

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update September 21, 2018

### Administration:

The Farmers Market moved to Court Plaza this week. There was a good crowd of people sampling the wares and a good turnout of vendors. It had the flair of a true street market. The City will continue to work with the leadership of the Farmers Market and Baker City Downtown to fine tune everyone's needs.

September 20th marked the 11<sup>th</sup> UnWined Fundraising Event hosted by Baker City Downtown. The Baker County YMCA was chosen as the recipient for the fundraising event. Almost 100 people attended and 23 businesses participated. The YMCA will be holding another fundraiser this Saturday at the Quail Ridge Golf Course – "Farm to Table Event". Be sure to contact the YMCA for additional information.

All of these events are great opportunities to get out, support local businesses and see what our beautiful community has to offer. Have a great weekend!

### City Council Agenda

#### September 25th

- Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2(e))
- Board Appointments
- Elkhorn Industrial Park Discussion



### Boards and Commissions:

Baker City is looking to fill several open positions on various boards and commissions.

- Public Works Advisory Committee (2 vacancies) terms expire January 2020, January 2021
- Tree Board (2 vacancies) terms expire July 2021
- Airport Commission (1 vacancy) term expires January 2019
- Planning Commission (1 vacancy) term expires January 2020

For summaries of board operations please visit: <http://www.bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>. Anyone interested in volunteering for appointment to the above board may contact Julie Smith at City Hall, 541-524-2033 or [juliesmith@bakercity.com](mailto:juliesmith@bakercity.com).

Applications may be submitted electronically through [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) by clicking on the Boards and Commissions page.



## Finance:

This financial report covers September 7th through September 20th.

### Utilities

- 21 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 16 customers disconnected service from September 7<sup>th</sup> thru September 20<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- Last week – Zone 6 was billed September 11<sup>th</sup> which included 487 residential and 61 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 119 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 22 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Last week – Zone 2 was billed which includes 469 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 (20%) are signed up for direct payment and 20 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 7 was billed September 18<sup>th</sup> which included 556 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 156 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 24 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 3 was billed today and includes 502 residential and 52 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 118 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 28 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Forty-four residential customers (Zones 1, 2, 6 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) thirteen were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

**Accounts Payable:** The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Accounts Receivable:** Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent September 11<sup>th</sup>. The billings were as follows:



Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,893
Cemetery	\$3,189
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fee	\$10,011
Lien Searches	\$1,760
Ambulance	\$361,849
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$3,797
Economic Development Support	\$22,330
Street Patching & Misc.	\$12,541
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$5,412
Golf Cart Equipment Lease	\$1,250
Miscellaneous	\$1,244
<b>Total Billed:</b>	<b>\$425,276</b>

**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 3.14%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

One 2007 G Street Wastewater Extension LID was billed September 17<sup>th</sup>. The original assessment in 2007 included one property owner for a total of \$69,541. The remaining balance outstanding is \$33,551 including interest.



### Did you know?

The Powder Basin Watershed Council will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act this Saturday, September 22nd with a hike and lunch along the Powder River. Spaces are limited so be sure to call for a spot: 541-523-7288.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	6	5	2	8
Manufactured Dwelling	1	0	0	1
Electrical	3	7	7	11
Mechanical	3	5	6	7
Plumbing	2	1	0	3
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 27779 Medical Springs Hwy, Baker City—New residence.

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 3085 Resort Street, (Qty 4 buildings), Baker City—Solar installs.
- 3451 Broadway Street, Baker City—Firewall installation on interior.
- 2410 K Street, Baker City—Commercial roof.
- 38481 Sawmill Cutoff Lane, Halfway—New warehouse/office building.

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Next

regularly scheduled meeting is September 26th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

**Planning Department:**

**Public Meetings**

- ◆ Work Session: The Planning Commission held a public work session on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, in City Hall to review materials for proposed updates to the Baker City Development Code. These updates included revisions/additions relating to accessory dwelling units, mobile food units, eave heights for accessory structures in residential zones, hostels and property line adjustments.
- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting will be a work session on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The agenda will include continued discussion on potential re-zoning of certain properties within the city.





