

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 12, 2018

Administration:

The City Council met this week and approved the sale of approximately 1.39 acres of land at the Elkhorn View Industrial Park for the relocation of an existing Baker City business that is looking to expand their operations. We look forward to them breaking ground in early spring.

It was great to see the crowd that showed up for the Grocery Outlet Grand Opening. There were lines around the building prior to the ribbon cutting and traffic was extremely heavy for a couple of hours. It is fun to see the enthusiasm from the public and the renewed vibrancy in Baker City.

Record crowds braved the cold weather this past weekend for the annual “Taste of Baker” downtown event. Once again people stood in line to sample the different food choices offered by our Baker City restaurants. Congratulations to the Baker City Downtown organization for putting on this outstanding event.

The sun is back for a few days. Get out and enjoy this late fall weather and have a great weekend.

City Council Agenda October 23rd

- TBD



Grocery Outlet Grand Opening. Pictured left to right: Mayor Mike Downing, City Manager Fred Warner, Jr., Grocery Outlet Owner/Operator Cody Miller, 5J Superintendent Mark Witty, Chamber of Commerce Director Shelly Cutler, Baker County Commissioner Bill Harvey, and Economic Development Director Greg Smith.



Finance:

Utilities

The City recently implemented an enhanced security system to restrict the City’s email addresses from being used by an illegitimate source to send SPAM. Unfortunately, the new security enhancement caused many ebills to either bounce back or to go to customers’ junk mail. As a temporary fix ebills will be sent from bakercityfinance@chavesconsulting.com rather than finance@bakercity.com. This is a temporary fix and we will continue to work with Chaves Consulting to come up with a better solution in the near future.

- ◆ Seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twelve customers disconnected service from October 5th thru October 11th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed October 9th and included 94 residential and 251 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 65 (19%) are signed up for direct payment and 10 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today and includes 488 residential and 59 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 120 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 23 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Fourteen residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) three were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Receivable

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent October 9th. The billings were as follows:



Accounts Payable

The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated October 10th.

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 3.2%. These LIDs can be paid off at anytime 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 including interest is \$19,784.

Three 2002 Indiana Avenue LIDS were billed October 11th. The original assessment in 2002 for Indiana Avenue improvements included 111 property owners for a total of \$378,860. The remaining balance outstanding including interest is \$3,162.

Cemetery	\$2,994
Wastewater Maintenance	\$1,723
Water Construction & Meters	\$2,300
Street Cuts & Misc.	\$5,192
Lien Searches	\$492
Ambulance	\$403,972
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$3,501
Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,879
Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment	\$5,314
Golf Cart Lease Payment	\$2,500
5J SRO Contribution	\$16,662
Baker County Economic Development Support	\$18,333
Baker County SAFER Contribution	\$3,699
Wallowa County Building Official Reimbursement	\$3,778
Miscellaneous	\$149
Total Billed	\$472,488



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	12	5	18
Manufactured Dwelling	0	3	0	0
Electrical	5	7	5	8
Mechanical	2	6	9	10
Plumbing	0	3	1	4
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	9	31	20	40

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 42242 Salmon Cr.Rd., Baker City— Fire sprinkler install.
- 20234 Medical Springs Rd., Baker City—Addition and remodel.
- 36197 Valley View Ln., Baker City— Residential addition.
- 15413 Goodrich Cr. Ln., Baker City— Detached accessory building.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 42590 Salmon Cr. Rd., Baker City— Detached accessory building.
- 2005 10th St., Baker City—Structural modification.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 24th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting for October has been cancelled. The Planning Commission’s next meeting will be on November 21, 2018.

Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A ±1,056 -square-foot open roof cover over an existing single-family dwelling, and a floodplain development permit, were approved at 350 4th Street in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±4,250-square-foot duplex was approved in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone. The addresses of 2920 and 2930 Carter Street were assigned to the future development.
- ◆ A ±4,250-square-foot duplex was approved in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone. The addresses of 2925 and 2935 Estes Street were assigned to the future development.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 2nd** through **October 8th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **34** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 29

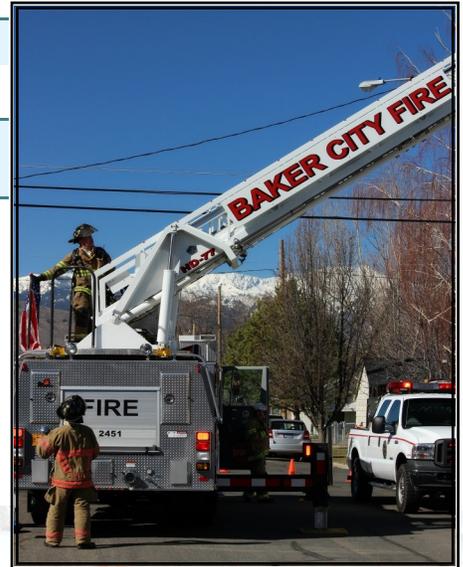
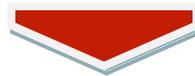


Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	1
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	1
Persons Arrived for Cover	1
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **81** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- **24** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: Pre-Fire Planning Marvin Windows
- **22** hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- **16** hrs of Community Events: Car seat safety workshop; Station tour-25 kids.



