

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update November 9, 2018

### Administration:

The election season is finally behind us. The Baker City Council will have three new members and one returning Councilor that will be sworn in at the first meeting in January. Congratulations to the new members and thank you to the other candidates who stepped up to run for the Council.

The City hosted a public meeting this week to introduce High Desert Harley Davidson, the new organizer for the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally. A crowd of nearly 50 people attended and heard about the vision and plans for the Rally which is held in July. The folks in attendance asked some very good questions and gave pertinent suggestions for changes relating to the Rally and this feedback will be important as plans are finalized for next year's Rally.

It looks to be a sunny and cool weekend. Get out and enjoy the late fall weather. Have a great weekend.

### City Council Agenda

#### November 13th

- CIPP Bid Award
- 3MG Concrete Water Tank Recoating RFP

### Finance:

#### **Utilities**

- Two customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and five customers disconnected service from November 5<sup>th</sup> thru November 9<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 5 was billed November 6<sup>th</sup> and included 463 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 131 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 27 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 2 was billed today and includes 463 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 94 (20%) are signed up for direct payment and 24 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Sixteen residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) 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 first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Accounts Receivable:** Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent November 8<sup>th</sup>. The billings were as follows:



|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Ambulance                     | \$394,151        |
| Airport                       | \$4,765          |
| Lien Searches                 | \$1,320          |
| Property & Weed Abatement     | \$1,865          |
| Land Lease                    | \$2,700          |
| Economic Development          | \$25,776         |
| Water Meter &                 | \$1,232          |
| Golf Equipment Lease Sept/Oct | \$5,395          |
| Cemetery                      | \$1,974          |
| Street Construction & Misc.   | \$4,558          |
| Damaged Street Light & Pole   | \$5,271          |
| Wastewater Hookups & Misc.    | \$256            |
| Miscellaneous                 | \$5,271          |
| <b>Total Billed</b>           | <b>\$454,306</b> |



**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY.**



**Building Department:**

|                       | Permits Issued City | Inspections City | Permits Issued County | Inspections County |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Building              | 4                   | 16               | 2                     | 8                  |
| Manufactured Dwelling | 0                   | 0                | 0                     | 0                  |
| Electrical            | 4                   | 7                | 10                    | 4                  |
| Mechanical            | 1                   | 7                | 7                     | 9                  |
| Plumbing              | 2                   | 5                | 3                     | 1                  |
| Fence                 | 0                   | NA               | N/A                   | N/A                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>11</b>           | <b>35</b>        | <b>22</b>             | <b>22</b>          |

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 2305 Virginia Ave., Baker City— Demolition of existing structure.
- 2336 Auburn Ave., Baker City— Foundation only for new residence.
- 42937 Ponderosa Dr., Baker City— Detached accessory structure.

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 2500 E St., Baker City—Greenhouse.
- 3990 Midway Dr., Baker City— Interior alteration.

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 14th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

**Planning Department:**

**Public Meetings**

- ◆ The Planning Commission held a public work session on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 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 mobile food units and site design review criteria.
- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting will be a work session on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The agenda will include continued discussion on site design review criteria.

**Land Use Decisions & Projects**

- ◆ A lot line adjustment was approved between 2220 and 2222 19<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±770 square foot accessory structure was approved at 1820 Pear Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±660 square foot covered-patio was approved at 1345 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A Class-A Variance to the front setback requirement in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone was approved for 1345 4<sup>th</sup> Street.



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 30th** through **November 5th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| City Calls          | 23 |
| Rural Calls         | 4  |
| Patient Transported | 18 |
| No Patient Trip     | 9  |

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| <b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b> | <b>27</b> |
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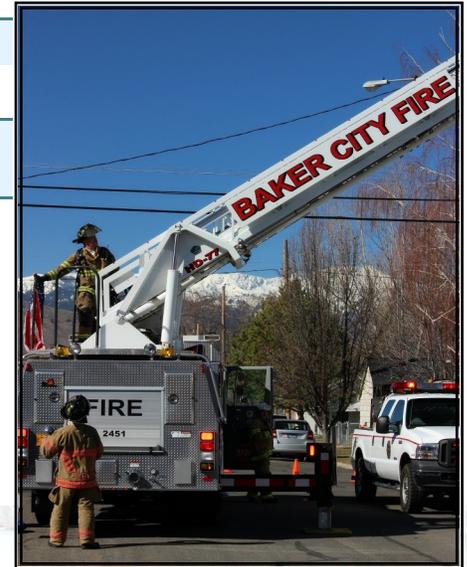
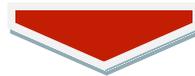


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|--------------------------------|---|
| Airport Transfers              | 1 |
| Out of Town Transfers Accepted | 0 |
| Out of Town Transfers Assigned | 3 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents        | 0 |
| Doubles (2 calls at once)      | 1 |
| Triples (3 calls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

## FIRE REPORTS

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| General Alarms    | 0 |
| Dispatched Alarms | 3 |

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| <b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b> | <b>3</b> |
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## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

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

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

- **68** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- **40** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: ODOT TIMS Training, Hose Evolutions.
- **7** hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- **23** hrs Community Events.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on November 13th.



