

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 22, 2019

Administration:

It has been a busy week here at City Hall. The Council met for a work session on Tuesday night and had a great discussion with some Baker City residents on the proposed property maintenance ordinance. Both the Transient Lodging Tax Committee and the Golf Board met this week to continue their volunteer work for the City.

The Oregon Legislature's Joint Carbon Reduction Committee is holding a video meeting on Monday the 25th of February at 5:00 pm at the Event Center. This will be the public's chance to weigh in with their thoughts on this new legislation. If you want to testify, you will need to be there early to register. We have been allocated one hour so testimony will be limited. It is important to have citizens there so the Committee understands the sentiment here in Baker County.

The forecast is for heavy snow this weekend. Let's hope that it stays in the mountains. Have a great weekend.

City Council Agenda February 26th

- Liquor License Application Eagle Cap Grill
- Baker County Safe Communities Coalition Update
- 2nd Reading of Ordinance #3371 Chronic Nuisance Properties
- Budget Board App
- Carbon Cap and Trade Update

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ 10 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 5 customers disconnected service from February 15th thru February 21st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed February 19th which included 496 residential and 48 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 119 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 33 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today and included 457 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 97 or 20% are signed up for direct payment and 19 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ This week 24 residential customers (Zones 3 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) five of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll

Seventy-five employees were paid today including five paid volunteer firefighters, a part-time plumbing inspector, a part-time **patrol officer**, and a temporary **public works' administrative** assistant. Of those 75 employees, 71 or 95% are signed up for direct deposit.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	6	0	0
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	4	5	3	4
Mechanical	1	0	0	2
Plumbing	1	0	0	0
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	6	11	3	6

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission met on February 20th to discuss updates to the Development Code, including chapters relating to Site Design Review and food carts.
- ◆ The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. and will include:
 - A public hearing for a proposal to convert an existing, ±15,250-square-foot industrial building at 2345 11th Street into the following uses:
 1. a ±6,180 square foot retail space for the sale of antiques and other similar items, accompanied by a ±1,642 square foot wood-working shop for repair of said antiques and a ±234 square foot office space to support the proposed business
 2. a ±567 square foot warehouse for storage of said antiques
 3. a ±902 square foot residence (“*residential caretaker’s unit*”); and
 - A public work session for the continued discussion of revisions to the Site Design Review process.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A Site Design Review application was submitted to re-establish an office in an existing ±2,900 square foot building at 1928 Court Avenue. The pre-notice was sent to adjoining landowners and agencies on February 20, 2019. The property is located within the Central Commercial (C-C) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 12th through February 18th the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms. The breakdown for the responses are as follows:

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	25
Rural Calls	2
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 27

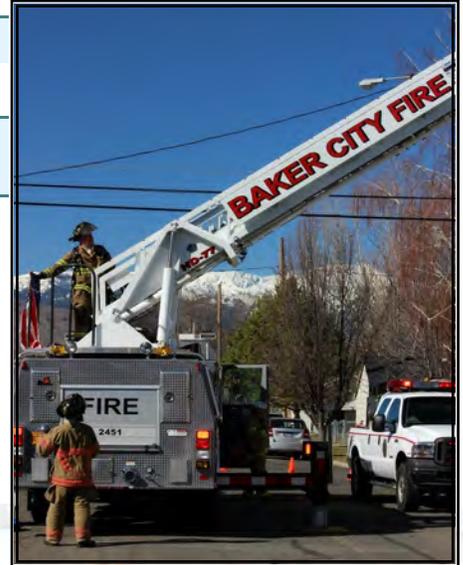


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	1
Public Assists	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE 2



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	6
Persons Arrived for Cover	4
Incidents Not Covered	2

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 59 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 6 Burn Permits Issued
- 74 hrs of Fire Training
- 15 hrs of EMS Training
- 54 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections



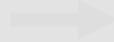
The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, February 26th at 11 a.m.



"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 147 incidents and opened 30 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One incident involved a subject who was arrested for DUII following a short reported altercation. It was determined that this individual had a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) of 0.13%, nearly double the legal limit.
- ✪ Patrol Officer recruits Koby Essex and Zach Thatcher left for the DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standards and Training) Police Academy this past weekend. This sixteen-week course is expected to go until June 7, 2019 when Officer Essex and Officer Thatcher will officially graduate from the academy. We look forward to having them back in Baker City so they can complete field training with a Field Training Officer.
- ✪ 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.



“Remember to Vote Lights”



The City Hall clock tower’s lights have been changed to Moda and Trail Blazer colors as an additional reminder to....

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Public Works: Stormwater

Blain and Nate used the vacor truck to induct storm water, sediment and debris from a vault located at the intersection of Auburn and Pear Streets.



