

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 1, 2017

Administration:

City Manager Warner met with an official from Union Pacific to discuss various rail spurs within the City and the viability of their use for prospective and existing businesses. The City will continue to pursue alternatives with the railroad. The sidewalk project on Auburn Street will wrap up this week and crews will begin the process of prepping Auburn and various other City streets for paving in the next couple of weeks.

Labor Day weekend is upon us. It looks like summer will be with us for a while yet. If you are headed off to the woods, please be extra careful as the fire danger is extremely high. Have a great weekend.

City Council **September 12th**

- Street Vacation Ordinance
- Social Gaming Application: Elks Lodge



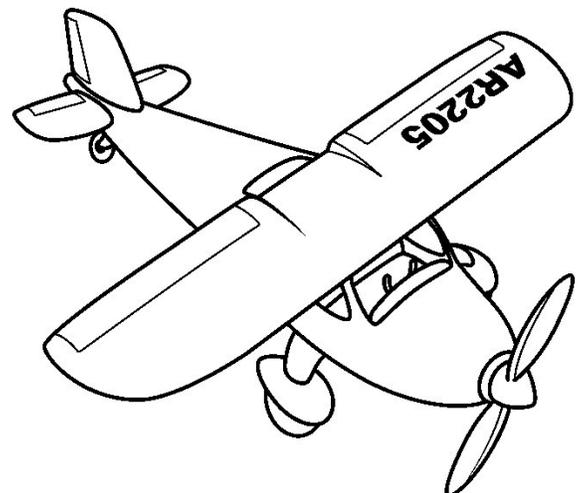
Announcements:

AIRPLANE HANGAR SPACE OPPORTUNITY

The Baker City Municipal Airport has a hangar space available for lease (West Bay Quad Hangar).

The lease shall be for five years of \$150/monthly payments. It will be available on September 1, 2017.

It is located approximately 450-feet north of County Road 741, and approximately 350 feet west of the principal Airport Access Road. If you are interested, have any questions, or wish to view the hangar, please contact Michelle Owen, Public Works Director, at (541) 524-2031.





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	5	3	14
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	2	13	2	18
Mechanical	5	1	3	11
Plumbing	1	1	1	3
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	10	20	9	46

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 207 S Main St., Halfway— 12x18 deck.
- 3665 17th St., Baker City— Phase II new building at Marvin Windows.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 44913 Pine View Rd., Baker City—New residence.
- 44913 Pine View Rd., Baker City—Detached garage.
- 1390 11th St., Baker City— 272 sq.ft. deck.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ 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 12th, 2017 at 7:00pm for the first of three City Council Ordinance readings.
- ◆ The Planning Commission will meet on September 20th, 2017, for a work session to discuss revisions to the chapter text and boundaries of the Freeway Overlay Zone.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ Two wall signs were approved at 2005 10th Street and 2807 Washington Avenue in the Industrial (I) Zone.
- ◆ A Temporary Use Permit was approved at 2915 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 August 13th to August 19th the Fire Department responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

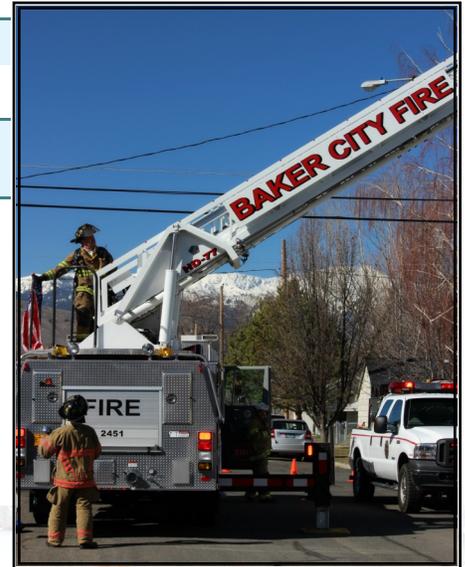
City Calls	26
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	9

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 31

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5



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

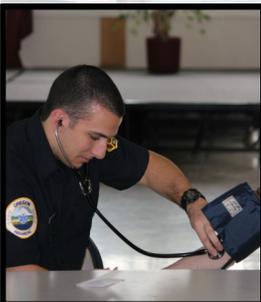
- Main Street—False Alarm.
- Campbell Street—Grease Fire—Out on Arrival
- Colorado Street—Overheated Battery.
- Resort Street—Accidental Alarm Activation.
- 11th Street—Vehicle Fire.

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	10
Persons Arrived for Cover	4
Incidents Not Covered	6

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 52 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on September 5th.



"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 208 incidents and opened 39 new cases.

