

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 15, 2017

Administration:

This week City Council received information regarding the SAFER grant. This is a federal grant through FEMA that would cover 62% of the cost of hiring three firefighter/paramedics for three years. It is a great opportunity for all of Baker City and Baker County as we try to handle the increase in call volume from year to year. Before making a commitment, City and County officials will meet in the near future to determine how to cover the additional costs not included in the grant.

The Great Salt Lick Art Auction is this Saturday at the Crossroads Art Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. It is a great event that you don't want to miss. All proceeds go towards funding necessary research to cure Parkinson's.

We are heading into cooler weather now. Stay warm, stay safe and have a great weekend!

City Council

September 26th

- TBD



Finance:

Ebills were successfully sent out this week for Zone 2 and Zone 6 utility customers that were signed up. These customers received a \$1.00 discount on their utility bill as an incentive for using this service. Anyone that would like to sign up can get the registration form either online at www.bakercity.com or at the Water Department. Approximately 60 customers signed up for this service during August.

Utilities:

- ◆ Zone 6 was billed September 11th which includes 488 residential and 61 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 111 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed today which includes 462 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 87 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Seventeen residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) two 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	1	19	4	8
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	0
Electrical	2	6	5	13
Mechanical	3	5	10	7
Plumbing	0	2	0	2
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	7	32	20	30

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 1996 Main St., Baker City—Structural Repairs.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 42759 Moody Rd., Richland—Residential Addition.
- 51402 Homestead Rd., Oxbow—Detached Accessory Structure.
- 20970 Medical Springs Hwy., Baker City—Detached Accessory Structure.
- 43587 Spring Creek Loop, Baker City—New Residence.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 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 was heard before the Baker City Council on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 7:00pm who approved the first and second readings of the Ordinance. The third and final reading of this ordinance will be held on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 at 7:00pm.
- ◆ The Planning Commission will meet on September 20th, 2017 at 7:00pm for a work session to discuss revisions to the chapter text and boundaries of the Freeway Overlay Zone. Staff reports were mailed to the Planning Commission this week.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±1,008 square foot accessory structure was approved at 1790 Washington Avenue within the Central Commercial (C-C) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of August 27th to September 2nd the Fire Department responded to a total of **42** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	30
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	16

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 39



Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	6
Quads (4 calls at once)	1
Public Assists	7

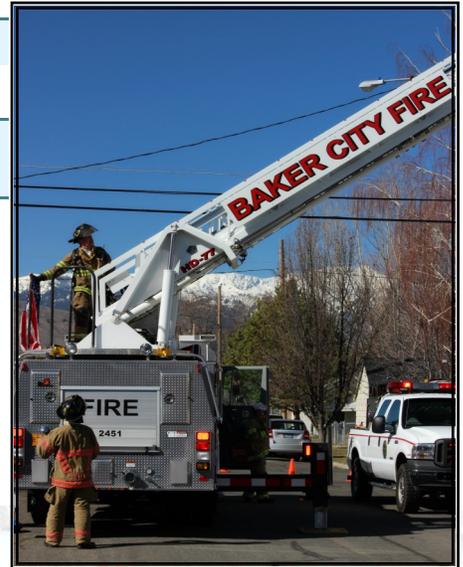
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 3



- Windmill Road: Grass Fire
- Griffin Gulch: Mutual Aid Fire
- 7th Street: Overloaded Electrical Outlet

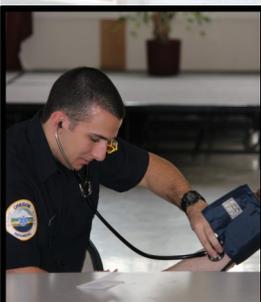


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Persons Arrived for Cover	7
Incidents Not Covered	4

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 43 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 27 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—EMS Charting, Protocols, IV Pumps, Fire Hydrant Operations, Water Supply.



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 19th.