Public Works: Street Department

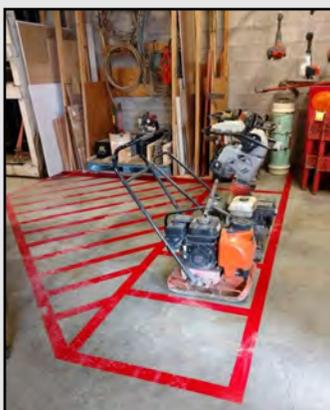
There are 35 trash receptacles (garbage cans) throughout downtown which the Public Works Department empties on a regular basis. Tommy and Riley are emptying trash cans on Broadway Avenue.



← Occasionally the privilege of having a trash can available is abused as shown here.

These trash cans are not meant to accept trash from businesses or households. In this case the items were removed and disposed.

Perhaps signage such as this, which was seen in another Oregon town, should be incorporated onto the Baker City's trash receptacles.



Matt has been working on several projects this past week. Here he has designated equipment storage areas and a clear zone to allow access to equipment and materials.



Public Works: Street Department Continued

To improve safety, bright yellow viz-i-shield units have been attached to several of the railroad crossing posts throughout town.

Pictured right, you can see the high retro-reflectivity of the enhanced posts.



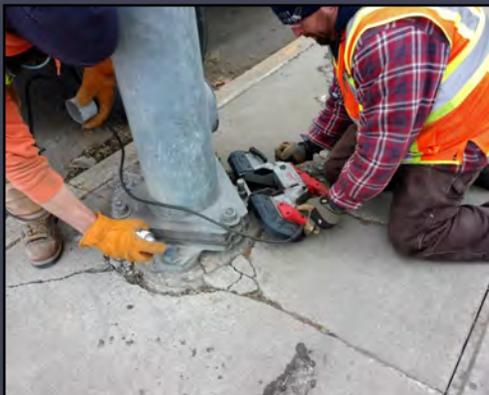
Public Works: Street Lights

As you may be aware, three street light poles on Campbell Street have been hit and knocked over within the last year or two.

These street light poles are designed to "shear" off when struck by a vehicle causing less damage to the driver and vehicle.

When the most recent poles were struck by vehicles one or more of the anchor bolts, which are deeply imbedded into the concrete base, were damaged. They were originally installed at too high of an elevation making them susceptible to damage.

This week Tommy and Riley cut off the top of the bolts (3 per light) so that they do not protrude above the "shear plane".





Public Works: Water Department

An air release valve located on View Court broke this week allowing water from the distribution pipe to spew out of the vault and onto the ground. Jake was able to locate the buried curb stop valve and shut off the flow of water.



← The broken air release valve was removed.



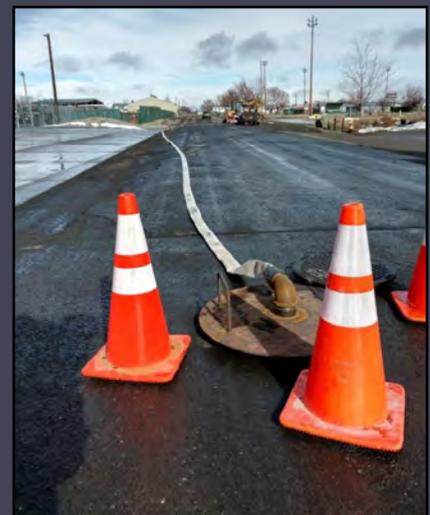
Here you can see that the valve portion, which is simply a ball float, was no longer able to actuate the valve because the cast iron connection broke. →

Justin worked to pressure test and chlorinate the new water line which was recently installed on East Street. This portion of the work has been "on hold" until the temperature rose so as to lessen the chance of freezing the piping necessary to accomplish the work.



← This is the view looking directly down onto the end of the newly installed 8" ductile iron water line. Special restraint connectors had to be used while pressure testing the line so that the pipes would not "blow apart". The line passed the pressure test process verifying that there were no leaks on the line.

When "blowing out" a newly installed water line to remove any debris the water needs to be disposed of into the sanitary sewer collection system. Pictured right, Justin has stretched a fire hose from the pipe to a local sanitary system manhole.





Public Works: Wastewater Department

A property owner on 2nd Street recently requested that his wastewater lateral (consisting of orangeburg pipe) be replaced with plastic pipe. Grade was very critical on this project. To keep the lateral as low in elevation as possible and still remain within standard codes the main line was "tapped" at nearly the 3 o'clock position and the line laid at minimum grade.



Karl used the Volvo loader and the asphalt zipper to pulverize the asphalt surface.

Blain excavated while Karl and Jacob performed most of the necessary trench work.

The existing wastewater collection line is concrete which was lined several years ago using the CIPP process.



