

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail, Established 1874

Weekly Update October 20, 2017

Administration:

City Manager Warner and Councilor Andersen attended the Wallowa Whitman monitoring meeting facilitated by the American Forest Resource Council. They received input on current forest budgets, a review of the Timber programs and networked with Forest Service personnel. City Officials plan to meet with local Forest Service personnel next week to identify areas for healthy forest restoration projects within the Baker City Watershed.

The County Commissioners met this week and decided to partner with Baker City to accept the SAFER Grant and continue ambulance service to much of Baker County. The discussion and decision centered around working together over the next three years to come up with a permanent solution towards enhancing resources for the EMS system.

Crossroads Art Center is having their annual Gala this Saturday. The theme is "An Evening on the Orient Express" and is being held at the Baker County Event Center. Head on down and support the ARTS.

Have a great weekend!!!

City Council

October 24th

- SAFTER Grant Discussion
- Development Code Update
- Justice Court Update
- Brownfield Grant Update



Announcements:



The Baker City Community Development Department and Baker City Downtown are in search of this year's 2017 Baker City Christmas tree!

Christmas tree candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Located within 3 miles of Court Plaza.
- Maximum height of 40 feet.

If you would like to submit your tree for consideration please contact Robin Nudd at 541-524-2036 or rnudd@bakercity.com by **October 30, 2017**.



Finance:

Utilities:

Currently 90 customers have signed up for the new e-billing for utility bills. Last week we started using Neo-slogan to advertise. The message to the right is now printed by our postage machine next to the postage. The City can create new messages (post office approved) to use in the future to advertise or highlight upcoming events as well.



**Save \$1.00 monthly!
Sign up for E-Billing
www.bakercity.com**

- 34 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 51 customers disconnected service from October 6th thru October 19th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 1 was billed October 10th which included 91 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 58 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- Zone 6 was billed October 12th which included 488 residential and 57 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 106 or 19% are signed up for direct payment.
- Zone 2 was billed October 18th and included 463 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 89 or 19% are signed up for direct payment.
- Zone 7 was billed today which includes 548 residential and 25 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 133 or 23% are signed up for direct payment.
- 21 residential customers (Zones 1, 5, and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) six were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

LID Billings:

LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 2.4%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

- Four 2006 Elm Street LIDs were billed October 10th. The original assessment in 2006 for Elm Street improvements included 21 property owners for a total of \$252,888. The remaining balance outstanding is \$21,916 including interest.
- Four 2002 Indiana Avenue LIDs were billed October 12th. The original assessment in 2002 for Indiana Avenue improvements included 111 property owners for a total of \$378,860. The remaining balance outstanding is \$4,168 including interest.

Property and Weed Abatement	\$2,020
Cemetery	\$2,750
Wastewater Maint. and Dumping Fees	\$2,993
Lien Searches	\$1,400
Ambulance	\$523,387
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$5,360
Airport Hangar Rent and Ground Lease	\$3,952
Street Patching and Miscellaneous	\$2,459
Economic Development Support	\$7,333
School Resource Officer	\$12,811
Miscellaneous	\$1,675
Total Billed:	\$566,140

Accounts Receivable:

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent October 10th. The billings were as follows:





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	2	2	11
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	4
Electrical	4	5	7	14
Mechanical	3	8	9	15
Plumbing	2	2	0	4
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14	17	18	48

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3815 Pocahontas Rd., Baker City—Roof repair
- 375 N Main St., Halfway—Beam repair

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 50126 Anthony Lakes Hwy—Pole Barn
- 855 G St., Baker City—Foundation underpinning
- 1430 Dewey Ave., Baker City—2 detached accessory buildings.

HISTORIC DESIGN

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

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission held a hearing on Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 at 7:00pm to review two matters:

- ◆ A request to convert an existing motel into apartments at 3055 10th Street was approved. The property is in the General Commercial Zone.
- ◆ Revisions to the chapter text and boundaries of the Freeway Overlay District were completed, and a recommendation for approval was sent to the City Council.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±272 square foot storage shed was approved at 1205 11th Street, located in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ Two detached garages totaling ±624 square feet were approved at 1430 Dewey Avenue, located in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A property line adjustment was approved at 425 Foothill Drive in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±200 square foot detached carport was approved at 2860 Walnut Street, located in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±2,313 square foot single-family dwelling was approved at 3840 Indiana Avenue, located in the Residential – Medium Density (RM-D) Zone.
- ◆ A ±2,734 square foot single-family dwelling was approved at 650 L Loop, located in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 1st** through **October 7th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **38** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	30
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	15

