

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update July 17, 2020*

## **Administration:**

The City Council met this week and heard the first reading of an ordinance that would allow citizens to apply for election to the City Council by declaration and paying a \$25 fee. The Council is contemplating this because of the social distancing rules surrounding the COVID-19 issues. Citizens can also gather signatures if they want. The Council has six positions open for the November election. The deadline to file is August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by 4:00 pm.

The Miner's Jubilee has been postponed but our local businesses are still open. Come on down and support our local businesses, wear your mask indoors and keep up the social distancing.

It looks like it is going to be a hot weekend, so keep hydrated and enjoy the summer weather.

## **Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	4	5	0	19
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	2	0	7	14
Mechanical	2	2	3	5
Plumbing	5	7	1	5
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>43</b>

### **RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- Qty 3, TBD Clark Street, Baker City—New Duplex's
- 3180 Grandview, Baker City—Addition of egress window to basement

### **COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

None at this time

### **HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is **July 22, 2020 at 8am** in the Building Department offices



## **Planning Department:**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

The Baker City Planning Commission held a public hearing on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission approved revisions of the following items for the City Council to review:

- ◆ The Baker City Comprehensive Plan - Goal 9 Economic Element, based on an Economic Opportunity Analysis Report completed for Baker City; and
- ◆ Revisions to the Baker City Development Code; and
- ◆ Revisions to the Baker City zoning map for select properties in the City

City Council will review these recommendations during the regularly scheduled session on August 25, 2020.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- A property line adjustment was approved in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone between Parcel 1, addressed as 2805 Colorado Avenue and Parcel 2, which does not have an address.

**For COVID-19 Updates: [www.bakercountycovid19.com](http://www.bakercountycovid19.com)**

## **Code Enforcement Weekly Activity**

### **Property Maintenance**

- Responded to five new complaints
- Followed up on ten previous complaints
- Four abatement follow ups
- Made six preventative contacts
- Issued two citations

### **Parking violations**

- Issued four orange tags
- Responded to five new complaints
- Followed up on four previous complaints
- Issued three written warnings

### **Miscellaneous**

- Twenty-seven miscellaneous community contacts
- Four community service stops
- Responded to three noise complaints
- One officer assist
- FOUR FOUND ITEMS

### **Animal violations and complaints**

- Responded to nine animals running at large
- Followed up on three previous complaints
- Impounded two dogs
- Three animal welfare checks
- Followed up on two barking complaints
- Issued one animal related citation



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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- ★ During this past week, BCPD opened 28 new cases, resulting in several arrests.
- ★ On Friday, Baker City Police Department was visited by a very special guest, Savannah Solis from Tyler, Texas! Savannah travels across the country with her family visiting police departments in different states, thanking Law Enforcement Officers for their service. Thank you, Savannah, for stopping by and sharing your message with the staff and officers of the Baker City Police Department. We were very touched by your dedication and message. We wish you well in all your future endeavors and safe travels! More information about Savannah's travels, her message, including Savannah's Challenge, can be found at her message, including Savannah's Challenge, can be found at her Facebook page, *Help Savannah Say Thank You*: <https://www.facebook.com/SavannahSaysThanks/>.
- ★ BCPD staff participated, with other community partners, in the first-ever Baker 5J Summer Academy's Drive-thru Family Night Out in the bus lane at Brooklyn Elementary. All participants wore masks, gloves, and maintained physical distancing, using 'grabbers' purchased from the Dollar Tree to safely hand items to families as they drove through the bus lane, making several stops along the way for "swag bags." Sixty-eight adults and 112 children came thru the drive-thru. A big thank you to OSU Extension, ODOT, Baker County Sheriff's Office, New Directions NW, Summer Academy staff who also participated.
- ★ Face coverings, shields and/or masks are required in the front entrance of the Baker City Police Department, which is open to the public. This policy is in response to Governor Kate Brown's order requiring face coverings be worn in public indoor spaces by anyone 12 years of age and older.



