

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 1, 2019

Administration:

The community turned out in large numbers on Monday to testify before the Legislative Committee on Carbon Reduction. Over 300 people attended to voice their concerns about the costs of the Cap and Trade Carbon bill. Because of the limited time, only about 25 people were able to speak about the negative effects to our economy, transportation costs and existing businesses which would be severely impacted by the additional costs. My hope is that the Committee heard our concerns and will take into account the plight of rural Oregon as they deliberate on this issue.

The Council met this week to talk about property maintenance, carbon reduction and the Baker City watershed. They will be meeting next week to talk about capital plans and to have a budget orientation for members of the budget board.

The snow just keeps coming. Thankfully we have enough sun to keep the snow manageable on our streets and sidewalks. Have a good weekend.

City Council

Agenda

March 12th

- 3rd Reading of Chronic Property Nuisance Ordinance



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Fifteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and nine customers disconnected service from February 22nd through March 1st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed February 25th and included 715 residential and 58 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 206 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 50 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twenty Seven customers (Zones 8 and 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) four were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Payable

The second of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated February 26th.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	0	6	0	0
Manufac-tured 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

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 3645 Cedar Street, Baker City— Detached accessory structure.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 29337 Dooley Mtn. Hwy, Durkee—Brush solar project.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 13, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Building Department Offices.

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:
 - ◆ **SDR-19-014:** A public hearing for a proposal to convert an existing, ±15,250-square-foot industrial building at 2345 11th Street to a ±6,180 square foot retail space, a ±1,642 square foot wood-working shop, a ±234 square foot office, a ±567 square foot warehouse, and a ±902 square foot caretaker’s unit.
 - ◆ **MM-19-017:** A public hearing for a proposal to add ±17,168 square feet to an existing building used as a church and school, originally approved through Conditional Use Permit (90-C-2) at 2720 Birch Street.
 - ◆ **Work Session:** A public work session for the continued discussion of revisions to the Site Design Review process.

Copies of the applications and work session materials will be available for inspection on or before March 13, 2019, at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3rd Street, and all materials can be viewed for no cost, or provided at a reasonable cost; digital versions can be e-mailed for free. If you have questions, please contact the Planning Department at planning@bakercounty.org or 541-523-8219.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±20 square foot free-standing sign and a ±23 square foot wall sign were approved at 2440 Windmill Road, located in the General – Commercial (C-G) Zone and the Freeway Overlay Zone.
- ◆ An application to modify previously approved re-plat request, RP-17-111, was approved. The modification includes the reconfiguration of lot lines between three lots in the Elkhorn Vista Subdivision, located in the Residential Low – Density (R-LD) Zone. No additional lots were created. Notice of the decision has been provided to nearby property owners and the appeal period is open until March 12, 2019.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 19th through February 25th the Fire Department responded to a total of **40** emergency alarms. The breakdown for the responses are as follows:

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

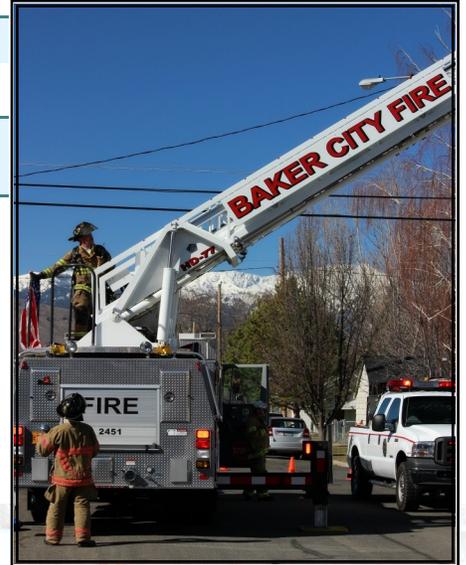
City Calls	28
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	25
No Patient Trip	12

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 37

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 3



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



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	7
Persons Arrived for Cover	6

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 48 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 7 Burn Permits Issued
- 16 hrs of EMS Training
- 70.5 hrs of Fire Training



