

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 6, 2017

Administration:

The City Council will be meeting on the 10th of October with the main topic of discussion being acceptance of the SAFER Grant from FEMA. They will also be meeting with the County Commissioners on Wednesday October 11th at 6:00 pm in the County Courtroom to discuss shared issues.

Judging from the events taking place in Baker City this weekend Fall must be here. Tonight is First Friday downtown with lots of businesses open extended hours. Saturday brings the Iron Chef cookoff at the Interpretive Center as well as the 'Taste of Baker' in the downtown area on Saturday night. Come out and enjoy the food and fun and check out the fall decorations that have popped up on the street corners.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the crisp fall weather!!

City Council

October 10th

- SAFER Grant Discussion
- Budget Resolutions



Announcements:

The Baker City Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Blake Hawkins has been recognized for his actions on June 5, 2017, when he went into a smoke filled room and assisted a disabled citizen out of the burning apartment complex at 1490 Resort Street in Baker City.

Officer Hawkins will be receiving the Medal of Valor, from the Oregon Peace Officers' Association next month at their annual conference. Officer Hawkins was nominated for the award by Sergeant Wayne Chastain, after details of Officer Hawkins actions were brought to the attention of the department by Officer Hawkins' partner, Officer Chris Sells, and Baker City citizens who were also on scene at the fire.

Officer Hawkins said that although he is "very appreciative of the award, he feels that he was just doing his job." He feels that "police officers are often put into extraordinary circumstances that necessitate immediate action and that this was no different for him."





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	3	2	16
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	3
Electrical	6	7	5	10
Mechanical	3	0	3	16
Plumbing	2	4	1	3
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	15	14	11	48

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 205 Adams St., Huntington— Commercial reroof.
- 2514 10 St., Baker City— Commercial reroof.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1246 Dewey St., Baker City— 2nd story deck addition.
- 632 Cracker St., Sumpter— Detached accessory structure.

HISTORIC DESIGN

REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The next Planning Commission hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 at 7:00pm. The Planning Commission will hear two matters:

- ◆ A request to convert an existing motel into apartments at 3055 10th Street. The property is in the General Commercial Zone.
- ◆ A proposal to revise the chapter text and boundaries of the Freeway Overlay Zone. An open house to discuss the changes to the Freeway Overlay Zone will be held on October 11th from 5:00 – 6:00pm for anyone to ask questions or make suggestions about the Freeway Overlay Zone. All hearings and the open house will be held at City Hall.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

A carport was approved through a land use review and floodplain development permit at 2160 Colorado Avenue in the Residential High-Density (RH-D) Zone.

A pre-application meeting was held on Monday to discuss a potential development in the Commercial zone and allow an opportunity for the applicant to ask questions of the Planning Department, Public Works, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of September 17th through September 23rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **34** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	23
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 27



Airport Transfers	3
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

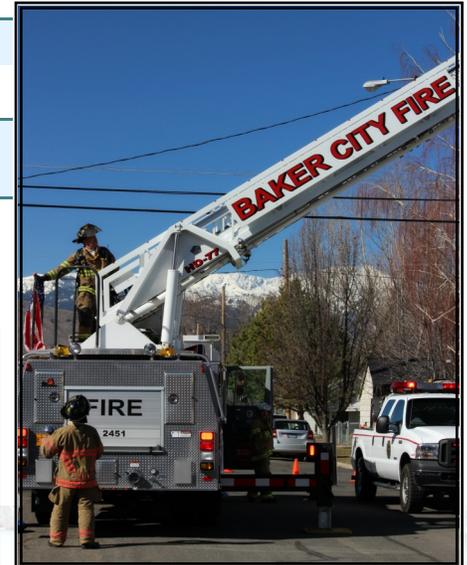
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	6

TOTAL FIRE 7



Ash Street—Structure Fire, Out on Arrival.
Pocahontas Road—False Alarm.
Elm Street—Faulty CO Alarm.
Pocahontas Road—False Alarm.
Pocahontas Road—False Alarm x2.
Resort Street—Burnt Food.



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	7
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	4

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **42** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **34** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—Pharmacology, Pediatric Case Reviews, Pediatric Trauma
- **14** hrs Community Events—Medical Standby for JV and Varsity Football



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on October 10th.



"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 200 incidents and opened 38 new cases this past week.

- One case was reported as a Measure 11 Robbery and Assault, against a Middle School student. His report of two males attacking him with a knife in a robbery attempt was proven to be false and he was arrested for initiating a false report.

- BCPD responded to the report of three more runaways from a local treatment center, while also this week a separate juvenile ran away from their home.

- Four cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.

- Nine cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts and other frauds.