*"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 158 incidents and opened 32 new cases , making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. The Baker County Major Crime Team investigated the tragic death of a Baker City toddler who died as a result of a fatal gunshot wound. The following press release was issued immediately following this incident:

*On November 4, 2018 at approximately 11:15 a.m. Baker City Police Officers assisted by Baker County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Baker City EMS responded to 1905 Birch St in Baker City to the report of a two year old male with a gunshot wound. The toddler was transported to St. Alphonsus Medical Center and was immediately transferred to Boise by Life Flight. At 1:43 p.m. the child succumbed to his injuries while at the Trauma Center in Boise, ID. The Baker County Major Crime Team will continue investigating.*

The following updates were later released by the District Attorney's Office in response to the ongoing investigation:

*The Baker County Major Crime Team is continuing the investigation into the death of two- year old Liam Mankins (dob 9/21/2016). Liam sustained a gunshot wound at approximately 11:15 a.m. on November 4, 2018 at 1905 Birch St., Baker City where he resided. The child's parents Pete Mankins (dob 10/5/1985) and Diana Goodman (dob 2-4-1986) were at the home at the time of the incident. The Oregon State Police Crime Lab is assisting the major crime team in the investigation. Liam was transported to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City and was immediately transferred to Boise by Life Flight. Liam passed away at the Trauma Center in Boise, Idaho at 1:43 p.m. on November 4, 2018. An autopsy is scheduled today in Boise, Idaho.*

*The Baker County Major Crime Team is continuing the investigation into the death of Liam Mankins (dob 9/21/2016). Liam sustained a fatal gunshot wound on November 4, 2018 at his home at 1905 Birch St. Baker City. The initial investigation indicates that Liam suffered a gunshot wound to the head. It does not appear that the wound was intentionally inflicted by another person. The preliminary investigation indicates that Liam got control of a loaded handgun and caused the handgun to discharge. The gun had not been secured in a safe place. The investigation is on-going and the case will proceed to a grand jury review once all aspects of the investigation have been completed.*

- ✪ Tickets went on sale for the upcoming third annual BCPD K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser and can be purchased at the Baker City Police Department, Barley Brown's Tap House and Thatcher's Ace Hardware. This family-friendly event features a prime rib dinner catered by the Oregon Trail Restaurant, a live demonstration given by K9 Capa and Sergeant Wayne Chastain and a live and a silent auction of special and unique items donated by local merchants and individuals. All funds raised goes towards the care of K9 Capa including food, veterinary care and costs associated for ongoing training required for both K9 Capa and his handler to maintain their certification.



## Public Works: Street Department



There appeared to be a "hit and run" with relatively little damage done as a city street sign and an O.D.O.T. support pole were struck at the intersection of Grove and Campbell Streets.



Two new loading zone locations were approved recently by the City Council.

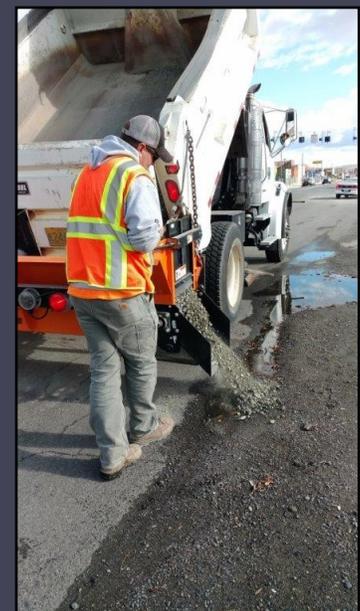
The curbs were painted yellow this week. Normally curbs are painted using a sprayer but for such a short amount it was more efficient to simply roll the paint on. Pictured left, Riley is performing the task.

Work was performed this week to build up the shoulders on some of the secondary streets in town. The Sterling dump truck with the cross-conveyor was used to distribute the 3/4"-0" crushed rock.

Nate is operating the Cross-conveyor while Blain drove the truck on Broadway Avenue.



Pictured left, Blain is operating the Cat Grader to smooth out some of the crushed rock on Auburn Avenue.





# Public Works: Storm Water

A lot of storm water ditch and pipe cleaning was done this week to prepare for future rain and snow melt events.



This is the drainage ditch which runs from the intersection of 13th and "D" to an irrigation ditch along the railroad tracks. This storm drainage system drains a very large area - from Church to "E" and 4th to 13th Streets. If these ditches aren't kept open the areas up gradient can't drain properly and local flooding can occur.

Justin is operating the Volvo 160 trackhoe. Tommy moves the truck ahead as Justin loads it with debris.



Justin is an excellent equipment operator but even he can't successfully fit the large trackhoe bucket inside the storm pipe to remove built up sediment. This calls for the hydraulic jetter truck and some high pressure water.

Karl and Jacob performed the duties of blasting the build-up from inside the pipe.



Here the debris has been blasted from the inside of the pipe and was then removed from the ditch bottom resulting in an unobstructed flow for storm water.



While accomplishing their cleaning work Karl and Jacob created their own rainbow...no luck finding that pot of gold though.