"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 27 new cases this past week.
 - BCPD responded to the report of three more runaways from a local treatment center.
 - Two cases resulted in citations for Minor in Possession of marijuana.
 - Two cases resulted in vandalism investigations and two for reported thefts.
 - Two cases resulted in investigations for hit and run motor vehicle crashes.
 - One subject was arrested for a probation violation.
- ✪ School Resource Officer Woodward began re-training school staff members on safety protocols and the reintroduction of the emergency alert FOBS, which have been out of service for 2 1/2 years.
- ✪ 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
- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance
- Issued 1 citation for a grass and weeds violation
- Followed up on 2 fence violations

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- 1 abandoned vehicle impounded
- 4 abandoned vehicles orange tagged
- Issued 1 parking citation
- Followed up on 5 parking violations

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- 1 injured cat euthanized
- Followed up on 3 animal complaints
- 1 animal welfare check
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large
- Issued 1 citation for no dog license
- 3 dogs at large returned to owner
- 1 goat at large returned to owner



Public Works: Street Department

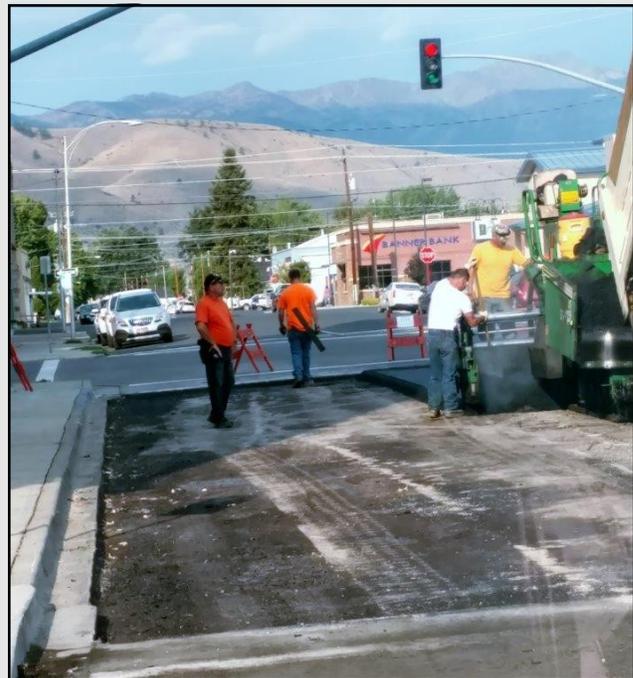
The paving project which included portions of Madison, Baker, Church, Washington, Valley and Auburn Streets went very well this past week. Paving started Monday morning and was completed late Thursday afternoon.



Madison Street between Resort and Main Streets was the first street to be paved.



Safe traffic control is important when working on or near busy city streets. Pictured below, Scott is flagging traffic at the intersection of Resort and Washington Streets.



Pictured above, the crew from Rogers Asphalt in LaGrande are paving Washington Street.

Public Works: Street Department Continued

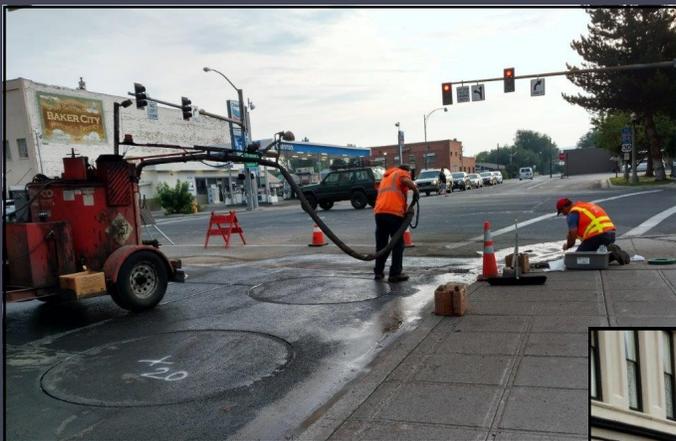


A Rogers Asphalt employee compacting hot asphalt on Washington Street. 

Pictured below, the paving crew is completing the last section of Auburn Avenue on Thursday. Jay worked as the inspector as the paving work was being performed.



A contracting company from Central Point, Oregon came to Baker City Thursday to reinstate the sensor units into the new asphalt on both Auburn and Washington Streets.



