

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update November 30, 2018

Administration:

The fresh snow on our mountains reminds us of what a beautiful and special place we live in. It also reminds us that winter is here and there are plenty of activities still taking place in and around Baker City.

This weekend alone brings numerous events. This evening St. Alphonsus will be hosting the Festival of Trees Gala at the Community Events Center and Family Day for the Festival of Trees will take place on Saturday. Baker City Downtown will be hosting its first [Cookie Crawl](#). The Christmas Parade is set to begin at 5pm on Saturday followed by the annual lighting of the downtown Christmas Tree. Hopefully you will be able to take part in these fun festivities. Have a great weekend!

City Council

Agenda

December 11th

- Councilor Recognition
- Appointment to Parks & Recreation Board
- CIPP Bid Award
- Budget Resolutions
- Discussion of Lease Option: Police Vehicles

Finance:

Finance Director: The October financial summary is available on the Baker City website at www.bakercity.com. As of November 19th, the City had received current year property taxes of \$2,341,140 and prior year taxes of \$44,747.

Utilities

- ◆ 26 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 33 customers disconnected service from November 16th thru November 29th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed November 19th which included 551 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 153 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 24 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed November 21st which included 717 residential and 60 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 202 or 26% are signed up for direct payment and 43 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today and included 457 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 96 or 20% are signed up for direct payment and 19 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ During the time period of November 19th through November 30th, 34 residential customers (Zones 3, 4, 6 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) nine of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll: Seventy-seven employees were paid today including seven paid volunteer firefighters, a part-time inspector, a part-time patrol officer, a temporary public works' administrative assistant and the dangerous dog hearings officer. Of those 77 employees, 71 (92%) are signed up for direct deposit.



Finance Continued:

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 3.25%. These LIDs can be paid off at anytime with interest charged through the payoff date. Three 2004 Birch Street LIDs were billed today. The original assessment in 2004 for Birch Street improvements included four property owners for a total of \$90,416. The balance remaining is \$19,956 (including current interest due). Twenty-eight 2014 Resort Street Underground Utility LIDs were billed November 29th. The original assessment for relocating the utilities on Resort Street underground included sixty-three property owners for a total of \$294,879. The remaining balance outstanding is \$129,703 (including current interest due).

Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	6	17	3	18
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	6	9	7	34
Mechanical	7	7	7	9
Plumbing	0	3	3	4
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	21	36	20	65

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 56994 Queen Mile Rd., Halfway—New residence.
- 48540 Cornucopia Hwy, Halfway—Detached accessory structure.
- 2370 A St., Baker City—Structural repairs.
- 2336 Auburn Ave., Baker City—New residence.
- 961 Walnut St., Baker City—New residence.
- 1525 16th St., Baker City—Covered deck/porch.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 950 17th St., Baker City—Equipment cover.
- 400 School St., Haines—Detached accessory structure.
- 2445 Windmill Ln., Baker City—Detached accessory structure.

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 updates to the Development Code, including site design review criteria.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±410 square foot covered porch was approved at 1525 16th Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±640 square foot accessory structure was approved at 3655 Cedar Street in the Residential Low – Density (R-LD) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of November 20th through November 26th the Fire Department responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	20
Rural Calls	10
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 30

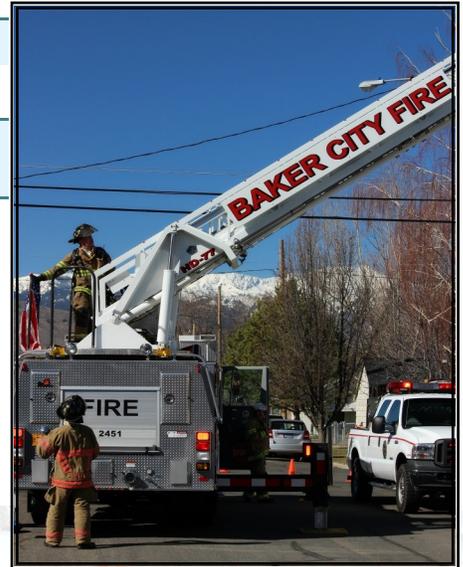
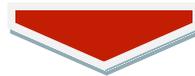


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	8
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	6

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 6



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	14
Persons Arrived for Cover	12
Incidents Not Covered	2

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 112 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- 9 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- 8 hrs of Community Events.
- 4 Burn Permits Issued.



