

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update December 21, 2018

Administration:

The Holiday Season is upon us. With the light dusting of snow and the ice this morning, the roads are rather treacherous. It looks like we might get some more snow over the weekend so be careful and travel safe.

City staff is preparing to close the books on what has been a very productive 2018 and we are looking forward to serving the citizens of Baker City in the coming year. From all of us here at Baker City, have a great Christmas and enjoy your family and friends this holiday season.

City Council

Agenda

January 8th

- Councilor Oath of Office
- Mayor/Vice Mayor
- Board/Commission Appointment
- Budget Resolution
- Amending Ordinance 3366
- Central Building Update and Contract

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Ten customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eleven customers disconnected service from December 14th thru December 20th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed December 18th and it included 497 residential and 49 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 118 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 28 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today and includes 549 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 152 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 25 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twenty-six residential customers (Zones 3 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Five of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.



**City Offices will be closed on
the following dates and times:
Monday, December 24th: 3-5pm
Tuesday, December 25th: All Day
Tuesday, January 1st: All Day**



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	3	1	8
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	7	1	4	3
Mechanical	5	6	1	4
Plumbing	4	2	0	1
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	20	12	6	16

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 3451 Broadway St., Baker City—Interior remodel for residential living quarters.
- 3655 Cedar St., Baker City—Detached accessory structure.
- 585 Sawmill Gulch Rd., Sumpter—Detached accessory structure.
- 2516 Valley Ave., Baker City—Roof repair and replacement.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- None to report.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 9th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

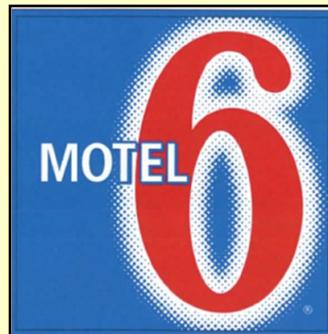
Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission held a public work session on December 19th to discuss updates to site design review criteria contained within the Development Code.
- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting will be on January 16th at 7:00pm. The meeting will be a work session to continue the discussion about updates to the development code.

Projects

- ◆ A ±30 square foot wall sign and a ±100 square foot wall sign were approved at 175 Campbell Street in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of December 11th through December 17th the Fire Department responded to a total of **32** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 31

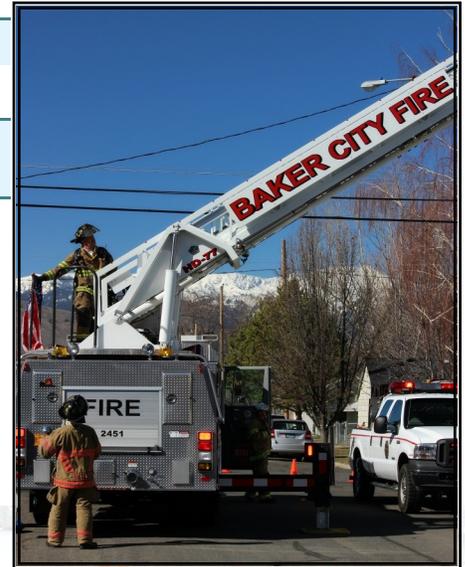
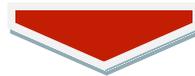


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	8
Triples (3 calls at once)	2
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	0

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 1



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	9
Persons Arrived for Cover	8
Incidents Not Covered	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 68 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- 6 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- 33 hrs of Community Events.
- 84 hrs of Fire Training-Blue Card Command.
- 8 hrs of EMS Training-EMS Protocol Evaluation.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, January 1st at 11 a.m.



"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 week, BCPD handled over 169 incidents and opened 24 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ★ As is typical for this time of year, BCPD has received several reports of missing or stolen packages that were delivered to the front door or porch of a home while the resident was away. Whenever possible, please have packages delivered on days when someone is present to accept them or delivered to your place of employment or business, especially when expecting a valuable or expensive item. Report all suspicious activity to dispatch by calling 541-523-3644.
- ★ Chief Dustin Newman and staff from the Baker County Sheriff's Office and the Baker City Fire Department were invited to read to students of Brooklyn Elementary School during their afterschool program.
- ★ Please join the staff of BCPD in congratulating Baker County Sheriff's Office Deputy Rich Kirby who was honored during the Oregon State's Sheriff's Association conference held this past week. Deputy Kirby received a Distinguished Service Award for his role in a train versus vehicle accident that occurred in Haines, Oregon in December of 2017. In addition, the Baker County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team was also honored and received the Program of the Year Award.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.
- ★ The first "Shop with a Cop" event took place this morning. Members of the Baker City Police Department were joined by the Oregon State Police, Baker City Fire Department and the Baker County Sheriff's Office. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated to make this such a special day!





Public Works: Street Department



Tommy and Riley continue to replace older 24" diameter stop signs with 30" retro-reflective stop signs.

Pictured here, they are preparing receiver stubs for new sign post installations.

Public Works: Street Lights



Dennis repaired several street lights in town this week including lights at 15th & "A" and 6th & "D".