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 16th.



"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 170 incidents and opened 38 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ BCPD Officer Shannon Regan and Officer Blake Hawkins and Oregon State Police Trooper Tim Schuette were recognized at the City of Baker City's Council meeting Tuesday night for exceptional service. Their actions saved the life of a Baker City man in mid-September. (Pictured below, left to right: OSP Trooper Tim Schuette, Chief Dustin Newman, Officer Blake Hawkins and Officer Shannon Regan with their Certificates of Appreciation.)



- ✪ BCPD Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel participated in a Car Seat Check-Up Event held on Saturday at the Baker City Fire Department. This event was sponsored by the Baker City Police Department, Baker City Fire Department, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. More information regarding car seat safety tips at the following Safe Kids link: https://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/car-seat.
- ✪ An upcoming Drug Take Back Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th at the Baker City Police Department, 1768 Auburn Avenue, from 10:00am -2:00pm. Mark your calendars!
- ✪ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.



Public Works: Street Department



Work continued this week on resolving the storm water problem on Indiana Ave.

Surface work on this very rough section of road will be the last part of the project done this fall.

The new street light on Campbell Street, which was installed last week, is considerably more shiny than others along Campbell that have been in place for 30+ years.

The new galvanized surface will become less bright and match the others after a couple years.



Much needed rain fell again this week softening the surface of the gravel streets so that they could be successfully graded.

← David Eccles after grading but before being rolled.

Blain grading Mitchell Street between Hwy 7 and Foothill Drive. →



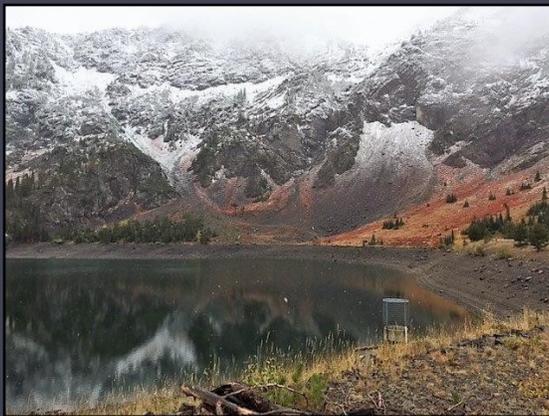


Public Works: Water Department

There was a hit and run incident early this week on Windmill Lane. An eye witness reported that a vehicle struck the fire hydrant causing substantial damage.

A description of the vehicle was reported to the Police Department and the investigation is continuing.

When a fire hydrant is out of service for any reason it is covered and reported to the Fire Department so they know not to use it in case of a fire in the vicinity.



Snow and low clouds covered the peaks surrounding Goodrich Reservoir Tuesday morning.

Water flow adjustments at the lake were made that morning.

With the cooler weather starting some winterizing work is occurring.

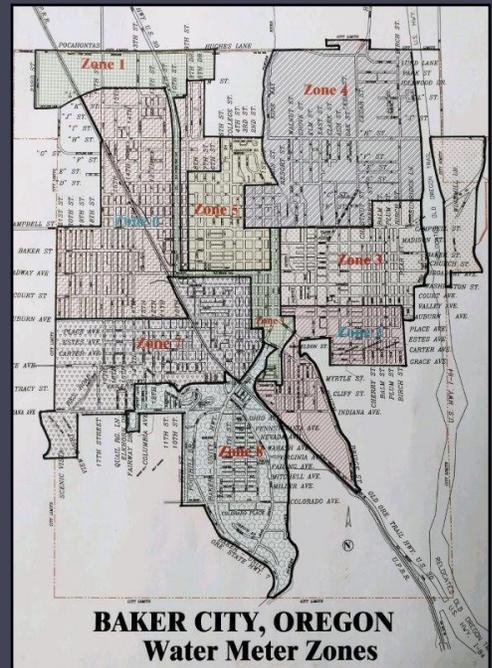
Pictured below, Scott worked to seal a vent opening in the well house at the reservoir.



Meter reading will be coming to an end in November.

Baker City is divided into eight meter reading zones.

The meter map shows the locations of each of the 8 zones.



BAKER CITY, OREGON
Water Meter Zones



Public Works: Storm Water Department

Excellent progress is being made on the Indiana Avenue Stormwater Project. Eighteen joints of pipe (6 of 15" and 12 of 18") were installed this week. Along with the installation of a new storm-water manhole.