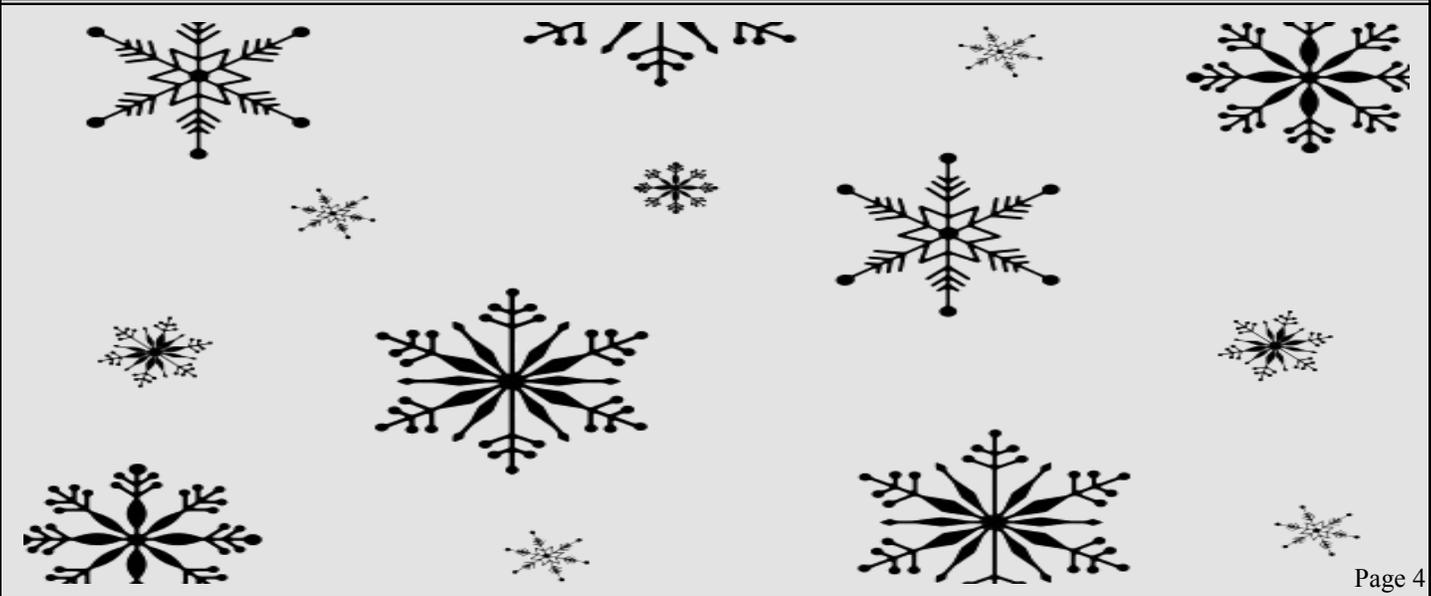
The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on December 4th.



"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

- ⊛ During the past two weeks, BCPD handled over 290 incidents and opened 47 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ⊛ The Baker City Police Department will be holding their first Shop with a Cop event in Baker City on December 21st. According to Chief Newman with the Baker City Police Department, he has been meeting with schools in Baker City to get their recommendations for students that would be right for this program. Students who are selected will be able to shop with an officer at the Baker City Bi-Mart in order to purchase Christmas gifts for their family. Bi-Mart has donated \$500 towards the event and the local Nazarene Church has donated space for the kids to wrap the gifts they purchase.
- ⊛ The third annual BCPD K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser is a little more than a week away! Tickets for 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 live and silent auction of special and unique items donated by our gracious sponsors and supporters. Tickets are on sale at the Baker City Police Department, Barley Brown's Tap House and Thatcher's Ace Hardware. The event is Saturday, December 8th at the Baker City Event Center with doors opening at 4:00pm. For more information regarding the wonderful items up for bid, check out the event Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/888131984725818/>.
- ⊛ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.





Public Works: Water Department

Snow is starting to accumulate in the Elkhorn Mountains in modest amounts so far this fall. Jake and Scott worked to clean sediment from diversion basins this week.

Pictured right, Scott is brooming fresh snow from the "catwalk" across the Elk Creek diversion.



Work on snowmobiles was also done this week in preparation for deep snow this winter.

← The road near the Elk Creek diversion is still passable for a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

A load of 8" ductile iron pipe arrived this week. Pictured here, Justin is unloading the pipe from the semi-truck.

