

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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**Weekly Update December 22, 2017**

## **Administration:**

The Holiday season is upon us. It is a time of reflection, giving and spending time with our families. I want to thank all the folks that have helped me throughout this year. I am truly blessed to live, work and play in a community that is fiercely independent yet comes together around common themes to help their neighbors in need. I and other members of the Baker City Rotary Club will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Bi-Mart on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-4. Come on down and spread the Christmas spirit and help provide resources for those in our community who are in need of our help. And thank you to all who have given to worthy causes over the last year to help our less fortunate Baker City citizens.

May this holiday season bring you and your family great joy and happiness. From all of us at Baker City, have a Merry Christmas.

## **City Council Agenda**

**January 9th**

- Board/Committee Appointments



## **Finance Department:**

The financial reports for November will be available online at [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) no later than December 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Utilities**

- ◆ Seven customers signed up for new water/sewer service and nine customers disconnected service from December 15<sup>th</sup> thru December 21<sup>st</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today which includes 547 residential and 25 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 139 or 24% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed December 19<sup>th</sup> and includes 497 residential and 47 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 112 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Six residential customers (Zone 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

### **Accounts Payable**

The second of two accounts payable runs for December was generated today.





**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	5	2	15
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	5	3	6	8
Mechanical	6	6	10	2
Plumbing	3	1	0	0
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 1560 Church St., Baker City— Detached accessory building addition.
- 36410 Valley View Ln., Baker City—Solar power structural addition.
- 358 Austin St., Sumpter—Detached accessory building addition.

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 2425 10th St., Baker City— Addition of mudroom/porch and side awning.

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 27, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.





## **Planning Department:**

### **Public Meetings**

- ◆ The Baker City Planning Commission held a public work session on December 20<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers to discuss the re-zoning of specific properties throughout the city which have existing structures and uses that are not consistent with the current zoning allowances. The purpose of this work session is to create a scope for areas that could be considered for a future re-zone.
- ◆ The Commission also discussed the development of standards and language for the possible creation of a Residential-Professional District. This district is intended to act as a buffer between the uses of the Central-Commercial district and surrounding residential zones, providing a desirable mix of residential and light commercial land uses in the center of the city.

Once a scope of potential areas is developed, the next step will be outreach to determine interest and concerns. The next Planning Commission work session on these matters will be held on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The public is encouraged to attend.

- ◆ The next Planning Commission hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to consider a request by applicant, MMCO GO, Baker City, LLC, on behalf of property owners DKW, Inc. and Hat Brand Land & Livestock, LLC, for the following applications:

Site Design Review application to construct a ±18,919 square foot grocery store.

Class B Variance for additional parking for the grocery store.

Class C Variance for an increase in height and area for a proposed free-standing sign.

### **Land Use Decisions & Projects**

- ◆ A single family dwelling was approved for 2305 14<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Residential – Medium (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A property line adjustment was approved at 1205 11<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ An amended Land Use Review application for a ±459 square foot storage shed was approved at 1205 11<sup>th</sup> Street, located in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review application for a restaurant was approved at 3240 10<sup>th</sup> Street, located in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A three (3) parcel partition was approved in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. The property is located south of Hughes Lane, between Cedar and Kirkway Streets.





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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of December 3rd through December 9th the Fire Department responded to a total of **22** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	17
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	14
No Patient Trip	6