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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of September 11th through September 17th the Fire Department responded to a total of **23** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

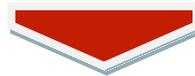
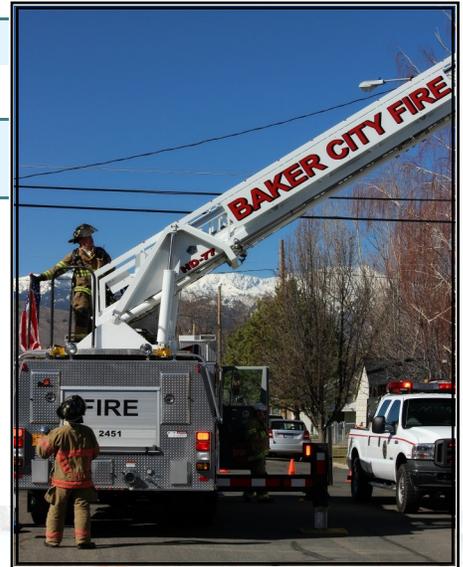
City Calls	13
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	15
No Patient Trip	5

**TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 20**

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	3

**TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 3**



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

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	3
Persons Arrived for Cover	2
Incidents Not Covered	1

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **87** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance: Paint Equipment Bays.
- **88** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: Firefighter I-RIT/PPE, 12-lead ECG Interpretation, In-service Binder Lift.
- **5** hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- **4** hrs of Community Events: BP Checks, Reading to Kids Program.



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 25th.



*"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**

- ★ This past week, BCPD handled over 198 incidents and opened 44 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case involved an arrest of a subject for theft of services when the individual allegedly placed a bypass device to access City water after the account had been turned off for non-payment.
- ★ An additional arrest was made in the case involving the theft of a firearm from the scene of an unattended death. The DA's Office issued the following press release:

*On September 13, 2018, a Baker County Grand Jury indicted Daniel Jason Blood (dob 11-07-1983) on three criminal charges. Blood was charged with two counts of Theft in the First Degree and one count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Blood is alleged to have aided Oren Shaile Moore in facilitating the sale of a firearm. Moore was previously charged with two counts of theft for allegedly taking a handgun from the scene of a death involving Izah Gonzales on September 5, 2018. The charges for Blood relate to him aiding Moore in selling the handgun to a third party. Blood was arraigned on September 14, 2018 and bail was set at \$45,000.*

- ★ Chief Newman attended a Baker County Safe Communities Coalition meeting. Mike Stensrud, Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Coordinator, was the featured speaker during this meeting.
- ★ 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 with multiple property complaints
- Followed up with multiple grass and weed violations
- Citations served for failure to comply

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

- Followed up on multiple violations
- Orange tagged six abandoned vehicles
- Issued five parking citations

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

- Followed up with 3 dangerous dog cases
- Followed up with a dangerous dog call
- Impounded 1 dog at large
- 3 dogs at large returned to owner

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- 1 found bicycle
- 1 found item
- 1 DWS citation
- Towed 1 vehicle
- Assisted in investigation of Theft II case



## Public Works: Water Department

A resident on Valley Street has been having moisture issues along his building foundation. This caused Public Works to do some exploratory work around the existing water line to determine if there was a water leak in the area.

Justin and Blain used the Volvo mini track hoe to excavate down to the 6" ductile iron mainline and examine its condition and look for leaks.

It was found to be in excellent condition and no leaks existed. The property owner plans to excavate next to his building foundation in an effort to determine the source of the moisture.



Scott continued to work cleaning-up the reservoir grounds this week. One of his projects was to patch a hole in a block wall which was an old exhaust fan portal.

Justin and Brian continued to construct an eco-block wall and place rock, brought in from the Goodrich property, around the 4.5 million gallon water reservoir.