This pipe will be used for the East Street water project.



Public Works Director Michelle Owen received a call from the Mayor Monday evening that there was a water problem near the intersection of Main and Auburn Streets.

Dennis responded to the site and discovered that a waterline serving the drinking fountain at the Post Office Square Park had come apart and was spewing water. Dennis was able to turn off the supply line at one of the valves near the street and then returned home to dry off. Tuesday morning additional maintenance work was performed on the fountain as shown here.



Public Works: Water Department Continued

A contractor working to replace a waterline between the water meter and house damaged the water service line beyond repair.

Justin and Brian responded to the site and used the vactor truck to remove debris and expose the damaged line.

The service line and damaged yoke (which holds the meter) were both replaced.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



← The wastewater lateral at the airport was replaced recently. Blain and Nate are beginning the excavation for the repair. A portion of the pipe to be replaced was located under the existing sidewalk.

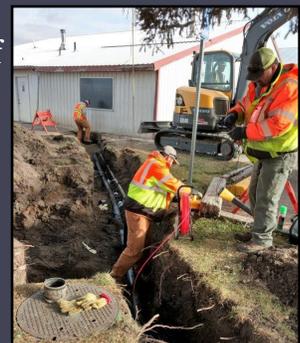
Kris is driving an anchor into the center of the one of the concrete squares so it can be carefully removed. →



← Blain is carefully removing one of the sections of the concrete sidewalk.

New ABS pipe was installed from the edge of the building to the septic tank.

The new pipe has been installed alongside the old root infested pipe.



← The trench line was backfilled and then grass seed sowed across the area.

The entire sidewalk is scheduled to be replaced within the next year.



Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

A resident living on 2nd Street reported having sewer problems Wednesday. Karl and Jacob responded to the call. They cleaned the main line lying under Second Street and then video-inspected the line.

The main line was found to be operating properly and was not the cause of the problem. The owner is going to solicit the help of a plumber to resolve the problem.



Public Works: Street Department



Public Works hauled many loads of bedding rock from Triple-C to the City stockpile site this week. This rock will be used mainly on future wastewater and stormwater projects.



Craig is operating the International dump truck and "pup" (trailer) to haul the rock. When operating the truck with trailer attached, the trailer is dumped first then the trailer is "jack-knifed" so that it is out of the way and the truck can be dumped.



Here is one of the 5 new stop signs that was installed recently.

Four of them were on side streets coming onto Birch Street.

Re-construction of a portion of the Geiser Grand Hotel property has progressed enough so that a portion of the sidewalk could be opened for pedestrian travel.

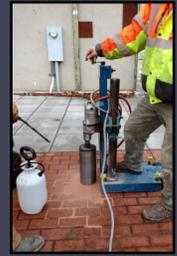




Public Works: Street Department Continued

Public Works cored 4 holes in concrete sidewalks for sign placement on Wednesday. Two were cut on Resort Street and two were cut on Washington Avenue.

Blain and Riley are using a 6" diameter core bit to drill one of the holes on resort.



Relatively light snow has fallen recently. Here you can see it getting closer to the valley floor.



When preparing the "salter" to use this winter it was discovered that the drive chain and associated gears had become rusted and some had broken. Pictured left, you can see the comparison between a rusted gear and a new replacement part. Both the sander and salter are now ready to go to work.



Public Works: Community Events

The remaining holiday decorations were installed this week. Blain and Riley are installing snowflakes on Campbell Street.



← This year's Christmas Tree appeared to be leaning slightly to the south. The crew used a backhoe to pull the tree towards the north and then shimmed the base so that it would stand a little straighter. The tree was successfully decorated and is ready to light this Saturday night.



In the spirit of the season, Justin sorted through the burn pile at the City stockpile site and removed wood chunks suitable for burning to heat houses.

The wood pieces will be delivered next week to the Compassion Center for distribution to those in need.





Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott replaced the cutting edges, beacon light, installed a company radio and a regular radio, and repaired a hydraulic leak on the blade.

The pins and bushings in the driver's door were replaced on this vehicle.

Wes and Scott have also been installing winter tires on most of the City's cars and utility vehicles this week.



This new addition to the Police Department received a company radio and winter tires this week.

This ambulance was another vehicle that had its winter tires installed.

While in the shop for tires, Wes and Scott repaired the heater as well and it is back in service.





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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