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 36



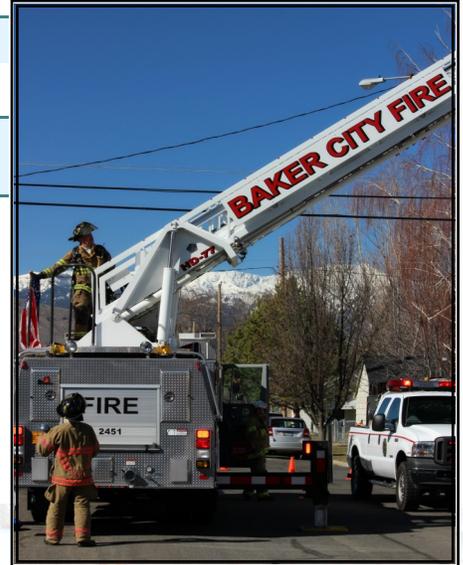
Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2
TOTAL FIRE	2



Main Street—False Alarm
3rd Street-Gas Odor

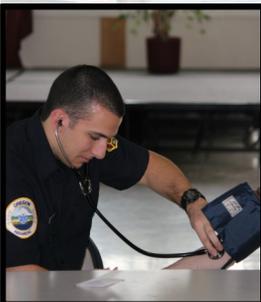


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	16
Persons Arrived for Cover	6
Incidents Not Covered	10

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **45** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **4** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—Blitzfire Tactics
- **8** hrs Community Events—Medical Standby for Football Games



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 24th.



"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 180 incidents and opened 25 new cases this past week.

- ◆ Three juveniles were caught trespassing in the announcer's booth at the Baker Sports Complex. All three were arrested for Criminal Trespass II and two of them were cited for Minor in Possession of Marijuana.
- ◆ Three cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts.
- ◆ Two cases resulted in investigations for reported vandalism.
- ◆ BCPD personnel dealt with two severe mental health issues, working in partnership with our local Mental Health professionals.
- ◆ BCPD Officers investigated a roll-over crash that occurred at the (controlled) intersection of D Street and 3rd. The passenger in the SUV that rolled was transported to St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City.

★ Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman participated in the Elder Abuse MDT Meeting.

★ Chief Lohner completed updates to the BCPD Policy Manual.

★ BCPD received new body cameras, replacing the ones that had been in service. The cameras were swapped out after a defect was found with the battery in the original cameras. The replacement was done without any financial cost to the city.

★ Lt. Newman, Detective Lohner and Detective Pelayo covered several patrol shifts this past week, filling in where necessary.

★ 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.



Public Works: Street Department



Crushed rock was placed to support a portion of the curb on Birch Street.

A new 47 foot long sidewalk was poured along Valley Street Tuesday in front of a parcel of land owned by Baker City.

Blain and Brian excavated the site Monday and the concrete was poured Tuesday morning.



Blain working the East end of the sidewalk.



Justin edging the fresh concrete.



Scott and Brian blending the new concrete to match the existing sidewalk on the west end.



Public Works: Water Department Continued

Justin and Scott worked to upgrade water service on South Bridge Street for the old Oregon State Police building which O.D.O.T. owns.

The old meter and a portion of galvanized piping were replaced with a new 1 1/2" water meter and copper pipe.



Old meter and piping.



A new water meter, meter box and pipe were installed Monday.
←



Justin and Scott worked to replace an old galvanized line and concrete meter box on "D" Street Tuesday. In this photo Scott has frozen the copper service line so that a new meter setter can be installed.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



The pH level in treated wastewater effluent has lowered to the point that we can begin discharge into the Powder River again.

As you can see in this photo the level in Cell "D" was high this week before discharge of treated effluent commenced. →

← Rick is making final adjustments and connections prior to beginning discharge.



Public Works: Parks Department



Last weekend the Baker City Lions Club installed a horseshoe pit at Cedar Acres Park. This is a great addition to the park, which has seen a new playground and permanent picnic table installed this year as well. Thank you to the Lions for their continued partnership with and contributions to the Parks Department!

Public Works: Tree Board

The Tree Board opted to plant a patemore ash tree in South Baker Park. The tree was planted last week. Tree Board member Lyle Kuchenbecker, Grass Master employees Eric Pierce and Russ Culley, and City Staff completed the planting.





Public Works: Shop

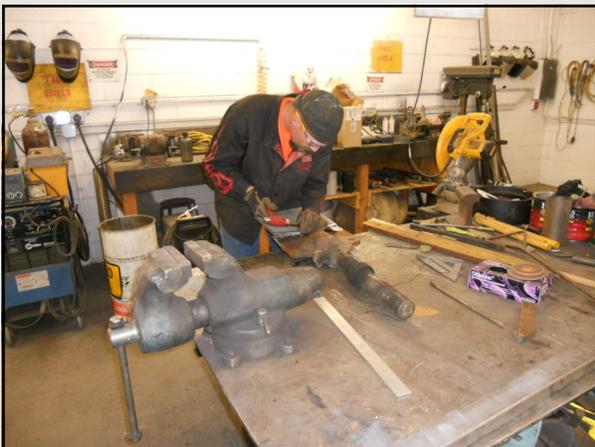


Wes and Scott replaced the electronic ignition model and mounted the snow plow for the airport to use this winter.



Work has already started in preparing machines for the upcoming winter.

The salter and the sander were installed on these two vehicles.



Brian is pictured here fabricating a root cutter on a hydraulic hammer blade for cutting tree roots along the pathway.