Pictured right, Justin carefully places a track hoe bucket full of the Goodrich rock.





## Public Works: Wastewater Department

The crew of Jacob and Nate have been working this week to compile information which will be included in this year's CIPP lining list. Sanitary sewer pipe sizes, lateral quantities and main line lengths were measured in preparation for inclusion into the bid documents. They had been working on lines in the Hillcrest area until Public Works received a call about a plugged line for a business on Campbell Street.



Jacob and Nate responded to the manhole located immediately adjacent to the business and cleaned the line. A blockage in the main line was encountered. After working the Jetter hose back and forth several times the blockage was dislodged and proper flow restored.

However the Jetter nozzle would not travel very far up the line. The next day they put the video-inspection camera in the line and saw that a large root had grown and was blocking it.

Fortunately this is a very short line with no connections upstream from the root intrusion. The roots will be scheduled to be cut next week.

## Public Works: Street Lights



Only two malfunctioning street lights were reported to Public Works this week.

← Dennis is repairing the light at 7th and Madison.

In the spring a small bird was able to enter into the street light globe and built a nest.

The nest was then abandoned at some point earlier this summer. Dennis cleaned out the old nest and replaced the bulb and photo cell. →





## Public Works: Street Department



This week the Farmers Market moved to Court Plaza and a portion of Resort Street. Signs and barricades were set out for traffic control. Live music was even part of the event.

Tuesday the crew of Craig, Jacob, Brian and Nate crack filled Campbell Street between Main and College Streets.



← Pictured left, the crew is crack filling Campbell near Main Street.

Crack filling Campbell near College Street. →

Once the crew moved into the Campbell and College/4th Street intersection, flaggers had to be utilized to keep the work zone safe and to provide proper direction to drivers so they wouldn't drive through the hot tar.

In this photo Jacob is spraying a solution of soapy water onto the hot tar so that vehicles can drive across the tar and it won't stick to their tires. →



Public works was contacted this week by a representative of a group wanting to create a Neighborhood Watch Program in the 4th and Auburn area. Perspective sign locations were identified and ideas exchanged.



## Public Works: Street Department Continued



The owners of the house at the corner of 4th and Valley have been working to replace their sidewalk and driveway approach.

As part of the City contribution to the street curb portion of the project, approximately 26 feet of a new ADA compliant curb will be installed this week.

Dirt material from under the curb was removed and replaced with compacted base rock and then form boards set in preparation for the concrete which will be poured today.

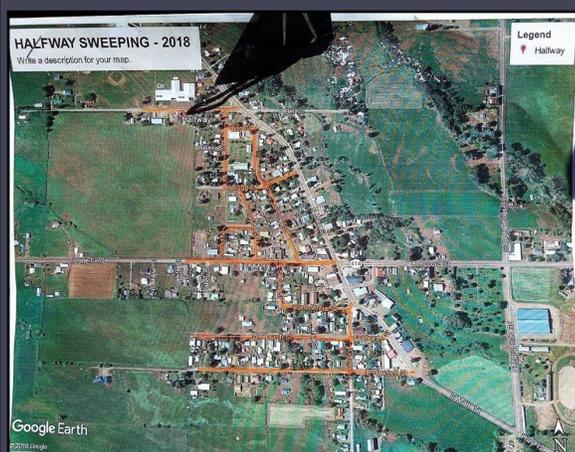
Justin, Blain and Kris built the forms Thursday morning.



Cycle Oregon returned to Baker City last Saturday. Their ride ended at the Baker Sports Complex property. In preparation for their arrival the steel bollard was removed from the center of the pathway.

The purpose of bollards along the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway is to prevent wide vehicles (such as cars) from driving down the path. These bollards were purchased from a supplier in Port Orchard, Washington around 15 years ago.

Even though they were originally powder coated for protection from the elements they are starting to rust and deteriorate some.



The Baker County Road Department and the City of Halfway requested that Baker City Public Works use their Elgin Sweeper to pick up any loose rock from the chipseal work which the County Road Department did last month.

