

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## **Weekly Update August 18, 2017**

### **Administration:**

The week has been very busy with the final push for planning surrounding the much anticipated Solar Eclipse which will be upon us on Monday morning. Various offices at City Hall will be closed for business during the morning of the Eclipse. Please check our website for updates. We are encouraging local folks to not travel our streets on Monday morning if at all possible. We expect many visitors and extremely heavy traffic.

The Mayor and the City Manager met with Representative Bentz this week to talk about the 2017 legislative session. Topics included EMS coverage for Interstate 84, the transportation bill and its impact on Baker City, PERS reform (or lack thereof) and Economic Development discussions. We thanked Representative Bentz for his hard work on behalf of the citizens of Baker City.

Have a safe and productive weekend and enjoy the Eclipse.

### **City Council**

#### **August 22nd**

- Third Reading of Windwave and Inland Franchise Ordinances
- Golf Board Volunteer Application
- Tesoro Pipeline Agreement Amendment



The Solar Eclipse is this coming Monday, August 21st. For more information throughout the event, please check the following links:

[Baker County Sheriff's Office Facebook Page](#)

[City of Baker City Solar Eclipse Information](#)

### **Finance:**

#### **Utilities**

- ◆ 18 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 14 customers disconnected service from August 11<sup>th</sup> thru August 17<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed August 15<sup>th</sup> and included 461 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 87 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today which includes 550 residential and 28 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 128 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Thirty residential customers (Zones 1, 2 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) four were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	2	3	10
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	0
Electrical	5	2	6	6
Mechanical	1	2	4	8
Plumbing	2	4	1	4
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 3815 Pocahontas Rd., Baker City—New detached accessory building.

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 2043 Grove St., Baker City—Residential addition and interior remodel.
- 1640 3rd St., Baker City—Residential addition.
- 14918 Goodrich Cr. Rd., Baker City—New garage/shop.
- 18400 Griffin Gulch Rd., Baker City—New residence.
- 39900 Bear Gulch Rd., Sumpter—Replacement garage.

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

**Planning Department:**

**Public Meetings**

- The Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to City Council to approve an application to vacate a portion of undeveloped Allen Street, located east of I-84 in the Commercial-General Zone. The street is located in Township 9 South, Range 40 East, Section 15. The request will be heard before the Baker City Council on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm for the first of three City Council hearings.
- A work session followed the hearing focusing on revisions to the chapter text and boundaries of the Freeway Overlay Zone. Further revisions will continue at the next scheduled work session on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 30 to August 5th the Fire Department responded to a total of **34** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	29
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	11

**TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 32**



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

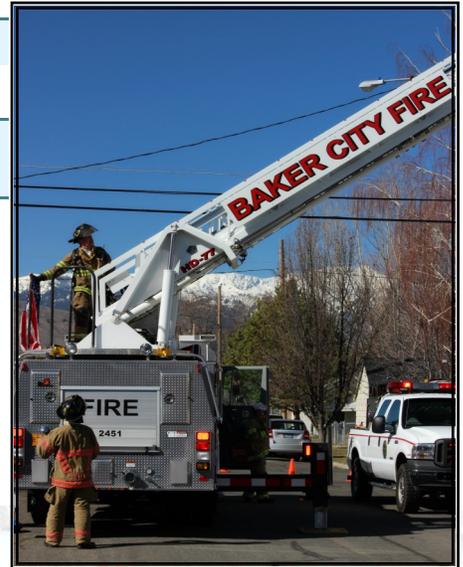
## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

**TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2**



- 17th Street—Accidental Alarm Activation
- East Street—Burning During Ban

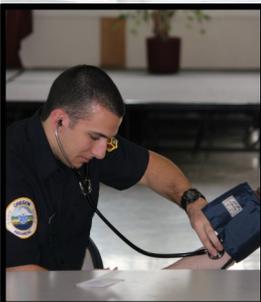


## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Persons Arrived for Cover	5
Incidents Not Covered	6

# TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 46 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 5 hrs of Fire/ EMS or Safety Training
- 27 hrs of Community Events—Community Night Out, East/West Shrine Game



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on August 22nd.