★ Four cases opened for reported thefts resulted in four arrests for Theft III. An additional arrest of a subject was made for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

★ An arrest was made following the serving of a search warrant at a local residence. The following press release was released regarding this incident:

Narcotics Related Arrest & Search Warrant: On August 30, 2017, at about 2:14 pm, the Baker City Police Department executed a narcotics related search warrant at 2505 5th Street in Baker City. Arrested at the scene and transported to the Baker County Jail was 23-year-old Bodie Baird (10/28/1993). Once the residence was cleared for other potential occupants and threats, Baker City Drug Canine "Capa" was deployed by his handler, Sergeant Wayne Chastain. Capa alerted at multiple locations in the residence where drug paraphernalia, scales, packaging material and small amounts of methamphetamine were discovered. Baird was charged with:

- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine)*
- Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine)*
- Unlawful Manufacture of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine)*
- Commercial Sexual Solicitation*
- Theft III*

In addition to the narcotics and paraphernalia that were seized, officers also seized multiple firearms and a stolen item. This investigation will be continuing, based on further information gained throughout this warrant service operation.

★ 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 32 weed violations

Animal Violations and Complaints

- 1 animal welfare check
- Followed up with 1 animal complaint
- 1 dog at large returned to owner

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Issued 14 parking citations
- Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle
- 2 verbal warnings
- Followed up on 3 complaints
- 1 abandoned vehicle impounded

Miscellaneous

- Followed up on 1 Development Code violation
- 2 found items returned to owner



Public Works: Street Department

As most everyone in Baker City is aware this year's chip seal project was completed nearly three weeks ago on Friday, August 11th. Those chip seal streets have been swept to remove loose gravel. One of those chip sealed streets (Auburn between 4th and the U.P.R.R. tracks) was fog sealed Wednesday in conjunction with the Baker County Road Department's chip seal/fog seal program.

When chip sealing or fog sealing streets it is important to keep oil off utility lids. Otherwise they become semi-permanently glued down. In this photo Jake F. and Riley have placed a piece of tar paper over a manhole on Auburn Avenue. Riley is using a small amount of chip seal rock to hold the tar paper in place while the emulsion (fog seal oil) is sprayed onto the streets surface.



A manufacturing representative was on site to assist in determining the application rate and observe the application and cure time.

Baker County Road Department Equipment Operator "Noodle" applied the emulsion at a rate of .12 gallons per sq. yd. of street surface.

Using fog seal oil over a chip seal treated surface helps lock in surface aggregate, helps seal the surface against water penetration, quiets driving noise while traveling the street and turns the surface a nice dark color.





Public Works: Street Department Continued



The day after the fog seal treatment was applied to Auburn Avenue the advanced warning symbols for the railroad crossing were repainted on the newly fog sealed street surface.

Pictured left, Brian is about to place the "R" template on the south side of the "X".

AUBURN STREET IMPROVEMENTS:

Concrete work continued at a brisk pace this week along Auburn Street. All of the concrete work is scheduled to be completed by this weekend in time for the start of the street pulverization and paving work which will begin next week.

The public is advised that there will be heavy construction traffic, road work resulting in abrupt edges and variable surface conditions, parking restrictions, and frequent road closures in and around the work zone for the duration of the paving project (from Tuesday September 5 through Thursday September 14). The roads that will be affected by work zone traffic control will include Main Street from Place to Campbell; Resort Street from Auburn to Campbell; Valley, Washington, Church, Baker, and Madison between Main and Resort; Auburn Street from Main to 4th; and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Streets from Place to Valley. Please use caution when travelling in and around these areas while the project is ongoing and use alternate routes when possible.

A light pole at the corner of 1st & Auburn had to be relocated because it was in conflict with the new ADA ramp. Scott is setting a template to the proper elevation over the area excavated for the light pole base. This template is used to hold the anchor bolts in the proper location while the concrete base is being poured (the anchor bolts can be seen in the foreground lying just behind the curb).





Public Works: Street Department: Auburn Street Improvements



Pictured above, the concrete crews work to set forms for the ADA ramp at the northeast corner of 1st & Auburn. Once the forms are set, City crews assist by placing additional base rock up to the bottom of the form boards to achieve the proper bottom of sidewalk grade.

Just prior to concrete placement, the base rock is watered and then hit with a vibra-plate to achieve proper compaction. Pictured below, Craig is using the water truck to wet down the base rock under the sidewalk on the south side of Auburn just prior to the sidewalk pour.



A string line is used to mark out the proper alignment for the 2' square finish.

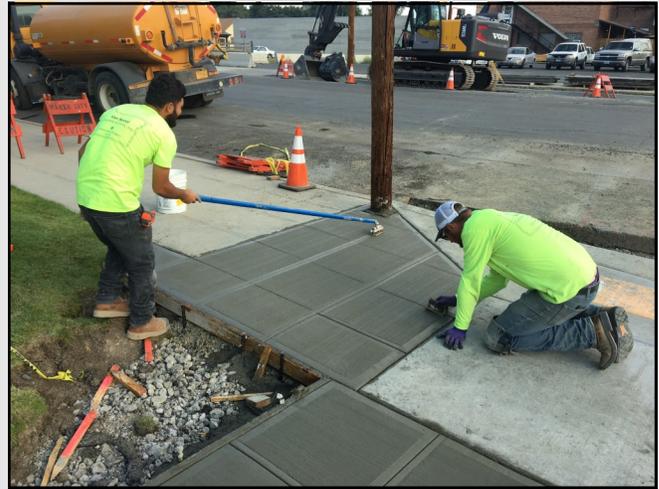
↑ The crew from Van Nevel Concrete & Curb is performing a sidewalk pour on the south side of Auburn between Main and 1st. This sidewalk is being poured in 12' long sections in order to achieve the required 2' square pattern.