- Five Baker City juveniles were cited for Minor in Possession of Marijuana at River Park, during the High School lunch period.

★ Chief Lohner traveled to Salem and attended the Fall Conference for the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.

★ Sergeant Chastain's patrol team participated in Use of Force Training and Defensive Tactics Training.

★ Lt. Newman started a "Train the Trainer" course on preventing police suicide and other topics surrounding officer wellness, taught by Robert Douglas of the Police Suicide Foundation.

★ 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

- Started 1 new property maintenance case
- Followed up on 2 pending cases
- Followed up with 25 grass and weed violations

Animal Violations and Complaints

- 4 dogs at large returned to their owners
- Followed up with 4 barking complaints
- Followed up on 1 animal complaint

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 4 parking violations
- Issued 9 parking citations
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles

Miscellaneous

- Followed up on 1 pending burglary case
- 2 found bicycles



Public Works: Street Department

Public Works crews will be patching streets throughout town today. It probably will be the last day of asphalt patching for the year (unless some unforeseen repair occurs).

A catchbasin in the Baker County Library parking lot was repaired. It now drains properly. 



 Crews worked to bring utility access fixtures up to the surface of Auburn Avenue. That work will be completed next week.

Public Works: Water Department

Tommy is reading meters for the last time this year. Pictured right, he is reading one of the meters in Zone 6. He also is checking each meter box to verify that inner lids (which help prevent freezing) are properly set in place for the winter weather.





Public Works: Water Department Continued

With the cooler weather at hand water usage has decreased. Goodrich Reservoir is currently at 40% of storage capacity.

Here is a photo of Goodrich Reservoir when Jake was there to adjust the flow of water.



Construction materials and bedding rock was hauled into the Mill Creek pipeline project via the Goodrich Road access route.

Pictured below is a load of debris being hauled away from the construction site.



Justin, Blain and Scott worked Thursday and Friday of this week to construct a new ductile iron pipeline connecting the new self-cleaning screen to the main mountain pipeline. Pictured above, Blain is standing on the pipe coming from the new self-cleaning screen.



Public Works: Water Department Continued



Blain and Scott used the vector truck to clean out water meter boxes and to uncover a "lost" water valve on Broadway Avenue.



This 6" valve on Broadway Avenue has a 2" Natural Gas line lying almost directly above the valve. Blain and Scott were able to install a new valve box over the valve so that it can now be accessed from the surface of the road.

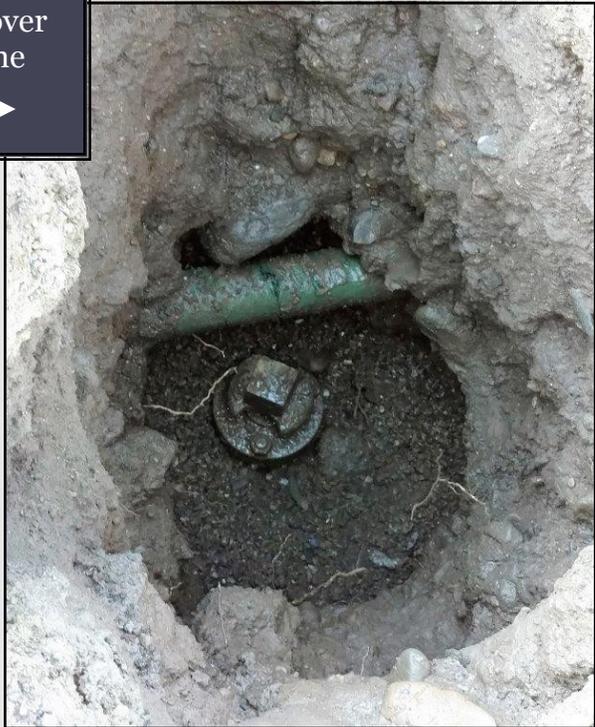


Photo by Basecamp Baker



Public Works: Wastewater Department

Several Wastewater collection lines in town were cleaned this week.

At the Wastewater Treatment Facility a 21" transit by-pass line was tested Thursday. It was constructed in the 1960's when the Lagoon System was built. It was originally installed so that wastewater influent could be discharged directly into Cell "B" and by-pass Cell "A". This by-pass line is planned to be used in the future so that Cell "A" can be dried and sludge removed mechanically.

The slide gate on the right allows the wastewater from town to travel East in a pipeline along the South dike of Cell "A" to discharge points entering Cell "A".

The slide gate on the left allows wastewater to travel through the 21" transit pipeline North along the toe of Cell "A" approximately 1,900 and into Cell "B".



Rick, Karl and Jake worked to open the slide gates and learn about the procedure.

After just a few minutes influent water was observed entering Cell "B" near it's Southwest corner.