← An insert-a tee connection works very well when connecting into a line which has been previously lined. The insert is lubricated and then driven into place using brute force. In this case Karl is using a hammer and a piece of 2" x 4" to protect the plastic.



The line was installed to beyond the edge of the sidewalk and marked so that a plumber and excavator could complete laying pipe all the way to the house.



Blain took advantage of the pile of excavated soil by perching upon it for easier access and visibility while using washed rock to cover the pipe.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

Kris worked to repaint the inside of the chlorine chemical room at the Baker City Wastewater Treatment Facility this week.



The ViVax push-cam unit has been a very valuable tool for use on wastewater and storm water lines. It has been used about once every two weeks or so for years. Recently the "pushrod" video cable has been developing some issues. When in use the video portion of the unit goes off and on for no apparent reason. A new cable has been ordered and will be installed once it arrives.

Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department



KEEP THE VOTES ROLLING IN!

Baker City is off to an **AMAZING** start, with over 4,351 votes today at 8 a.m. - more than 1,500 votes ahead of competing city Prineville and over 1,800 votes ahead of Independence! City Hall clock tower lights have been changed to Moda and Trail Blazer colors as an additional reminder to...

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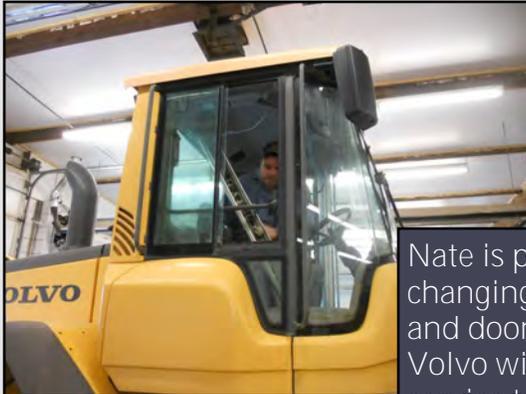
Mayor Loran Joseph invites all community members to a live-stream **TRAIL BLAZER** game viewing party at Churchill School tomorrow, Saturday, at 10 a.m. Voting will be available during the game...Hope to see **YOU** there!

Join the excitement and stay tuned to Baker City Parks & Playgrounds on Facebook for information and updates...and remember to vote every day at www.trailblazers.com/assist!

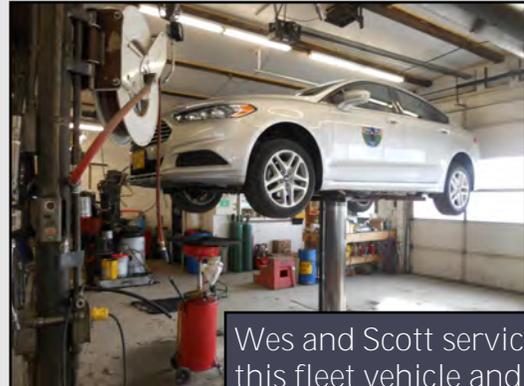




Public Works: Shop

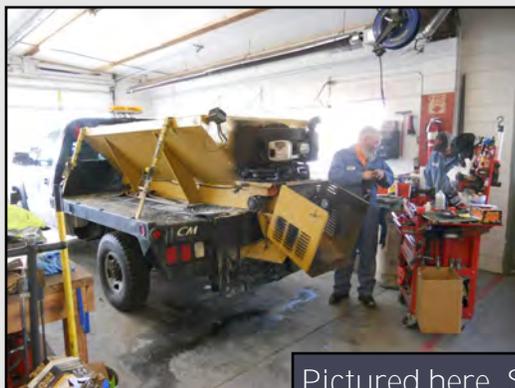


Nate is pictured here changing the ignition and door lock. The Volvo will be back in service today.

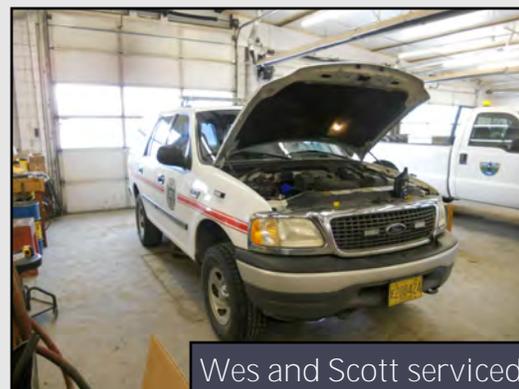


Wes and Scott serviced this fleet vehicle and performed a safety check.

Wes and Scott serviced and performed a safety check on this truck. While in the shop they also adjusted the hydraulic cylinder packing and it is now back in service.



Pictured here, Scott is repairing the throttle. It is now back to work.



Wes and Scott serviced and performed a safety check on **this Fire Department's** vehicle.