Savannah Solis meeting with staff from Baker City Police Department



Baker 5J Summer Academy's Drive-thru Family Night Out

### **Did you know....**

Weed Complaints or yard maintenance concerns should be reported to the Fire Department at 541-523-3711 x 508 or emailed to [sclinkenbeard@bakercity.com](mailto:sclinkenbeard@bakercity.com)



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 7th through July 13th the Fire Department responded to a total of **35** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	25
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	15

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	7
Triples (3 calls at once)	1
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	4

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

### INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 42 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- 44 hrs of Fire Training
- 3 hrs of EMS Training
- 3 Burn Permits Issued



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fire Department is **POSTPONING** the free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.

We will resume once social distancing is not required.

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Request for Cover	11
Arrived for Cover	5

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>4</b>

## Have you ever considered being on City Council?

The Baker City Council will have six positions on the November ballot.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the City Recorder, Katie LaFavor at [klafavor@bakercity.com](mailto:klafavor@bakercity.com), or at 541-524-2033.

Applications are being accepted now through August 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

You can find the application and other related information on our website:

<http://bakercity.com/2248/City-Council-Elections>



## Public Works: Street Department



A concrete alley approach on "A" Street between 10th and 11th Streets was replaced this week. Next week the one on "C" Street is scheduled to be replaced.

## Public Works: Community Service



A fallen tree was found to be blocking a portion of the Powder River and creating a hazard for summertime floaters. Here, Blain goes "all-in" to attach a cable to the trunk of the tree so it could be pulled from the river.

## Public Works: Mountain Pipeline Project

Excellent progress continues to be made on the Elk Creek to Salmon Creek Pipeline project. A hydraulic rock breaker has been very successful to help widen the surface of the pipeline road.

Left: Before



Right: After widening work has been completed.



Widening the road will greatly improve safety and access for the USFS Firefighting crews and equipment.



Digging through rock quickly wears down the special "Tiger Teeth". Here, Justin is holding a new tooth next to an old worn one. It's important to change teeth before wearing completely through and damaging the underlying shank.





## Public Works: Water Department



Two new 1" water services were installed this week for the new duplex on 10th Street, which is currently under construction. Here, Nate is using caution tape to prevent vehicles and pedestrians from entering the area.



A new water service was also installed on Reservoir Road where a new house is planned to be constructed. There were several buried utilities which complicated the installation work.



On "H" Street recently, either an artisan spring surfaced or an underground water pipe began to leak.

Upon using the Vactor truck to hydro-excavate the area, it was determined that the service line lying between the street curb and the water meter consisted of old galvanized piping whose lifespan had expired.



It was a very difficult repair because the water spraying from the pipe was over 80 psi pressure. Water main line valves were partially closed to reduce pressure, but it didn't help much.

Finally, the "corp stop" valve in the street had to be excavated and turned off to complete the repair.



Craig used a water meter key to turn off the corp stop valve.

Blain ran the Vactor truck to use the suction boom.





# Public Works: Wastewater Department continued



Two new service lines were installed on 10th Street Tuesday for a new duplex which is under construction.



A new wastewater lateral was installed Thursday on Reservoir Road. The chip sealed road surface was saw cut, the 9' deep wastewater main line was exposed, and an insert-a-tee was then used for the new construction.



Additional work was performed on the 6" terra cotta pipe that was discovered last week. The pipe runs through backyards all the way to 3rd Street.

Karl cut out the top of the pipe in the new manhole to allow access.



The line was cleaned and several roots were removed.



Next, the crew attempted to video-inspect the line. The line was found to be in less than perfect condition with several severe cracks. The pipe was also not perfectly round, causing the camera to become temporarily stuck in the line.

Rather than risk the remote control camera getting stuck in someone's backyard, it was decided to remove it and inspect the line with the push-cam at a later date.

