

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 18, 2019

Administration:

The old saying that things happen in threes was very apparent this week for the Baker City Fire Department. They responded to the Geiser Grand Hotel for a fire in their duct work. They also had a residential fire at a home on Auburn Street that was fully engulfed in flames. The third event was a major kitchen fire at the Inland Café. Thanks to all the firefighters and other personnel that responded and kept the damage in check. Fighting fires in cold weather is extremely difficult and they do a great job. Let's all be vigilant during this cold season and make sure that your home and business are as safe as possible.

The Airport Commission met this week and got an update on the summer projects at the Airport. The City has received grant funding from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Oregon Department of Aviation to do a major paving project to the apron at the airport.

Hope everyone had a great time at the 'Unwined Walk' this Thursday. The proceeds from the event went to the Opal Foundation which is affiliated with Heart and Home Hospice.

City Council Agenda January 22nd

- Ordinance 3371 Chronic Nuisance Properties
- Board/Commission Appointments
- Budget Resolution 3828
- Amending Ordinance 3366-3rd Reading
- Discussion on Blue Mt. Translator District Request



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Six customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eleven customers disconnected service from January 11th thru January 17th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed January 15th and it included 478 residential and 57 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 121 (23%) are signed up for direct payment and 25 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today and includes 494 residential and 48 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 117 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 30 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Thirty-two residential customers (Zones 2 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Seven of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll: Draw checks were issued January 15th.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	8	1	26
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	8	11	6	17
Mechanical	6	7	5	17
Plumbing	5	5	3	4
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	20	31	15	60

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 1915 Broadway Street, Baker City—Interior renovation.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 16085 Wingville Lane, Baker City—Interior alteration.

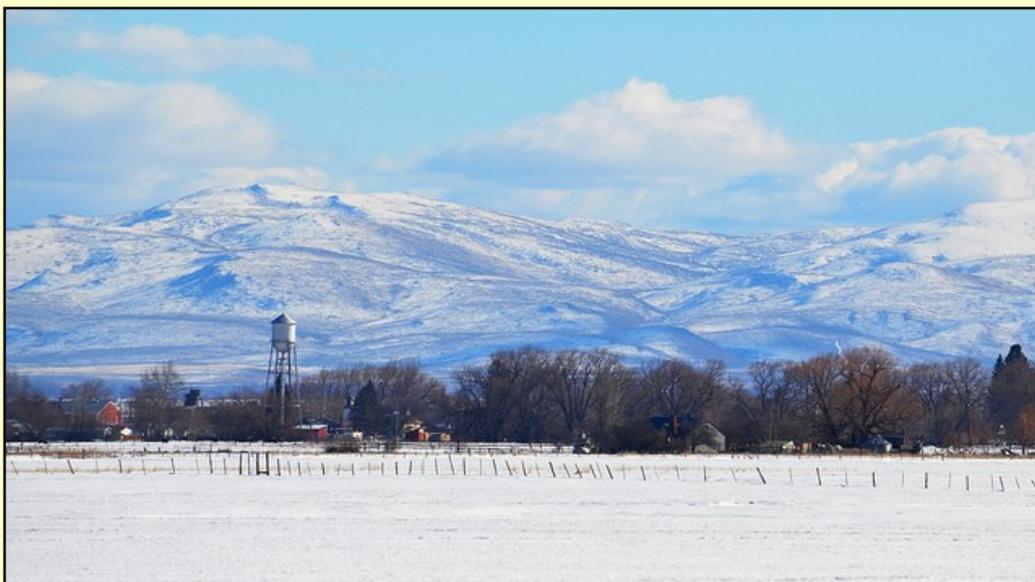
HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 23rd at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission met on January 16th to continue the discussion about updates to the site design review chapter of the Development Code. The next Planning Commission meeting will be on February 20th at 7:00pm.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of January 8th through January 14th the Fire Department responded to a total of **38** emergency alarms. The breakdown for the responses are as follows:

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	23
Rural Calls	10
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	9

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 33

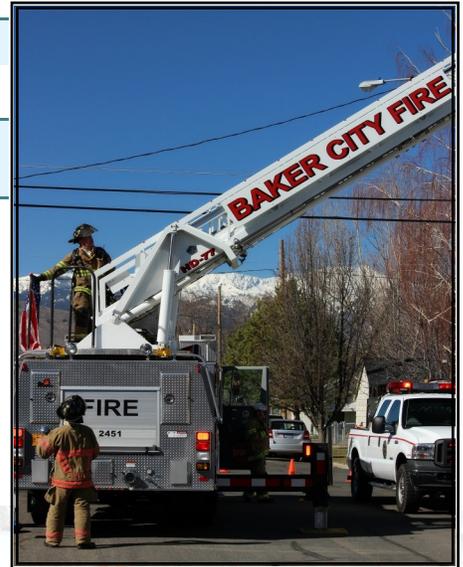


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	1
Public Assists	2

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	3
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	6
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	2

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **81** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- **4** hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **51** hrs of Fire Training.
- **4** Burn Permits Issued.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, January 22nd at 11 a.m.