Pictured here, Dennis is installing a new LED light head and mast arm over the Public Works fuel station.

Having the area well lit will be a benefit to crews when they have to fuel vehicles in the dark of night when responding to emergencies and plowing snow.



Public Works: Water Department

Jake and Scott checked water flows and made necessary valve adjustments Thursday at both the Elk Creek and Little Mill Creek diversions.

There appeared to be a little over a foot of snow on the ground.





Public Works: Water Department Continued



← Kris installed a new drinking fountain at the Public Works Warehouse. This unit replaces one that was 50+/- years old. The new one is easy to use to fill water bottles, which is especially useful during summer months when crews are patching and crack filling streets.

Blain and Brian worked this week performing repairs on the log truck trailer that the crew uses to haul 21" ductile iron pipe during installation of the new mountain pipeline. →



Public Works: Wastewater Department

Monday morning started off with several wastewater related issues.

A plumber who had been working to restore sewer flow for a downtown business requested assistance from Public Works.

Karl and Jacob inspected the lateral coming from the business on Washington Street. →



As seen in this photo, the inside of the lateral is clear of debris but the inside surface of the cast iron pipe is extremely rough.

A rough surface like this can easily catch material which can lead to plugs in the line. The plumber was informed of the situation.



Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

The next wastewater issue was on Hillcrest where a resident's line was completely plugged. Again Karl and Jacob responded to the address and video-inspected the main line.



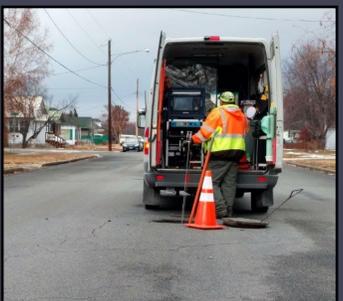
The lateral from the house enters the City system at a "dead-end" manhole. Here you can see that the pipe is open at this point. 

At the request of the professional drain cleaner the lateral was also inspected and found to be clear all the way to the house. The problem appeared to be located within the interior plumbing of the house.



Next was a resident on College Street where wastewater would not flow from the house. Karl and Jacob responded to the address and video-inspected the main line. 

 Here you can see that the line is open although it appears that the lateral material is black and may be Orangeburg pipe. Orange-



burg pipe (black not orange in color) often deforms over time and causes blockages in laterals. Next the crew had to respond to a call from a resident on Cedar Street. This line was cleaned a little over a month ago and plugs regularly. It has been scheduled to be cleaned every two months - it will now have to be cleaned every month to avoid emergency calls.



The crew went to 18th Street where a contractor was working in conjunction Baker Valley Irrigation District to install several 20 foot long sections of large (72" diameter) corrugated metal pipe (CMP). The issue was that there are water service lines and sewer laterals crossing under the existing ditch bottom. The new pipe required that the bottom of the ditch be excavated slightly so that the pipe could be placed at the proper grade. It was critical that the exact location of water and wastewater lines be identified so that they would not be damaged when excavation work was being done.

Pictured above, one of the 20 foot sections of CMP is being installed by the contractor working for Baker Valley Irrigation District.

In this photo Karl and Jacob are tracing a wastewater lateral that is approximately 6 feet underground. On their way to the 18th Street project Karl and Jacob had to stop and check the flow in one of the main wastewater lines under 17th Street where a resident had been experiencing sewer problems. The main line was found to be flowing properly. 





Public Works: Out and About



While performing a wastewater manhole inspection in an alley this week a bachelor herd of mule deer bucks were spotted making sure no dumping occurred on the adjacent property.

Public Works spotted what appeared to be a small handbag and paper money strewn down Campbell Street. The items were collected and the Police Department contacted. Identification of the owner was determined by the name on the drivers license and visa card. The owner of the handbag and cash (over \$300.00) was contacted and the items promptly claimed.



A beautiful morning sunrise with the American Flag in the foreground was seen earlier this week.



Public Works: Shop



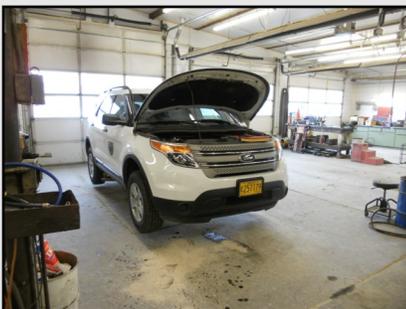
Wes and Scott installed an air dryer to help with keeping the water out of the air system and freezing. They also tightened the packing on the lift cylinder and it is back in service.

The water system was stuck open on the street sweeper. Matt pulled it apart to free the valves and it is back in service.



Scott and Nate serviced the engine, replaced the low pressure fuel pump and it is back to work.

Wes and Scott are installing an air dryer and performing a service check on this dump truck. It will be done next week .



This vehicle received a routine maintenance and safety check.



The thermostats and throttle position sensor were replaced on this ambulance.



Scott installed a new alternator belt and this police cruiser is back in service.