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, March 5th 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 120 incidents and opened 27 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. BCPD responded to a report of a fully engulfed utility trailer in the 1200 block of Broadway Avenue. The trailer was owned and utilized by the non-profit organization Baker County Mounted Posse which provides low-cost summer horseback riding excursions for Baker County youth. The trailer had been stolen from 3720 10th Street before it was abandoned on Broadway Avenue and set on fire, completely destroying the trailer and all contents. The investigation is ongoing.
- ✪ Staff from BCPD and ODOT spent a day fitting kiddos at Head Start with their very own bicycle helmet. These helmets are given to local children of all ages thanks to Baker City Rotary! Their continued support funds this program and bicycle safety efforts in our community.
- ✪ BCPD K9 Capa celebrated a birthday! K9 Capa became a member of the Baker City Police Department in March 2016. In 2018, K9 Capa was deployed 54 times and is responsible for finding/seizing the following items: \$10,063 in US currency; 236 items of drug paraphernalia; 62.9 grams of Methamphetamine; 13.5 grams of Oxycodone; 1.0 grams of Buprenorphine; 10.0 grams of Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine; 1.2 grams of Heroin and 1 handgun.
- ✪ 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.



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: Street Department



Additional trash was seen again along Resort Street near the Broadway Avenue intersection. Code Enforcement Officer Mark responded to the site Wednesday and resolved the problem.

Concrete was used last week to install some new stop sign bases in town. The extra concrete was utilized to form eco-blocks for future Public Works projects. Pictured right, the concrete is curing in the metal forms under controlled temperatures.



The Public Works crew plowed for a short period of time Sunday after snow continued to fall during the morning hours. On Tuesday morning, at 12:00 a.m., Justin, Tommy, Dennis and Jay plowed downtown streets. An hour later (1:00 a.m.) a snow haul crew of Jake, Rick, Craig and Brian began hauling the snow piles and berms away from downtown city streets.



It typically takes two days (depending on how much snow falls) to haul the plowed snow to disposal sites. The same haul crew of Jake, Rick, Craig and Brian started work at 2:00 a.m. Wednesday morning to haul away the remaining snow berms created from the early Tuesday morning plow work.



← Semi-trucks using a portion of Campbell Street as a parking lot when I-84 was closed Monday.



Public Works: Street Department Continued



Snow berms on Broadway Avenue

The snow fell again starting early Wednesday morning. The sun came out late in the morning and the temperature rose to the point where the snow was melting and turning to slush.

Snow melt running to the catchbasin at Main and Campbell Streets. →



Wednesday temperatures raised sufficiently so that the crew of Justin, Blain and Tommy were able to successfully plow wet packed snow from many of the major streets in town.

The grader would break the packed snow loose and the backhoes would follow behind smashing boulder sized snow clods into small chunks of slush.

Public Works: Airport

The Operator at the Baker City Airport requested assistance clearing snow from the main runway and staging area.

It is important to keep the airport runways open for take-offs and landings as much as possible. On Sunday Tommy operated the volvo loader to scoop and dump snow from the asphalt surface. On Monday, Brian operated the loader.



BEFORE

On Wednesday the plow equipment at the airport had mechanical malfunctions so the crew of Blain, Tommy and Riley responded to remove snow from the 13-31 runway and portions of the taxiway and staging area.



AFTER



Public Works: Water Department

Justin worked to plow snow from Goodrich Road so that the water control valve at the Goodrich pipeline diversion could be more easily accessed and flows adjusted.



Here you can see the snow depth is considerable about a mile above the county road.



← Scott standing atop the snow bank near the Goodrich Diversion.

It seems like there is never a shortage of water work to be done. This meter had to be uncovered and the water turned on for a citizen returning from South Africa.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

The replacement reel for the vivax push-cam arrived Wednesday. Karl and Jacob were able to successfully install the pushrod cable and spring kit.

There were several sewer problems reported by residents this week. All reports were promptly investigated and the mainlines determined to be unobstructed and operating properly.



An after hours call was received Monday evening for a resident living on 18th Street. Tommy and Nate responded to the site and cleaned the line in front of the residence as a neighbor and the owner's son-in-law observed. No obstruction was found in the line.



Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department



KEEP WIDENING THAT GAP!

We are truly fortunate to live in a community that supports our kids... from sports sponsorships to school fundraisers to building playgrounds! During this past week we have seen the gap between Baker City and the other communities continue to grow...while we see the daily vote counts for our competitors stagnating, ours consistently continue to grow! Last Friday we led the nearest trailing city, Prineville, by slightly over 1500 votes. As of today, we have 21,153 votes, 6,336 votes in the lead and still the gap continues to grow!

MEET GUS

GUS WAS BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA AND IS NOT YET ABLE TO STAND OR WALK WITHOUT THE USE OF ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS A WHEELCHAIR OR WHEELED MOBILE STANDER.

