#### **Miscellaneous**

- 1 found item returned to owner
- Assisted with 1 search warrant

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

- 1 animal civil assist
- Followed up on 1 animal complaint
- 2 horses at large returned to owner



### Public Works: Reservoir

Potable Divers, a contractor that specializes in the underwater cleaning of potable water tanks, was on-site this week to clean and inspect the interior of the two large concrete storage reservoirs at the Water Treatment Facility. The divers use a specially designed underwater “vacuum” that allows the tank to remain in service while it is being cleaned. The cleaning work was successfully completed over the course of 4 days and no unusual circumstances were encountered. The tanks were last cleaned in 2012.



One of the divers is shown here preparing to enter the 3.0 MG reservoir to perform an inspection. The diving suit and any equipment used inside the reservoir are sprayed down with a chlorine solution to make sure they are completely sanitized before contacting the potable water supply.

### Public Works: Water Department



Occasionally it is required to perform duties not regularly scheduled for the day. Jake has corralled a couple of renegade draft horses which he promptly returned to their owner .



## Public Works: Wastewater Department

Two major wastewater lateral replacement projects were completed this week. Both laterals had become completely plugged and unusable. Both repairs were called in to the Underground Utility Notification Center as emergency repairs.

The first lateral to be repaired was located on Clark Street. This lateral was constructed from several different materials. The pipe was cast iron where it left the house, then it changed to orangeburg pipe. After that there was a short section of PVC, then back to orangeburg, then a cast iron 90 degree fitting, then it changed to concrete pipe for a vertical section right where it tied into the mainline.



Pictured left, Blain is assisting Karl who is working on the old lateral connection. An abandoned water line had to be cut out of the way so that the new PVC pipe could be laid at the desired grade.



← The new vertical PVC pipe was installed onto the concrete main line using an insert-a-tee fitting.

The surface of the street was restored to asphalt by the patching crew on Thursday. →





## Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

The other lateral to be repaired was on 18th Street near Broadway Avenue. A drain cleaning professional requested advice on a lateral that was plugged.



Keith and Rick worked to attempt to remove roots from inside the transit wastewater main line pipe. Rick operated the root cutter while Keith operated the video-inspection equipment. The work did not solve the blockage problem. The lateral had to be dug up and repaired. An emergency locate was called in and excavation began at 7 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Pictured right, Jake is running the jackhammer on 18th Street.

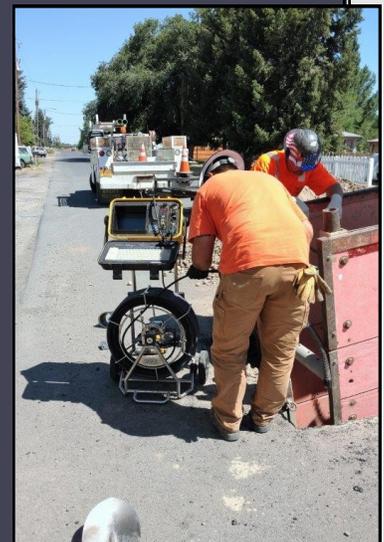


Blain performed the excavation work with the backhoe.



Once the 4" transit pipe was breached the root problem was easy to see. The large dark mass shown in the center of the photo is a compact root mass that had completely filled and plugged the lateral pipe.

After the roots were removed the remainder of the lateral line was inspected using the ViVax push-cam unit.





### Public Works: Facility Maintenance

Other than some final trim work and painting, construction of the cover over the HVAC units at City Hall was completed this week. This cover is intended to protect the units from damage due to ice falling off of the roof of City Hall.



### Public Works: Street Department

On Thursday the crew of Blain, Keith, Craig and Karl used over 12 tons of asphalt to patch 9 locations throughout town. Pictured below Karl is operating the roller to compact the asphalt where a sewer lateral was repaired earlier and Blain, Keith and Karl work to patch a water repair on "B" Street.



Cascade Natural Gas performed an emergency gas leak repair on Valley Street last week. This morning their crew dug out the crushed rock from the location and the City crew placed and compacted hot asphalt to complete the repair. Cascade will be billed for the street asphalt patch work.



## Public Works: Street Department Continued



Work continued this week on Auburn Avenue as part of this year's street improvement project. This picture shows the finished base for new curbs and ADA ramps that will be installed on the south side of Auburn Avenue just west of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Concrete placement is scheduled to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August.

Justin, Scott and Brian made significant progress on the Auburn Street Project this week. They completed the work on the section between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets and then moved on to the work between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets.

Here Brian checks grade while Justin operates the Baker County Road Department's grader to smooth out the base where the new concrete curb will be constructed.



Crackfill work continued this week. Matt swept the streets to help keep the surface clean so that the cracks could be filled. The crackfill crew is working to fill cracks on Auburn Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and the U.P.R.R. Tracks.





### Public Works: Street Department Continued



In preparation for our upcoming chip seal project August 8th - 11th, we would like to remind all property owners to prune any tree limbs or vegetation that may be overhanging the street so that there is at least 12' of clearance above the street's surface.

**Section 94 of the Baker City Municipal Code requires that property owners maintain 12' clearance above streets and 8' of clearance above sidewalks.**

A list of local tree companies is available in the Public Works Department. Thank you!

### Public Works: Airport

The final section of paving took place Friday morning. On Thursday the installation of the new 6,000 gallon Jet A Fuel tank was completed. The \$1.8 million dollar improvement project, funded entirely through grant dollars, will be complete on Sunday.





## Public Works: Shop



The Shop crew was able to get a couple of big projects done this week including rebuilding the gear box on the asphalt zipper.



The dump truck has some hydraulic leaks that are being repaired.



The battery in the roller isn't maintaining a charge. A new one is being installed.



The street sweeper was due for its 500 hour service check. Everything looked great!

Wes and Scott finished getting the grader's engine back together and parked outside. On Monday, Wes and Scott will be putting new oil and filters in, checking it over then it will be back in service.

