

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail.
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update November 16, 2018

Administration:

The National Christmas Tree was in the City this week. A large crowd was there to meet the caravan which was led by the local Scout troops, a Conestoga wagon from the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and a caravan of Forest Service personnel. Father Christmas and Smokey Bear were in attendance and thrilled the many young children in the crowd. A big thank you goes out to Baker City Community Development, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, Hatch and all the other groups that made this a successful community event.

The City Council met this week and set the Council meeting schedule for the rest of this year. They will be cancelling the November 27th meeting and the next Council meeting will be held on December 11th.

As Thanksgiving is upon us, we will not be putting out a weekly report next week. Remember that the Compassion Center Turkey Trot is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day. Look for flyers around town and join in the fundraiser and brisk holiday walk or run. Have a great weekend and enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

City Council Agenda

December 11th

- Councilor Recognition
- Appointment to Parks & Recreation Board
- CIPP Bid Award
- Budget Resolutions
- Consideration of Lease/Purchase Option for Police Vehicles

Finance:

Finance Director

As of November 7th the City has received \$737,043 in current year property taxes and \$34,342 in prior year property taxes.

Utilities

- ◆ Five customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and six customers disconnected service from November 9th thru November 16th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed November 14th and it included 487 residential and 56 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 119 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 19 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today and includes 499 residential and 50 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 117 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 28 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twenty-three residential customers (Zones 2 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Six of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	9	1	7
Manufactured Dwelling	0	1	0	0
Electrical	3	3	4	5
Mechanical	2	1	2	5
Plumbing	3	2	1	6
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	10	16	8	23

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1345 4th Street, Baker City—Patio cover addition.
- 1820 Pear Street, Baker City—Carport addition.
- 18788 Koehler Lane, Baker City—Two detached accessory structures.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- None to report this week.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 12th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting will be a work session on December 19th at 7:00pm. The agenda will include continued discussion on site design review criteria.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±640 square foot accessory structure was approved at 3655 Cedar Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.



City Offices will be closed next Thursday and Friday to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. We want to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of November 6th through November 12th the Fire Department responded to a total of **31** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

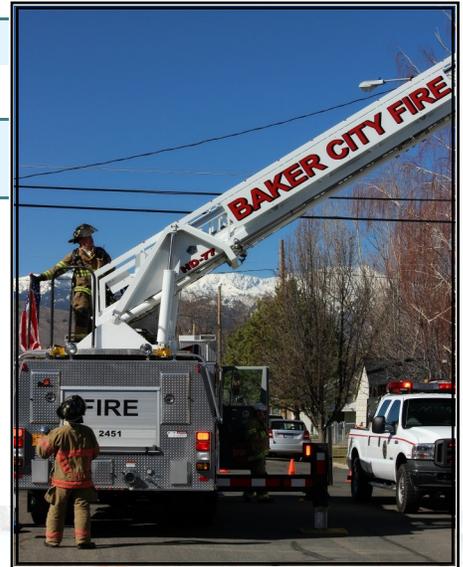
City Calls	23
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	6

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5



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



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	3
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 124 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- 4 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: ODOT TIMS Training, Hose Evolutions.
- 2 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- 2 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 20th.



"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 161 incidents and opened 26 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. The Baker County Major Crime Team investigated the tragic death of a Baker City infant, possibly as a result of co-sleeping. The Baker City Herald posted the following article on Facebook concerning this incident:

Baker County District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff said the death of a 2-month-old in Baker City on Sunday "appears to be related to co-sleeping."

The infant, Coree Welch, born on Aug. 17, was found unresponsive Sunday at about 6:30 a.m. at 1304 Valley Ave. The girl's parents, Justin K. Welch, 35, and Destinee L. Ross-Man, 21, were in the home.

Shirtcliff said an autopsy was scheduled for this morning in Portland. The Baker County Major Crime Team is investigating the death. Toxicology results related to the parents and child are pending.

After three babies died of what doctors refer to as "positional asphyxiation" in 2009 and two more died of the same cause in 2015, Shirtcliff and his staff worked to create a "Cribs for Kids" program that makes cribs available to parents of newborns.

- ★ BCPD Reserve Patrol Officers Dan Koopman and David Cernazanu assisted with traffic control and directing the Capitol Christmas Tree as it made its detour off I-84 to downtown Baker City. An excited crowd of well-wishers lined up to be a part of this historic event. A great time was had by all and Baker City is proud to be a featured stop along the tree's trek to its place of honor at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.
- ★ 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 will go 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.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.





Public Works: Street Department

Tree leaves have been falling at a constant rate this Fall. So far Matt has been able to keep up with them through his near constant sweeping regimen. Pictured right, he is sweeping a street on the east side of town.



It was determined through an engineered study that there should be additional stop signs installed at intersections where "local" streets intersect "collector" streets.

Those locations identified include Park, Idlewood, "L", and "J" Streets where they intersect Birch Street. The other location identified is Grace Street where it intersects 17th/Reservoir Road at a less than 90 degree angle. On Wednesday all five sign holes were dug and square steel receiver posts set in concrete.