Here the asphalt is being cut in a circular shape for installation of the electrical wire which detects the presence of an automobile, motorcycle or even a bicycle on the asphalt. 

The contractor is working to install traffic sensors on Auburn Avenue while Joe (O.D.O.T. Traffic Signal Specialist) works to make connections from the traffic signal wires to the control box.





Public Works: Street Department Continued



Pictured left, Justin and Brian work to complete remaining tasks on Auburn Avenue before the paving crew moved to this location.

The O.D.O.T. striping crew has been working in the Baker City area the past two weeks. They were contacted and arrangements were made for them to stripe some of Baker City's streets. Because of the paving work on Auburn Avenue being in progress they will have to complete their painting work for Baker City the next time they are in the vicinity.



Justin and Brian worked to process the asphalt grinding material at the Public Works stockpile site.



Public Works: Street Department Continued

Public Works crews took advantage of what looked to be one of the last warm days of the year to patch Baker City streets. Well over 50 patches were completed Wednesday.

Jake is using tack oil to prepare a sunken wastewater trench for surface repair. This excavation was done over 20 years ago by a contractor for the installation of a sewer line. If trenches aren't compacted properly they will continue to settle for years. →



Blain operated the backhoe (and raked asphalt) as Karl and Riley rake the asphalt to achieve a level surface on one of the streets in Quail Ridge Subdivision. ←

Keith and Tom patched dozens of locations using hot mix.

This may have been the last day Keith will be patching streets as he will be retiring from the Public Works Department next week.

Keith has worked for the Baker City Public Works Department for over 20 years. He has been a valued employee to Public Works and the citizens of Baker City - he will be missed.

We wish him well in his future endeavors!





Public Works: Water Department



An existing 2" water service was repaired so it could be brought back into usable condition along Pocahontas Road this week.

Blain and Karl used the vactor truck to hydro-excavate around the old service box.

A new meter box, 2" meter, Itron and meter box lid were installed.

Public Works: Wastewater Department

While Jay was performing underground utility locates he checked a wastewater collection manhole and discovered that a line was plugged.

Blain and Karl used the vactor truck to combat the problem.

After material was removed using the vactor the line was inspected using the wastewater inspection camera.

During the inspection process it was determined that the pipe was broken and a large rock had fallen into the line causing the blockage. Repair work was promptly scheduled.





Public Works: Shop



Batteries are being charged and tested on this piece of equipment.



The radiator started leaking on the backhoe. It was taken apart and found that the fittings at the bottom were loose. Wes and Scott repaired and cleaned the radiator and hydraulic coolers. It is now back in service.



Wes and Scott set this service truck up with two tool boxes an air compressor and hand tools. This vehicle will be used to take care of breakdowns in the field.



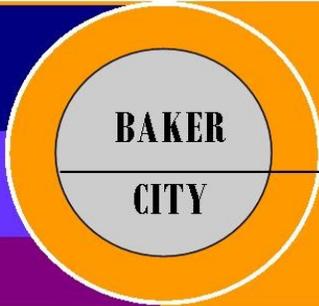
This fire engine was serviced and a safety check was performed.



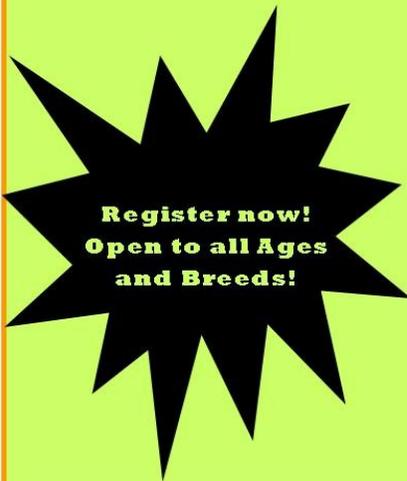
A pintle hitch was mounted on this dump truck.



Public Works: Announcements

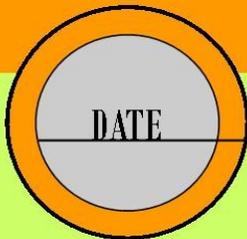


Partners for Paws Present...
1st Annual



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 ☉

