

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 29, 2019

Administration:

Today marked Jake Jones' 30th anniversary with the City of Baker City.

Jake has been serving as the City's Water Plant Operator and oversees the watershed system.

Jake plans on starting a new chapter in April called retirement! We want to thank Jake for his many years at the City and we wish him the best in his retirement. Congratulations!



City Council Agenda April 9th

- TBD



Finance:

Finance Director: The February financial summary is available on the web at www.bakercity.com.

Utilities

- ◆ 11 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 6 customers disconnected service from March 22nd thru March 28th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed March 26th which included 462 residential and 19 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 100 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 18 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today and included 715 residential and 58 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 204 or 26% are signed up for direct payment and 50 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ This week 19 residential customers (Zones 3 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) two of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll: Seventy-eight employees were paid today including eight paid volunteer firefighters, a part-time plumbing inspector, a part-time building inspector/plan reviewer, and a part-time patrol officer. Of those 78 employees, 73 or 94% are signed up for direct deposit.

Accounts Payable: The second of two accounts payable runs was generated March 26th.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Per-mits Issued Count y	Inspec-tions County
Building	7	20	5	10
Manufac-tured	0	5	0	0
Electrical	6	13	6	3
Mechanical	3	10	0	4
Plumbing	1	6	0	2
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	20	54	11	19

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 47490 Slaughterhouse Rd., Halfway—New residence.
- 935 Walnut St., Baker City—Residential addition and partial renovation.
- 3300 9th Dr., Baker City—Removal of window, resize and addition of sliding glass door.
- 1705 18th St., Baker City—Demo existing structures on property.
- 36569 Snake River Rd., Huntington—New residence.
- 18819 Alpine Ln., Baker City—Revised floor plan & completion of addition.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 1928 Court St., Baker City—Interior remodel and upgrade.
- 2715 10th St., Baker City—Repairs and remodel after fire.
- 3451 Broadway St., Baker City—Fire barrier installation.
- 110 Mill St., Sumpter—Interior renovation and change of occupancy.
- 29094 Old Hwy 30, Durkee—Durkee fuel cell project.
- 1250 Campbell St., Baker City—New commercial siding added.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 10th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings: The next Planning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The agenda includes:

- ◆ **Work Session:** The Planning Commission and Baker City Council will discuss economic opportunities and employment land strategy for Baker City as the beginning of an update to the Baker City Comprehensive Land Use Plan. There will also be a discussion of potential re-zoning of properties within the City.
- ◆ **CU-19-018:** A public hearing for a proposal to construct a ±2,400 square foot accessory structure at 85 David Eccles Road, Baker City, on a portion of the property zoned Residential High-Density (R-HD).

Copies of the applications and work session materials will be available for inspection on or before April 3, 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. Comments on the proposal may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. If you have questions, please contact the Planning Department at planning@bakercounty.org or 541-523-8219.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A property line adjustment was approved for properties addressed as 1525 and 1545 16th Street, located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A single-family home was approved at 2334 Virginia Avenue, located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ An application to reconfigure the boundary lines of six (6) lots to create three (3) lots (RP-19-012) was approved in the Residential High – Density (R-HD) Zone. Notice of this decision has been provided to nearby property owners, and the appeal period is open until April 11, 2019.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of March 19th through March 25th the Fire Department responded to a total of **49** emergency alarms. The breakdown for the responses are as follows:

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	36
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	31
No Patient Trip	13

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 44

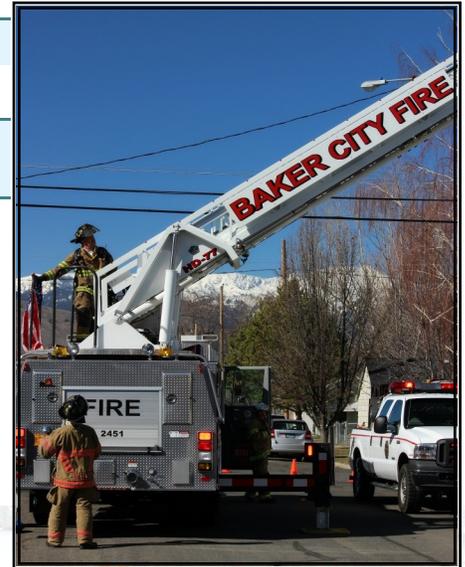


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	3
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	4
Public Assists	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	12
Persons Arrived for Cover	10

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 55 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 20 Burn Permits Issued
- 13 hrs Fire Prevention Inspections
- 55 hrs of EMS Training
- 32 hrs of Fire Training



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, April 2nd 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 163 incidents and opened 35 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. Upon receiving a tip, an arrest was made of subject found to have an active fugitive warrant out of Putnam County, Florida. This warrant, which was extraditable, stems from four charges of Unlawful Sexual Activity with a Minor.
- ★ Chief Dustin Newman and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Powell, along with COP (Citizen on Patrol) volunteers, Reserve Officers and other members of the community, volunteered to help property owner, Tamara Mankins, with the cleanup of property located at 1905 Birch Street. Ms. Mankins paid to have three 20-yard dumpsters removed containing junked items and trash from off the property. In addition, three scrap metal dumpsters loads were also removed from the property.