*"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 220 incidents and opened 32 new cases this past week.
  - One case resulted in a search warrant being served on a car that was originally stopped by OSP. That warrant led to the discovery of several thousand dollars in counterfeit money.
  - One case resulted in an investigation for Criminal Trespass, while two others resulted in vandalism investigations.
  - Five cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts, one of which was an identity theft.
  - Four suspects were arrested for outstanding warrants.
- ⊛ BCPD hosted a regional law enforcement meeting, where command staff from various agencies throughout Eastern Oregon came together to discuss law enforcement issues.
- ⊛ BCPD continued to work with other city departments and area agencies to plan for the impact of the Solar Eclipse.
- ⊛ 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 10 weed and grass violations
- Followed up on 1 complaint

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

- Issued 7 parking citations
- Followed up on 8 parking violations
- Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles
- Impounded 2 abandoned vehicles

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

- Followed up on 2 animal complaints
- Followed up on 2 kennel violations
- Issued citations for 12 dangerous dog violations

#### **Found items**

- 2 bicycles
- 2 found items returned to owner



## Public Works: Watershed

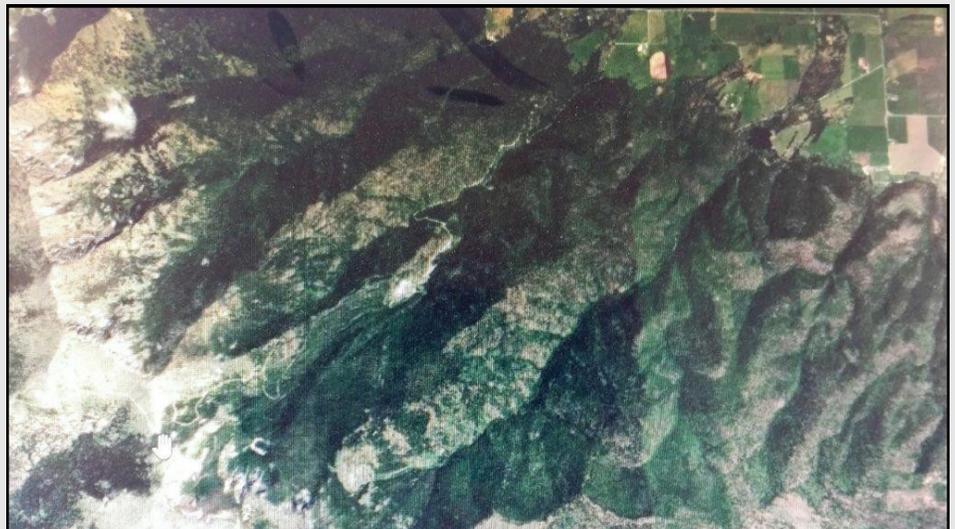
With the influx of tourists and eclipse viewers coming into Baker County this week for Monday's celestial event there are real concerns for public safety and the protection of the Baker City Watershed in the Elkhorn Mountains. Fire danger is extreme. All it would take is one careless match, campfire, cigarette butt, car fire or other ignition source and a forest fire could ensue. One of the more popular locations to view the eclipse might be Marble Creek Pass. The public is discouraged from this location. The road to the pass is in deplorable condition being barely passable in a sturdy 4 wheel drive vehicle. There are very few locations to turn around on that road and there is the real possibility of too many vehicles on the road leading to a "gridlock" condition on the road with vehicles not being able to move up or down the road for hours.



The low spot on the horizon in this photo is where Marble Creek Pass is located.

Google Earth view of Marble Creek Pass.

Off road access is not allowed in the Baker City Watershed. Additional informational signage has been installed along the watershed boundary and the area will be patrolled thru the weekend for security purposes.





## Public Works: Watershed Continued

With the expected influx of visitors to view the eclipse (many of whom will be unfamiliar with the area), the City has ramped up its efforts to make people aware of boundary lines and use restrictions in the watershed.