## Public Works: Storm Water Continued



Additional storm water ditch cleaning work was done on View Court. Ditch piping that was installed by a developer 20+/- years ago hasn't been working properly.

Tom and Justin measured the pipes and determined that they were not installed at the proper elevations to maximize water flow. Justin and Brian worked to remove sediment from the ditch on View Court.



## Public Works: Snow/Ice Control

This is the first year that Public Works has purchased road salt in bulk quantities. A dry location was identified in the equipment shed which could be used to store the salt.

In the past bags of salt were emptied into the salt distributor truck and then spread onto icy intersections and steep sections of road. A backhoe loader will be used to load salt this year which will be more efficient.

The truck that delivered the salt had a "paddle" like conveyor belt which delivered the salt precisely into a nice pile for undercover storage.





## Public Works: Shop

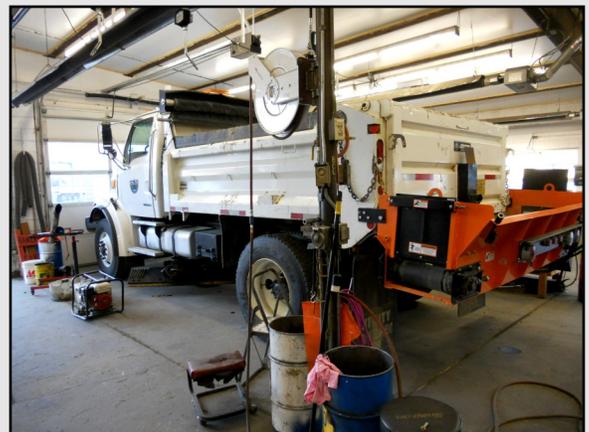


This police vehicle is having electrical issues with the windows and locks. Wes and Scott are working on diagnosing the problem.

Wes and Scott received the new hydraulic water pump for the vactor truck earlier this week. The old pump was pulled and the new one installed. The vactor truck also received a full service and maintenance check. Everything is running great and it is back in service.



Wes and Scott pulled the cross conveyer off of this dump truck and will be getting ready to start installing the sander next week.





# Baker City Safety Committee:

**BC Safety & Wellness Committee**

## Now Hear This! Hearing Conservation

### Protect Your Ears!

#### Do you know what causes hearing loss?

- Long term exposure to 80-85 decibels or more
- Exposure to 100 decibels without protection for more than 15 minutes
- Not wearing proper earplugs or earmuffs

#### Signs of noises being too LOUD at work

- Ringing or humming in your ears
- Shouting to hear coworkers at arms length away
- Experiencing temporary hearing loss when leaving work

### Common Sound Decibels



Airplane Takeoff 180



Lawnmower 90



Chainsaw 110



Normal Conversation 60



Amplified Music 110

#### Rubber Style Ear Plugs

1. Reach over your head and pull the top of the ear outward & upward
2. With the other hand grasp the ear plug handle & gently push & rock into ear canal until a good seal is made
3. Adjust to the greatest noise reduction
4. Remove with a slow twisting motion

#### Foam Style Ear Plugs

1. Roll the plug into a small cylinder
2. Reach over your head and pull the top of your ear outward & upward
3. Insert the plug into the ear canal
4. Hold it in the ear canal until the plug expands & a good seal is made
5. Remove with a slow twisting motion

#### Monthly Safety Focus

November 2018

#### Committee Members

Joyce Bornstedt  
Chair

Jason Jacobs  
Vice Chair

Matt McBride

Meagan Paoletti

Julie Smith

Phoebe Wachtel

Fred Warner : City  
Manager



**Announcements:**



# ***U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree***

**It's coming to Baker City!  
Wednesday, November 14th**

## **Schedule of Events**

**5:30 pm:** Tree Arrives Downtown

**6:00 pm:** Welcome & Opening Remarks

**6:15 pm to 7:00 pm:**

-  Caroling: Bel Canto & Treble Choirs
-  Ornament Decorating: Hatch (2019 Main St.)
-  Hot Cocoa: Lion's Club
-  Meet Father Christmas and Smokey the Bear

## **Road Closures**

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: 2000 Block of Main Street

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.: One-way section of Broadway  
between Resort and Main

**All Activities Are Open to the Public and  
Free for All to Enjoy!**

Questions: Call Robin at 541-524-2036 or  
email [rnudd@bakercity.com](mailto:rnudd@bakercity.com)



**Announcements:**

**THE BAKER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS THE THIRD ANNUAL**

# **DRUG PREVENTION K9 FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY | DECEMBER 8 | 4:00 PM  
BAKER CITY EVENT CENTER**

**TICKETS \$25**

Available at: Baker City Police  
Department, Barley Brown's Tap  
House, & Thatcher's Ace  
Hardware



**Social Hour: 4pm**

**K9 Demonstration: 5pm**

**Dinner: 5:30pm**

**Live Auction: 6:30pm**

-Meet Capa & the BCPD Officers

-Kids under 6 get in free

-Silent Auction & Raffle

-Key Items Include:

-2000 Watt Honda Generator

-STIHL Chainsaw

-Springfield XD 9MM

-Smith & Wesson .40 cal

-BBQ Gas Grill

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