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 20

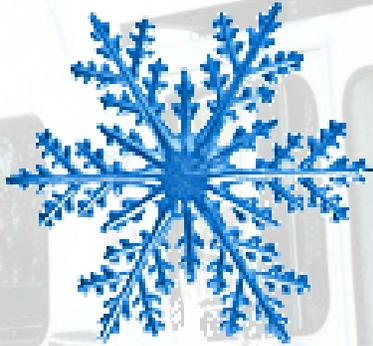
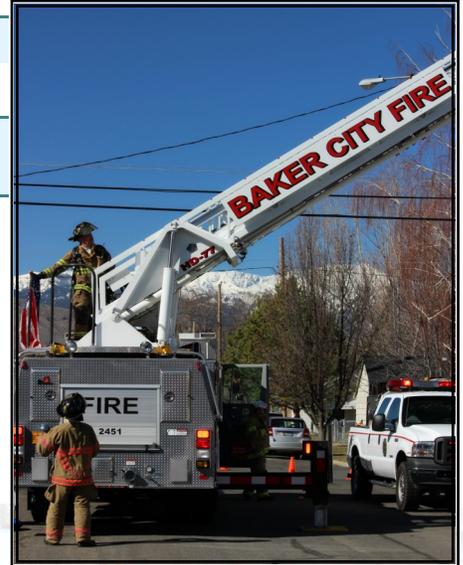
Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

## TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2

- Resort Street—Overheated furnace motor.
- Oregon Street—Natural gas leak.

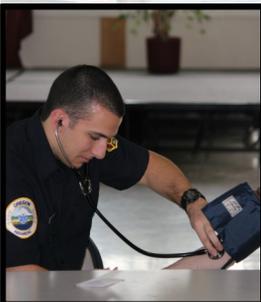


## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	10
Persons Arrived for Cover	6
Incidents Not Covered	4

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

- **36** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **29** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—FFI Training, 12-Lead ECG's, Blue Card Command, Intravenous Access.
- **6** hrs Community Events—BP Checks, Extinguisher Class-South Baker School.



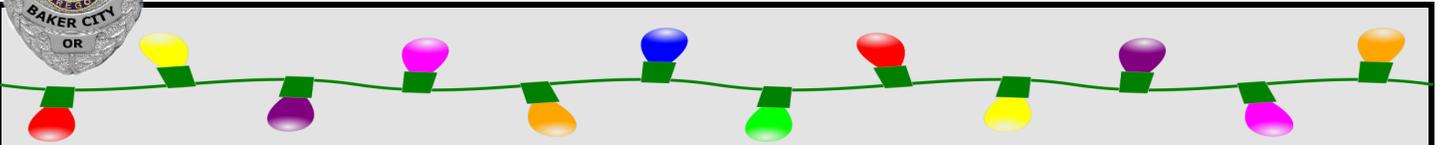
The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on December 26th.



*"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 170 incidents and opened 32 new cases this past week. Among those cases were:
  - BCPD Officers arrested two local individuals and seized over 40 grams of methamphetamine with the assistance of drug dog Capa.
  - BCPD Officers arrested two other local individuals for Burglary II and Theft I, stemming from a break in and theft at Spence Industrial.
  - BCPD Officers arrested an out of town man for Robbery II and Theft, after he threatened the possession of a weapon in the commission of a theft at Pizza Hut. The robbery charge is a Measure 11 crime.
  - BCPD Officers investigated two juveniles that ran away from a local treatment center and a third juvenile who ran away from home.
- ★ Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman participated in an Elder Abuse and Community Threat Awareness meeting at DHS with other community partners.
- ★ 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 3 pending cases
- Issued 2 citations on a pending case

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

- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles
- Issued 1 parking citation
- Followed up on 6 parking complaints

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

- Followed up on 1 animal complaint
- 1 problem pet owner hearing
- 2 dogs at large returned to owner

#### **Miscellaneous**

- 1 found item
- 1 found item returned to owner
- Assisted Officers with 1 Robbery case
- Assisted Officers with 1 Burglary case
- Issued 1 citation for a sewer violation



## Public Works: Street Department

It is rare when Baker City Streets are dry enough during the month of December for their cracks to be filled with hot tar.

Because of these conditions the Baker City Public Works Department contacted O.D.O.T. and requested the use of their crack fill machine. O.D.O.T. promptly agreed for Public Works to use the machine.

This crackfill machine has some excellent features which improve efficiency. It has a heated hose, an "onboard" compressor, a conveyor for putting tar into the heated tank and an applicator plate on the tip of the heated hose.

Because of the deteriorating weather conditions this week the crackfill machine was returned to the O.D.O.T. facility Thursday.