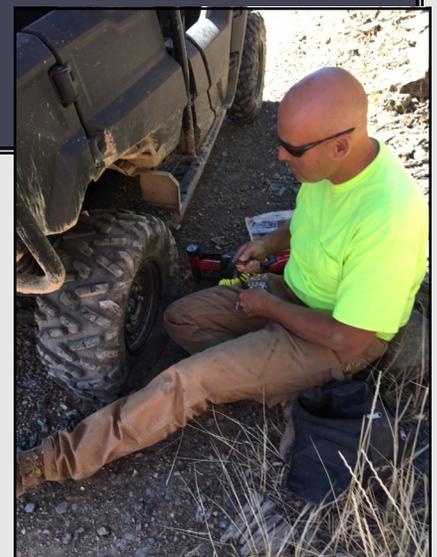
Riley assisted this week with posting access restriction warnings along the watershed boundary.



Jake is posting a warning at Marble Creek Pass notifying motorists that the Marble Creek Road is for through traffic only. Areas on both sides of Marble Creek Road where it passes through the watershed are closed to public entry.



Roads in the watershed can be hard on vehicles – including those designed for off-road travel. Here Jake works to fix a flat on the UTV that occurred during a routine watershed patrol.





### Public Works: Goodrich Reservoir



As can be seen in this photo, the reservoir is still nearly full and there is still some snow left in the basin. This is not normally the case in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August.

Maintenance work continued this week on the Goodrich dam. Summer workers Riley and Ryan clear brush and saplings from the head end of the emergency spillway.



### Public Works: Lagoon

Pump number one at the Wastewater Treatment facility has not been working properly lately. There are two pumps whose sole purpose is to "lift" or pump the wastewater coming from Baker City up into Pond "A". So when one of these pumps begins to develop problems work begins to remedy the situation.

The crew arrived with tools in hand and attacked the issue.

The valve directly above the pump had become completely plugged with debris. After several hours of removal and cleaning work the pump once again was able to operate correctly.





### Public Works: Wastewater Department

The crew of Justin, Blain and Scott worked Thursday to prepare a site for the insertion of a new 8" H.D.P.E. pipe next week. An alley line located between Auburn and Place Streets is in undersized (6" cracked Terra Cotta pipe) and in extremely poor condition (it is so poor that we aren't even able to inspect the line with our video-inspection equipment). A contractor is scheduled to "Pipe Burst" the line next week.

The crew had to temporarily leave this project and work on the Auburn Street Project (only a block away) so that the contractor would be ready to pour concrete by the time the concrete truck arrived.



### Public Works: Cemetery

The Office/Shop building at Mt. Hope Cemetery was recently resided and painted. The siding work was completed by JBK Construction, and the painting was completed by Eric Pierce and Russ Culley with Grassmaster.





## Public Works: Street Department

Chip Seal work ended last Friday. The last street scheduled to be chip sealed as part of the project was that section of Auburn Avenue lying between 4th Street and the U.P.R.R. tracks. Because of the close proximity to the tracks a representative from the U.P.R.R. was contacted a week prior to the planned work. U.P.R.R. personnel were very helpful by granting "track time" (time when there would be no train traffic) while the work on Auburn was being done. Justin, Craig and Dennis pull across the Bearcat chip spreader across the R.R. tracks to begin spreading chip rock on top of the freshly sprayed oil. Wes stops traffic while chip seal work continues.



Ever wonder how all of those great pictures make it into the report each week? Here's a live action shot of the process in action!



The Baker County Road Department performed chip seal work this week on West Campbell Street and Hughes Lane.



### Public Works: Street Department Continued



The asphalt zipper which Baker City uses belongs to an asphalt supplier in LaGrande. This week they requested that we use their zipper on our loader to do some asphalt zipping on a project in Baker City where they are working. The area to "zip" was located parallel and very close to a chain link fence. Craig operated the loader and zipper without a problem. The Baker City labor and equipment costs will be deducted from the cost of Baker City's use of the zipper on city projects.



### Public Works: Auburn Street Project

The crews from VanNevel Concrete & Curb continue to make excellent progress on the Auburn Street project. They will typically pour a section of curb in the morning and then form up and pour sidewalk ramps and driveway approaches around mid-day. In the afternoon, they set forms for another section of curb so they are ready to pour again the next morning. Using this approach, they are able to make swift progress through the project.



Hanley Engineering has been retained to provide testing and Quality Control services on the Auburn project. Here a Hanley employee is testing the concrete used in the curb pour to make sure it meets the project specifications.