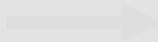
"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ During the past week, BCPD handled over 149 incidents and opened 32 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainees.
- ✪ Code Enforcement Officer Mark Powell, with help from Public Works and Baker County Parole and Probation, and other BCPD staff, worked to clean up the property, per court order, located at 1975 Birch Street. This is the second time the City has paid to remove garbage and discarded items from this location. An estimated 31,840 pounds of discarded material, six full-sized dumpster loads, was carted away during the abatement effort.



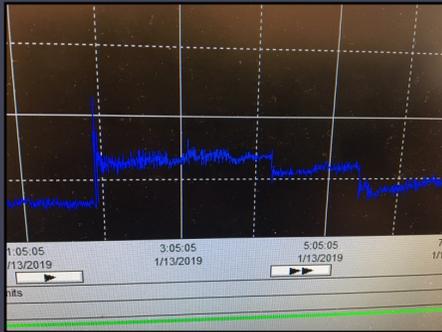
- ✪ Chief Dustin Newman attended the Oregon Chief of Police Association Conference this week. This annual conference was held in Seaside, Oregon.
- ✪ Gun locks are available upon request from the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue. These locks, donated courtesy of Project ChildSafe, are available during regular business hours. Please note, the lobby is closed during the lunch hour. More information about Project ChildSafe can be found at <https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>.
- ✪ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.





Public Works: Water Department

A water main break occurred early Sunday morning near the intersection of Pear and Valley. This break occurred in the vicinity of the Sam-O hot springs where the soils are notoriously hard on pipelines. Crews responded quickly after the break was reported and the repair was completed that morning.



← This screen shot from the SCADA system shows the increased flow out of the water plant at the time of the mainline break. According to the SCADA data, the break occurred at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday and the leak was stopped by 5:30 a.m.



The location of the repair. →

The excavated portion of the street was backfilled with gravel until asphalt can be ordered in the Spring for a permanent repair.

The failed portion of the pipe was in such poor condition that a repair clamp could not be used so part of the pipe was cut out and replaced.

Pictured right, you can see clear evidence of significant corrosion on the failed portion of the pipe. This segment of 4" ductile iron pipe was originally installed in 1980. The soil conditions caused by the Sam-O hot springs are thought to be responsible for the accelerated rate of corrosion in this location.



← Justin and Brian worked maintaining water valves this week.



Public Works: Auction

Surplus property will be sold beginning January 22nd at 6pm and will run for two weeks. Interested parties must login to www.govdeals.com and register. Below are some of the items that will be included in the auction.

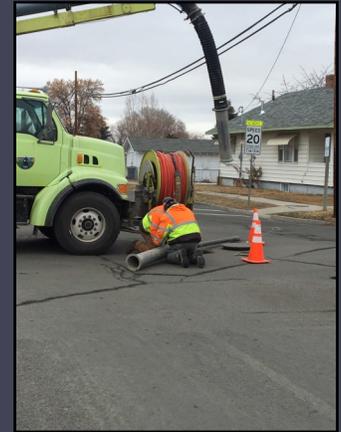




Public Works: Wastewater Department

Ongoing maintenance was performed on several wastewater mains throughout town.

Lines were jetted and then the excess sediment and debris inducted from the manhole with the Vactor truck. This particular manhole is located on Washington Avenue.



A resident on 2nd Street was having trouble with their wastewater lateral. Roots in the lateral near the mainline connection in the alley were found to be the cause, so the resident paid to have the City replace their connection. Repair work began on Monday morning and was completed the same day.

After excavating down to the lateral, Riley used a hammer to break away the old terracotta pipe. This was a fairly deep wastewater connection so speed shoring had to be used inside the trench.



The failed portion of the lateral was replaced with PVC.

← Here you can see the completed repair.

This picture shows one of the segments of terracotta pipe that was removed and the roots that were present inside the joint.





Safety Committee:

**Baker City
Safety
& Wellness
Committee**

It's Snow Cold!

January 2019

Hypothermia: When heat escapes your body faster than it can warm itself.

Early Symptoms

- Shivering
- Feeling tired
- Loss of coordination
- Confusion
- Lack of coordination



Mild Symptoms

- Confusion
- Slurred speech
- Skin turning blue
- Dilated pupils
- Slow pulse & breathing
- Lower heart rate
- Low blood pressure

Severe Symptoms

- Labored breathing
- Nonreactive pupils
- Heart failure
- Cardiac arrest



What To Wear

- Multiple loose layers
- A hat or hood
- Gloves
- Waterproof shoes with traction



How to Prevent It

- Take breaks in warm locations
- Limit time outside in the cold
- Try to do outside work at the warmest part of the day

How To Treat Hypothermia

1. Get the person to a warm area & take off any wet clothing
2. Gradually rewarm them with a gentle source of heat
3. Give them warm beverages—it will help increase their body temperature
4. After body temp has increased, keep the person dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including their head & neck
5. If the person has severe hypothermia treat it as a medical emergency and call 911

Monthly Safety Focus

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