Public Works: Street Department: Auburn Street Improvement

Once the pattern is marked out, finish crews use edging tools to carefully cut in the 2' square pattern. This section of sidewalk is located at the southwest corner of 1st & Auburn adjacent to City Hall.



Areas behind curbs that are not slated to receive concrete are being finished with washed landscape rock. First a layer of geotextile fabric is placed on the ground to help control weeds and to prevent the landscape rock from sinking into the underlying soil over time.





Public Works: Water Department



Water coming up from underground and running onto a city street is rarely a good sign.

Upon close examination of the saturated ground a small crater was spotted indicating the location of the underground leak.

An emergency locate was called in to the 811 dispatch center. As soon as underground utilities were marked Blain, Tommy and Karl responded to the site, dug up the old galvanized line and repaired the leak.



The water valve controlling the flow of water was turned down very low so that the repair work could be accomplished without drenching workers.



A repair clamp was installed and full water pressure restored to the line in order to check for leaks. The excavation was then backfilled.

There are very few water lines in the Baker City system which are in this poor of condition. This line is scheduled for replacement.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



Last week a property owner on Main Street requested that his sewer lateral be replaced. It had been plugging every couple of days. Once the cost estimate was paid the repair work was scheduled.

A tree root had grown into the side of the malleable orangeburg pipe material and collapsed it to the point where material would regularly plug the line. The old orangeburg pipe was cut and removed.



Photo of the new lateral connection for the Main Street house.



Whenever a natural gas line is uncovered while excavating - the local gas company (Cascade Natural Gas) is notified. They usually respond immediately and inspect the line. The outside coating sometimes needs recoated for protection. Here Tony has wrapped the line with a protective material.



Blain placed some washed rock into the trench for bedding the new PVC pipe.



Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

As part of last week's pipe bursting project a new manhole had to be constructed on Place Street.

Justin and Tommy built a wooden form for the new manhole and filled it with concrete. The top of the H.D.P.E. pipe was cut out the next day to provide access. →



Once the concrete had cured sufficiently, the remaining manhole components were placed on top of the base.

Here is a photo of the inside of the new manhole with the top of the pipe cut out to provide access. The cable line seen in the picture is connected to the wastewater inspection camera which was inspecting the newly installed pipe. →



The excavation was filled with suitable material and compacted.

Next, a layer of asphalt was placed around the manhole.

Tommy operated the roller to compact the hot asphalt.

After the asphalt had cooled the intersection was opened for traffic.





Public Works: Shop

Wes and Scott serviced the upper and lower motors , the chassis and performed a safety check on the street sweeper.



The Code Enforcement vehicle was having starter issues. Tests were completed, a new starter was installed and it is now back in service.

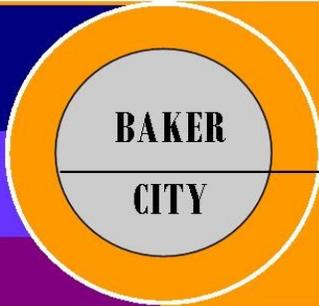
This backhoe's #3 injection nozzle was broken. Wes and Scott replaced the nozzle and the seals on the fuel pressure lines and it is now back in service.



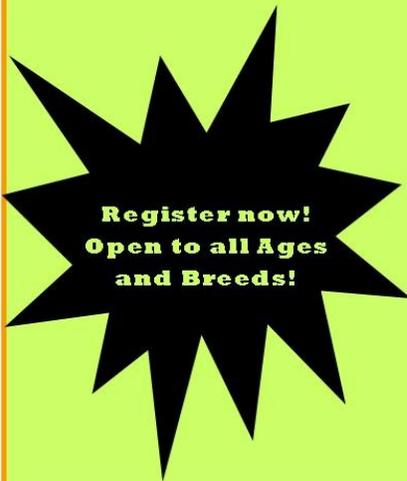
Due to wiring the brake light would not turn off in this patrol vehicle. The wiring harness was replaced and it is back in service.



Public Works: Announcements



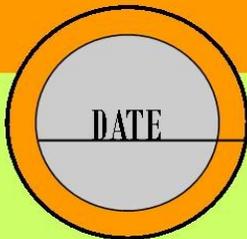
Partners for Paws Present...
1st Annual



**Register now!
Open to all Ages
and Breeds!**

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 22nd** 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