## Public Works: Auburn Street Project Continued



Here the VanNevel crews are pouring curb on the south side of Auburn at Main Street.



Pictured above is a completed section of curb at the northwest corner of Auburn and 2<sup>nd</sup> which is ready to be formed up for sidewalk ramps.



A couple of completed sidewalk ramps at the southwest corner of Auburn and 2<sup>nd</sup>.



City crews provide assistance to the concrete crews when needed. Scott works to sawcut a section of driveway that needs to be removed so that it can be poured back against the new curb at the proper grade.



## Public Works: Tree Board

Baker City Tree Board members planted a linden tree at the south section of Central Park Friday morning. After the new tree was planted board members pruned three trees located at the west side of the park.





**Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department**

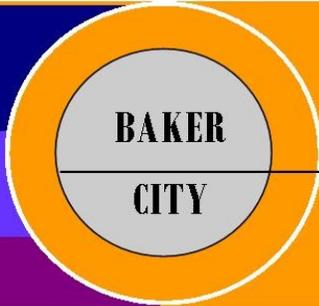
# **BAKER CITY LABYRINTH DEDICATION**

**Saturday August 19  
10 AM at the Labyrinth  
Central Park - Baker City, OR**





# Public Works: Announcements

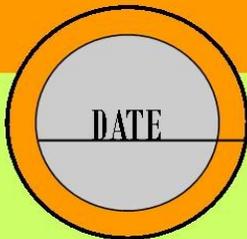


*Partners for Paws Present...  
1st Annual*



## Dog Jog!

Join us for a fun run/walk starting and ending at Central Park. All proceeds go to support construction and maintenance of a Dog Park in Baker City! Prizes will be awarded for best "dressed" pet and participant. All pet participants will receive a treat at the finish line. *Dog optional for participation!*



October 7, 2017



9 am



Forms are available at City Hall or may be downloaded from the Baker City Partners for Paws Facebook Page

☉ fun ☉ PRIZES ☉ Pet treats ☉ T-shirts ☉



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**PAW PARTNERS FOR PAWS PAW**  
**1st Annual**  
**Dog Jog Fun Run/Walk**

**October 7, 2017 • 9 a.m. • Starts and Ends at Central Park**

**Run/Walk** Start time is 9 a.m. from Central Park. Route will travel down the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway loop around Geiser Pollman Park, continuing on Resort to Washington and ending back at Central Park.

**Registration** Registration forms are available at Baker City Hall or are available for download on the Baker City Partners for Paws Facebook page. Registration forms may be returned to City Hall or mailed to P.O. Box 650, Baker City, OR, 97814. Race-day registration is available from 8:30-9:00 a.m. at Central Park.

**Fees** Entry fee is \$20.00 and includes a event t-shirt. Registration and fee must be received by **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** to receive a shirt. Entry the day of the event is \$10.00 with no t-shirt. Make checks payable to Baker City Dog Park fund.

**Sponsors** This fun run/walk is supported through the generosity of many local sponsors!

*All proceeds go toward construction and maintenance of a community Dog Park!*

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY & SIGN BELOW YOUR INFORMATION

I hereby acknowledge that participation in the 2017 Dog Jog fun run/walk carries with it potential hazards. I am aware that traffic, pedestrians, and pets will be using the same roadways as I am during the event. An accident could cause injury or death. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims I may have against City of Baker City, event organizers, and any and all sponsors, promoters and/or their officers, agents, representatives, or assigns, of all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or injuries that may be suffered by me before, during, or after the event. I understand that this waiver includes any claims based on negligence, actions or inaction of any of the above parties. I recognize the difficulties of this event and attest that I am sufficiently physically fit to compete safely in this fun run/walk and that I have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical person. I agree to allow my photo, video, film likeness and name to be used for promotion or legitimate purpose by this race, event producer and/or sponsors. I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the Dog Jog event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Male ( ) Female Age on race day \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size (please circle)     Men's small     Men's medium     Men's large     Men's x-large     Men's XXL

Women's small                                    Women's medium                                    Women's large                                    Women's x-large

Youth x-small                                    Youth small                                    Youth medium                                    Youth Large