CURRENTLY THE CLOSEST ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND FOR GUS AND HIS FAMILY IS 4 HOURS AWAY.

LET'S RALLY TOGETHER AND MAKE A CHANGE FOR GUS AND SO MANY OTHER KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO DESERVE A PLACE TO PLAY WITH THEIR PEERS!



Please continue to VOTE EVERY DAY!

This week you will see the crusade for our exceptional kids represented at the 1A State Basketball Tournament, at our Baker Bulldog playoff games, and at First Friday. Thank you to our many businesses, restaurants, and community partners who have been so helpful with displaying flyers, placing table tents, and distributing hand-outs and cards for this wonderful cause...we couldn't do it without **YOU!**

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Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department Continued

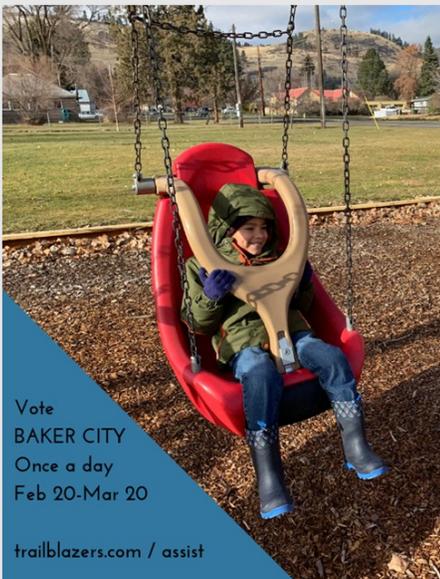
The second live-stream **TRAIL BLAZER** game viewing party will be held at Churchill School Sunday, March 3, at 10 a.m. This event is free to the community for those who are supporting Baker City in the Moda Assist All-Abilities Playground Grant voting contest to come together, cheer on the BLAZERS, celebrate our efforts, and rally for more voters!!! The game will be shown on the big screen with seating available as well as plenty of room for the kids to run and play! Voting will be available. Complimentary coffee and pastries will be provided courtesy of **Sweet Wife!** Please join us!



Meet Jasmine

JASMINE AND HER YOUNGER SISTER OLIVIA BOTH EXPERIENCE A RARE FORM OF MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, LIMITING THEIR ABILITY TO UTILIZE TRADITIONAL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 9 CHILDREN IN JASMINE'S FAMILY, ALL OF WHOM WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM LOCAL ACCESS TO AN ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND. LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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Meet Harley

HARLEY HAS A DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND DOES NOT COMMUNICATE VERBALLY. HE IS ALSO AN EXTREMELY BRIGHT LITTLE BOY WHO LOVES TO PLAY OUTSIDE. AT 6 YEARS OLD, HE IS NOT YET ABLE TO USE TRADITIONAL SWINGS.

HELP MAKE AN ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND A REALITY FOR HARLEY AND ALL OTHER KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

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Meet Poppy

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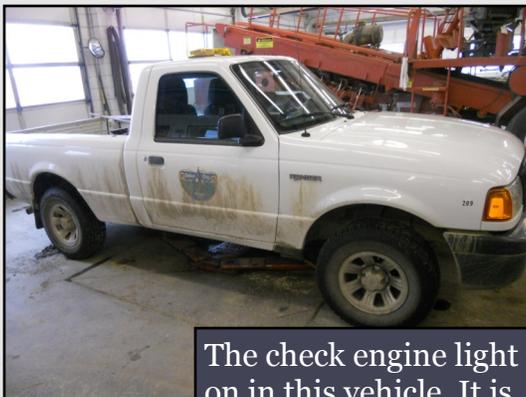
POPPY HAS SPINA BIFIDA. THE LIMITATIONS THAT COME ALONG WITH THIS DIAGNOSIS DO NOT DAMPEN HER ENTHUSIASM FOR PLAY. THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH OTHER CHILDREN AT AN ADA COMPLIANT FACILITY WOULD BE A DREAM COME TRUE!



Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott have started work on the chip spreader. There is a lot of work to be done: a new radiator, replacing all of the rubber shields and both belts that feed gravel to the hopper. Work will also include addressing hydraulic issues. Plans are in place to have all of the repairs done by the middle of April.



The check engine light came on in this vehicle. It is currently being serviced and should be back on the road this afternoon.

Nate pressure washed and serviced the forklift to keep it in top shape.



Wes and Scott pulled the dipper cylinder off of this backhoe and sent it in to CAT for repairs. Repairs will be completed when the part is returned next week.