Justin, Jacob and Brian crackfilling on 15<sup>th</sup> Street south of Carter Street.



Here the crew is filling cracks on 15<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and Campbell Streets.



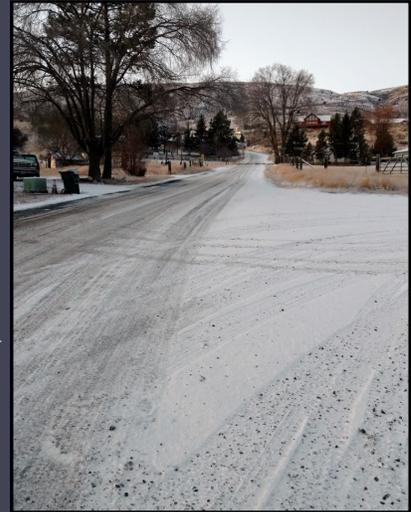
Justin is setting more tar blocks on the conveyor while Jacob fills cracks. Brian (not visible in photo) is ahead of the truck using a hose connected to a compressor to blow debris from the cracks.



## Public Works: Street Department Continued

A light snowfall overnight Tuesday made for slick roads Wednesday morning. Matt and Craig began work at 4 a.m. using the sanding truck and the salter truck to combat the slick conditions. It works best if salt and sand are applied early in the morning while traffic is light.

Pictured below, Craig and Scott head out to spread sanding rock on downtown city streets. Sometimes you might see two city workers in either the sander truck or the salter truck. Usually this is the case when one of the less experienced workers is being shown how to operate the equipment and where to apply the sand or sand/salt mixture.



## Public Works: Wastewater Department

A property owner called Baker City Hall Tuesday evening to report a wastewater problem at a residence on Cedar Street.

Karl and Tom responded to the location. Within minutes the blockage in the main line was discovered and dislodged. The plumbing in the house worked properly once the obstruction was removed by using the jetter truck with its' high pressure nozzle.





## Public Works: Water Department

Commercial water meters were read for Zones 7 & 8 this week.



Salvaged water parts and concrete forms were sandblasted and prepared for use.

Blain is sandblasting the inside portion of the form used for pouring concrete water vaults. Notice how the sides are tapered. It was built this way so that after the concrete has partially cured this interior form can be gently pulled from the concrete while keeping the walls intact.



## Public Works: Christmas Auction



The govdeals.com sale will continue until the late afternoon/evening of December 29<sup>th</sup>.

So far the most bids (16) have been received on the 1994 2 wheel drive Ford Ranger pick-up.

The highest bid received is for the 1982 Case W20S loader at \$9,576.00.



Most items have received at least one bid.



## Public Works: Shop



A faulty battery ruined the battery mounts in this cruiser. Wes and Scott replaced the mounts, installed a new battery and it is back in service.



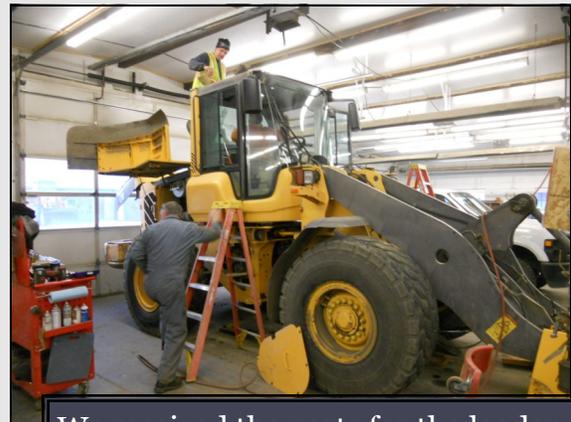
This car had an issue starting. The battery was replaced and it is back in service.



Matt painted the "Keep Clear" areas by the fire extinguishers and the eye wash station and entrance.



Scott inspected and serviced this backhoe.



We received the parts for the loader. Blain, Scott F, Scott T will be installing side mirrors, a company radio, and hydraulic hose. While in the shop, the tranny, engine, and front and rear end will be serviced. Repairs should be completed by the middle of next week.