← The crew has installed the first joint out of the existing manhole located on the south side of Indiana Avenue between View Court and Scenic Vista.

In this photo you can see the 18" pipe being connected into the newly placed manhole near Scenic Vista. →

This manhole had been salvaged from a reservoir project years earlier and fit perfectly in place for its new purpose on this project.



Blain is using the mini volvo excavator to dig a hole for a new catch basin.

The storm water will travel through a system of pipes until it enters this vault on the west side of View Court.



← Here is an inside view of the existing manhole vault on View Court.

View from the top of the existing manhole on View Court. →

From here the storm water will travel through two 24" culvert pipes and an open ditch before flowing into the Kolb Pond.





Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott serviced and performed a safety check on this vehicle.

Scott and Matt serviced the upper motor and chassis motor and adjusted the vacuum head. The sweeper is now back in service.



Wes and Nate adjusted the clutch and checked fluids on this dump truck.

A u-joint was coming apart on this dump truck. Wes and Scott were able to tighten it up and get it back to work.

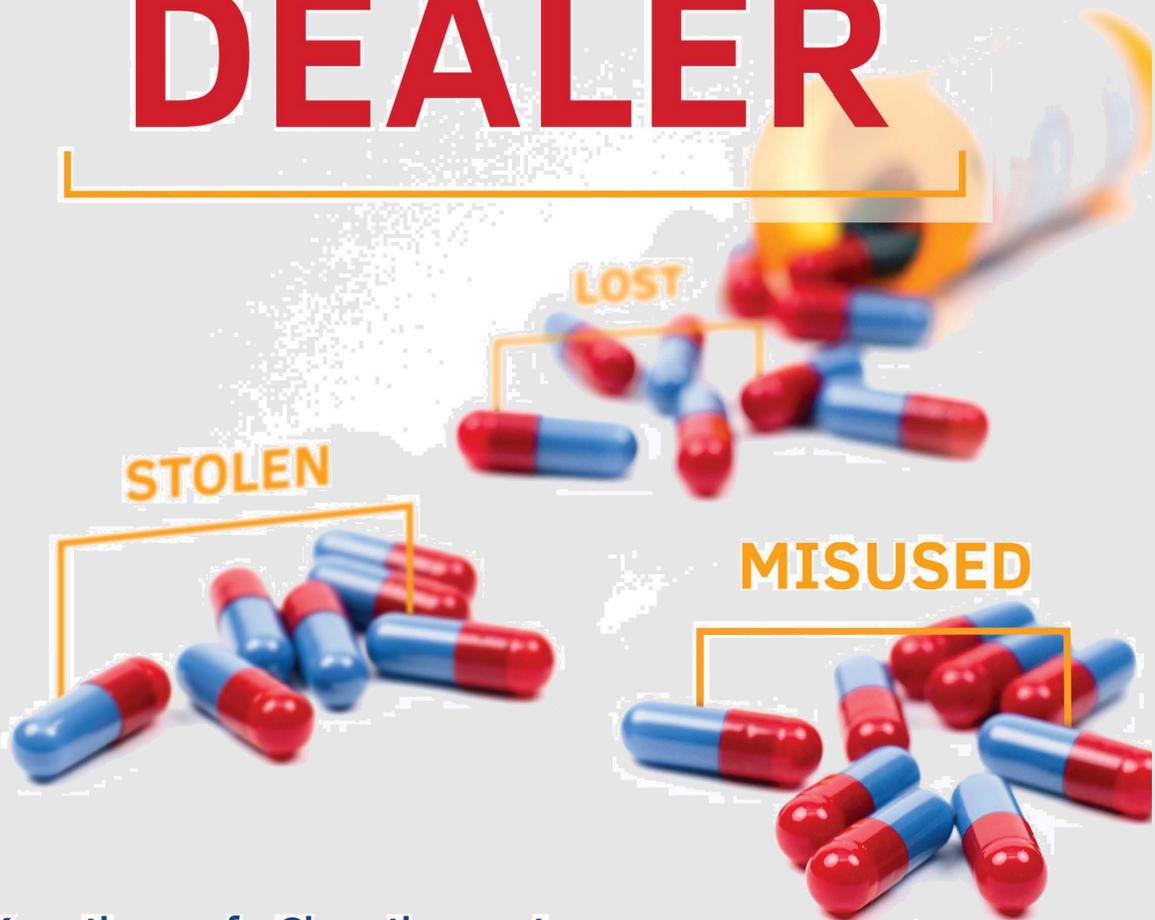


Wes, Scott and Nate replaced the steel upper suction hose on the boom and it is back in service now.



Announcements:

DON'T BE THE DEALER



Keep them safe. Clean them out.
Take them back.

Saturday, October 27
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Baker City Police Department

1765 Auburn Avenue, Baker City Oregon 97814