- ★ Chief Newman attended a regional executive-level law enforcement meeting with members from other local and regional agencies. This meeting, which addresses concerns unique to Eastern Oregon, was held in Pendleton.
- ★ 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.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Closed out 2 cases with compliance gained
- Followed up on multiple pending cases

Parking violations

- Issued three parking citations
- Followed up on multiple parking complaints
- Towed one abandoned vehicle

Animal violations and complaints

- Impounded three dogs running at large
- Responded and assisted with multiple animal complaints

Miscellaneous

- Two found items



Public Works: Street Department

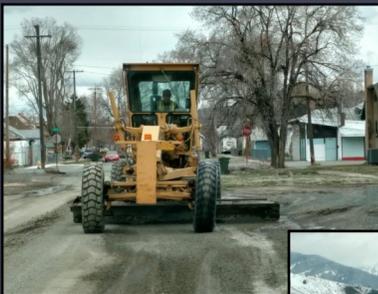
There have been two locations where citizens have complained about mud accumulating on paved streets. Pictured right is Oak Street where vehicles have been driving over the curb and bringing mud onto the street.



← Birch Street is the other location.

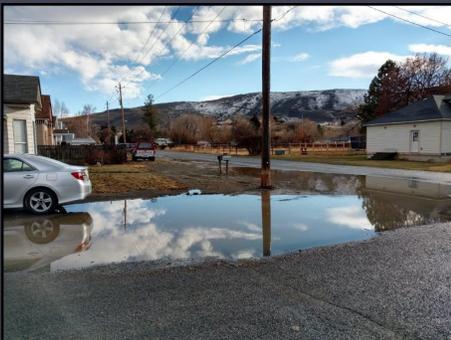


Street barricades and traffic cones were placed there to deter semi-trucks from driving over the curb.



Public Works has been grading and rolling gravel streets this week.

Blain graded while Nate rolled. →



Heavy rains on Wednesday created several puddles around town. This one was located on Place Street.

The Sidewalk Replacement Grant
 is available through
June 28th.
 There is currently
\$5115 in grant funding available to assist you with the cost of improving the public sidewalk adjacent to your property.
 More information can be found at www.bakercity.com or you can pick up a grant application at the Public Works Department in City Hall.



Public Works: Street Department Continued

A new concrete approach is being constructed this week (while schools are on Spring Break) on Grace Street—directly across from South Baker School. The concrete curb, approach and sidewalk had deteriorated and needed to be replaced.



← The old curb, approach and sidewalk.

Tommy and Riley dug out the majority of the material in preparation for the new concrete work. →



← Justin, Blain, Kris and Nate placed the concrete Thursday morning.

Kris performing the "finish work" on the concrete. →



The remaining concrete work will be completed Friday and the sidewalk will be available for pedestrian traffic when school starts again Monday morning.

Public Works: Wastewater Department



Crews continue in their quest to raise manhole lids to the surface of the ground. Pictured left is a manhole on Hughes Lane that has been raised 27" and is ready to be encased in concrete. Pictured right is the completed project.



Karl and Jake worked to raise a manhole on South Bridge Street.

Pieces of 24" and 36" sauna tubes were used to create lift rings for this manhole.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued



A wastewater problem was reported to Public Works earlier this week. Manholes at either end of the line where the house is connected were checked.

The line was found to be operating properly. This photo shows the route of the line that runs directly through the backyards of residences.

Public Works: Water Department



New water and wastewater services were installed on Settlers Loop last Friday. The asphalt zipper was used to pulverize the asphalt and then track hoes were used to complete the installation. Trenches were then backfilled and compacted.

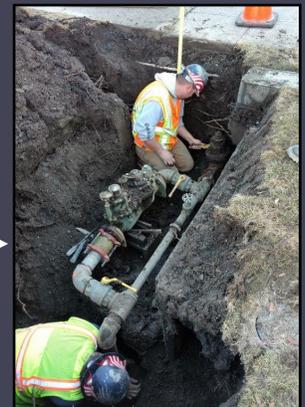


A new 2" copper service line and meter was installed for the Baker County Courthouse this week. Justin, Blain and Nate did necessary preparatory work Tuesday and then came in at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning to complete the work so that water service connections could be completed before normal business hours.



← 4th Street was closed for a short amount of time on Tuesday.

Blain and Nate are working on the old 3" meter Tuesday in preparation for it's replacement early Wednesday morning. →



The new meter was installed, connections made and water turned on before 8a.m. Wednesday morning.

← Here is a photo of the new 2" meter. The new plumbing work now has the 2" domestic line separated from the 4" cast iron fire line as required. There will be a slight monthly cost reduction due to using the new 2" meter versus the 3" meter.



Public Works: Shop

Wes and Scott serviced and performed a safety check on this ambulance. Engine codes indicated that a new O2 sender was needed. Parts have been ordered and the repair will be completed next week.



Brian is pictured here, welding the fuel tank for R-224. This project will be done early next week.

Nate installed the hydraulic cylinder on this backhoe and it is back in service.



Wes, Scott and Nate installed a new radiator on the spreader.

Scott serviced and performed a safety check on this pickup. As a result, he found that some front end work was needed: tie rods and drag link. Work on this pickup will be completed next week.