Baker County hauled the sweeper to and from Halfway and Matt from Public Works operated the sweeper in Halfway for two days to complete the task.



### Public Works: Trees

Public Works received a call Thursday from an employee of the 5J School District. His concern was the low hanging tree limbs along their designated school bus routes. The limbs have been hitting mirrors and overhead antennae and causing damage. Low hanging limbs have also been causing the bus drivers to drive more toward the center of the streets to avoid them.

Property owners are responsible to keep their trees trimmed so as to be no lower than 12 feet from the street surface.

Another location where trees are encumbering a street is on Estes Street between 10th and 11th. The Tree Board has been contacted for direction in this case.



### Public Works: Sam-O Swim

Maintenance work at Sam-o Swim has been ongoing this week. Some of the items accomplished include: draining the pools, the "skimmer" for the training pool was repaired, cleaned the old caulking from the pool deck and seams, washed the entire pool and tiles with a muriatic acid solution, steam cleaned the old striping and lettering, prepared the pool for the tile layer, repaired the drip drain which is located in the deck portion of the pool and the 3-way valve on the geothermal system was replaced.



Here are some photos of the work that has been done as Blain and Kris worked to replace the old sand in the sand filter vessel with new clean sand.

They used suction from the Vactor truck to evacuate sand from the chambers.



In order to utilize suction capabilities of the Vactor truck several hose adapters had to be used to reduce the hose diameter to a useable size. Blain and Kris working to remove the old sand medium from one of the two vessels. →





## **Watershed Announcement:**



**Due to current fire restrictions, the Baker City Watershed is closed to all hunters at this time and hunting access permits are not being issued.**

The Watershed will remain closed until the fire danger is classified as **“Low”** or **“Moderate”**. Please call (541) 524-2047 if you have questions.



# Safety Committee

BAKER CITY SAFETY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

September 2018

Monthly Employee Safety Focus

## Protect Your PEEPERS



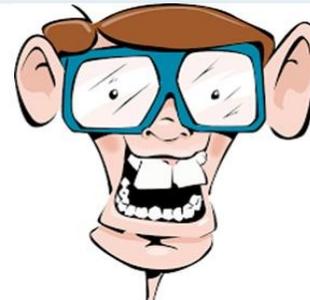
### Workplace Eye Safety



According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 20,000 workplace eye injuries happen each year. These injuries result in approximately \$300,000,000 in medical treatment, workers compensation and loss of productivity. 90% of workplace injuries are preventative with use of protective eyewear. A new study revealed that 70% of U.S. adults suffer from digital eyestrain due to prolonged use of electronic devices. Intense UV rays from the sun damage sensitive cells in the eyes, eventually affecting vision. WE all use our eyes everyday. Protecting your peepers should be **PRIORITY 1!**

### Use Protective Eyewear

**OR-Osha** requires that all employees utilize PPE to protect from hazards in the workplace. You need to wear protective eyewear (safety glasses, goggles, or face shields) if you are working in areas expose you to flying particles or dust, molten metal, liquid chemicals, or UV or IR light.



YOUR Committee
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Matt McBride
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Fred Warner City Manager



### Reduce Digital Eyestrain

Visit an eye doctor for a dilated-eye exam make sure you are seeing clearly and to determine any potential vision problems. Place your screen 20—26 inches from your eyes and slightly below eye level. Adjust text size to a comfortable level. Change lighting to reduce glare and harsh reflections. Use an adjustable chair, Choose screens that tilt and swivel. Every 20 minutes take a 20 second break and look at something 20 feet away...**20-20-20!**

### Wear Sunglasses Outdoors

Make sure your shades have 100% UV protection for both UVA and UVB rays—this is the most important thing you can do to save your eyes. Choosing polarized lenses will make it easier to see in very bright conditions and keep eyestrain at bay... Your eyes will thank you later and you will look super **COOL!**