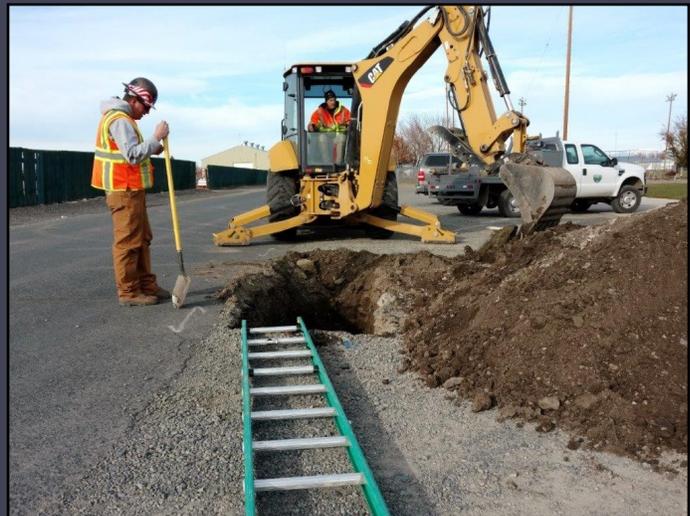
Pictured left is one of the sign stubs on Birch Street. The stop signs will be installed next week.

Public Works: Water Department

A new 8" ductile iron water line is planned to be installed during this fiscal year.

The location is on East Street between Campbell and "D" Streets. Pictured right, Blain and Nate have excavated down to the pipe so that exact elevation and length of the new line can be designed.

The length of the new line to be installed is 745 feet. If the weather continues to be mild and relatively dry construction work may begin within the next two weeks.



Public Works: Water Department Continued

In an effort to continue to keep an accurate record of all water usage within Baker City a new 1" water meter was installed for one of the small parks in the Hillcrest neighborhood. Pictured right, Blain and Nate have excavated the site and are gathering parts for the installation.



It was recently discovered that a fire hydrant near the intersection of Indiana and Scenic Vista has been leaking near its base. At a depth of 4 feet it may have been leaking for quite some time. This hydrant was originally installed by a contractor as part of the Scenic Vista Estates Subdivision.



Upon excavating down to the base of the hydrant it was discovered that the fittings were not installed correctly and the concrete blocking was not massive enough to keep the piping from eventually separating and creating a massive water leak. New secure fittings were installed onto the hydrant and two concrete eco-blocks used to secure the pipes.



Public Works: Storm Water



A new catch basin was installed at the southeast corner of 15th and "H" Streets. Installation of the catch basin completed the realignment work on this section of the road. Storm runoff water will run north along the east side of 15th Street into the new catch basin then into the 15" storm water main line and west to a drainage ditch near the U.P.R.R. tracks.

← The catch basin is installed and the outlet pipe is connected to the 15" main line.



Pictured left, Blain is using the pneumatic tamper to compact material around the new catch basin.



Pictured above, Nate is getting some backhoe experience while Blain performs some handwork to clean up the area.



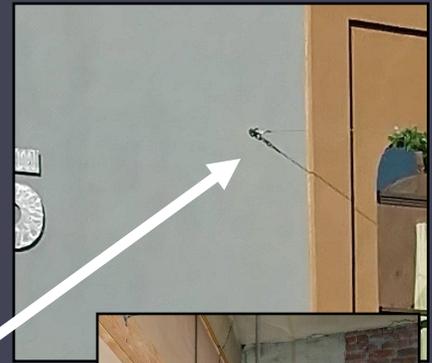
Public Works: Community Service

A new cable was installed this week from which to hang holiday decorations. A special "Thank You" to Carol Phillips and Ryan Chaves owners of the two buildings where the ends of the cables were attached.



Baker City Fire Department personnel assisted Public Works with the installation of the new 5/16" diameter cable.

What looks to be a simple eyebolt sticking out from the front of the Glacier 45 Distillery building is much more involved on the inside.



Kris installed extensive bracing so that any force from the cable wouldn't be exerted against the outside wall of either building. →



← The completed cable with garland attached.

In preparation for the arrival of the Capitol Christmas Tree, holiday decorations were installed along Main Street.



The remainder of the holiday decorations are planned to be put up after Thanksgiving.



← Tommy and Riley are putting up the holiday wreaths on the west side of Main Street.

A large crowd welcomed the tree on Main Street. →





Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott repaired the rear doors on the canopy of the code enforcement vehicle and it is now back in service.

A broken wire in the driver's door was causing electrical issues with the windows and door locks. The wire has been repaired and this police vehicle is back in service.



The air dryer quit working on this engine. It has been pulled and bypassed until parts arrive.



Work continued this week on the vacator truck. Wes and Scott welded a high pressure relief valve back in place, replaced wiring for the turn signal and replaced the high pressure hose reel.





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:

**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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