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Featured: Public Works and Cascade Natural Gas Employees working near a major water line leak on “D” Street

City Manager’s Message

Jonathan Cannon

I am frequently amazed at people throughout the city who roll up their sleeves and pitch in to offer volunteer work. I am of the belief that most people are generous and will give of themselves and their means. I believe this because I have seen it in action over the years. Certainly people do not like being forced to give or being taken advantage of when they offer of themselves. People are generous of their own accord.

I am particularly grateful for those who donate to the city. Citizens have donated over the years to parks, the fire department, the police department, the K-9 unit and many other city projects. Thank you. Since my arrival, I have scene both cash and time donations provided to the city. Recently I received an email offering volunteer time to assist the city. A month ago, a volunteer came and began assisting the city archive some documents in the Building Department. Thank you to these individuals and many others.

If you are interested in volunteering with the city or have a high school / college student who wants volunteer time on their resumes, please do not hesitate to contact Dallas, our City Recorder. If not the city, I hope everyone will take an opportunity to find a volunteer or service opportunity. There are so many opportunities and so much need.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the beautiful weather.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jonathan Cannon—City Manager

We are Hiring!

Human Resources

We still have various jobs available at the city! Feel free to go to our website [www.bakercity.com] for more information on the following job opportunities.



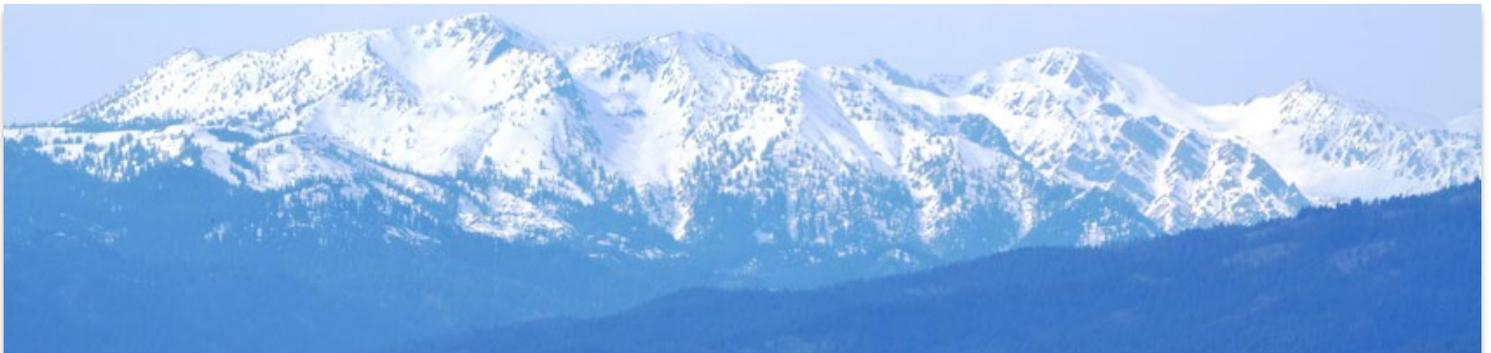
Firefighter/EMT

The City of Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Firefighter/EMT in the Fire Department. For a complete announcement, position description and application, please visit our website or contact Stacy Spriet in Human Resources. Salary range is \$4,532-\$5,098 per month plus excellent benefits.

Evidence Technician - Closes February 24, 2022 at 5 p.m.

The City of Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Evidence Technician in the Police Department. For a position description and application please click the link above. Please submit a resume and job application to Stacy Spriet in Human Resources.

The City of Baker City provides employment opportunity to all qualified employees and applicants, without unlawful regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran's status, or any other status protected by applicable federal, Oregon, or local law. Our EEO policy applies to all aspects of the employment relationship—including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, compensation, promotion, demotion, transfer, disciplinary action, layoff, recall, and termination of employment.



Finance/Utilities**Here is a list of stats for utilities from 02/02/22 to 02/09/22:**

- Two customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and three customer disconnected service from February 3rd thru February 9th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 5 was billed February 4th and included 466 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 143 (30%) are signed up for direct payment and 32 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 1 was billed February 7th and included 96 residential and 257 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 75 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Nine residential customers (Zones 4 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) of those nine, one was turned off for no pay, and has not yet contacted the City.

**DOXO Update****02/02/22 to 02/09/2022:**

- As of 2/2/22 there were 675 customers who had signed up to use DOXO to pay their utility bills, as of 2/9/22, there were 686 total customers signed up.
- From 2/3-2/9, a total of 90 payments, in the amount of \$8,110.11, were made.

To pay your utility bill online:

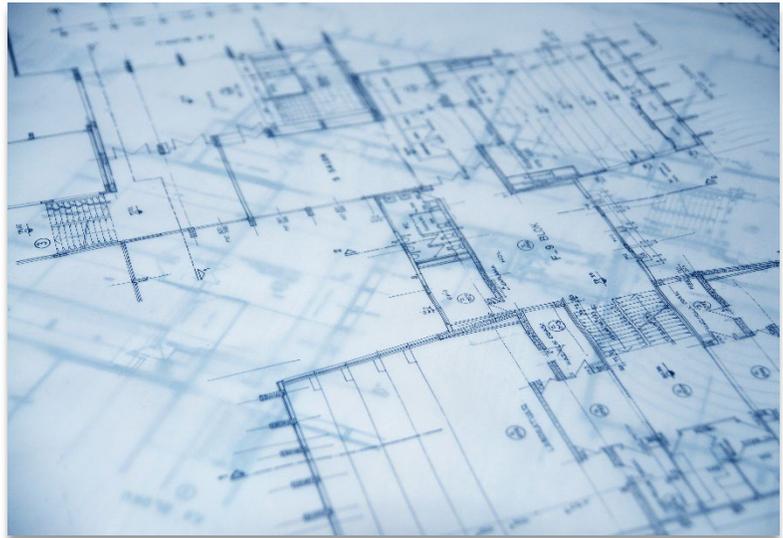
1. Visit www.bakercity.com
2. Locate the “Pay Your Bill” icon on the homepage
3. Small fee for credit cards/debit cards – No fee for checking accounts!

Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6pm on February 16, 2022, in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall, to discuss the Northern Baker Transportation Improvement Plan (NBTIP) and associated updates to both the Baker City Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to City Council.

For more information, please visit:
<http://bakercity.com/2289/NBTIP> .



APPLICATIONS

- A Site Design Review was approved to allow a new storage building at 2245 10th Street in the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone.

Now Hiring!

We're hiring a Planner! If you have an interest in shaping the community, enjoy working in a dynamic environment and have a passion for helping people, check out our job announcement at

<http://www.l.bakercounty.org/JobPostings.nsf/xView.w.xsp>.

Police Department



- This past week, BCPD opened 37 new cases and responded to 149 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.

- The following press release was released after officers and Baker City Fire /Medics responded to a report of an unconscious male:

In the spring of 2021, the Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team arrested TOM RAYMOND CARROLL in Baker City for narcotics trafficking of methamphetamine and fentanyl. The fentanyl was in the form of blue pills made illicitly in Mexico to look like oxycodone 30mg pills. The pills are manufactured in Mexico by drug trafficking organizations and shipped throughout the United States. The pills are known on the street as "Blues", M30's" or "Fetty's." Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 100 times stronger than morphine. These counterfeit pills are extremely dangerous, as they often contain toxic illicit ingredients such as fentanyl, increasing the likelihood of an overdose. We have seen an increase in these pills throughout Eastern Oregon and have responded to several drug overdose cases in the last two years due to the increased presence of opioids in our community. During the arrest of Mr. Carroll, police located over 2 pounds of methamphetamine, about 50 fake Oxycodone pills, a stolen 9 mm handgun and over twenty thousand dollars in cash. He was charged in the federal system and released from custody on pre-trial release.

Shortly after his release, the narcotics team learned that Mr. Carroll was back in the business of drug trafficking and police initiated a separate investigation. He was again arrested in Baker City on January 25th, 2022, for violation of his release agreement and was taken into federal custody.

On March 8th, 2021, the Baker County Narcotics Team arrested LOREN DEAN ALEXANDER PREVO in Baker City for narcotics trafficking of methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl. Again, the fentanyl was in the form of counterfeit oxycodone pills. He was also in possession of several ounces of methamphetamine. On this case, Mr. Prevo plead guilty to possession of a restricted weapon and drug charges. He received a suspended sentence and was ordered to completed drug treatment. Mr. Prevo left treatment within about a week and the narcotics team initiated another case as he returned to narcotics trafficking in the Eastern Oregon area.

K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser

The big drawing is this Saturday, February 12th! This is your last chance to purchase a ticket in support of the BCPD K9 program and drug prevention efforts in our community, for a chance to win the Grand Prize, a 2021 Can-Am Maverick XDS RR Turbo! Second place prize is a Tikka 300 Win. Mag hunting rifle, donated by Patton Excavation, complete with a Vortex Viper® 6.5-20x50 Rifle Scope donated by D&B Supply. Third place prize is a Traeger Pro 780 donated by Lew Bros Les Schwab. Only 500 tickets will be sold, \$100.00 per ticket, and can be purchased at the Baker City Police Department, Cliff's Saws and Cycles and Carole's Mad Dog Restaurant and Saloon in Sumpter, Oregon. Must be 18 or older to purchase ticket. The drawing will be held February 12, 2022.

Police Department

On February 6th, 2022, Baker City Police and Baker City Fire/Medics responded to 1129 Elm Street in Baker City, Oregon regarding an unconscious male. Upon arrival on scene, it was quickly determined that the male was unconscious due to a drug overdose. The homeowner is RICHARD WAYNE CARROLL, age 51 and was also the subject of the overdose. The Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team had been investigating Rich for narcotics and weapons trafficking for the last year and because of the investigation as well as the overdose, detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence where about 1 pound of methamphetamine, several grams of heroin and four firearms were located along with other items indicative of narcotics trafficking.

The firearms included 2 AR-15 rifles and two handguns. Mr. Carroll is a convicted felon and unable to possess firearms.

Mr. Rich Carroll was later released from the hospital and has not yet been charged.

Tom Carroll, Rich Carroll, and Loren Prevo were all known to each other and considered by the Narcotics Team to be upper-level traffickers of narcotics and firearms into and out of Baker City and Eastern Oregon.

The investigation into all three individuals is ongoing.

The Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team is comprised of members from the Baker City Police Department and is supported by the Baker County Sheriff's Office, the Baker County District Attorney's Office and the Oregon State Police.

The mission of the narcotics team is to disrupt and/or dismantle mid to upper-level drug trafficking individuals and organizations, address violent crime as well as provide valuable intelligence and investigative resources to all law enforcement regarding unlawful criminal activity. Detectives assigned to these teams not only investigate narcotics trafficking but play a major role in major crime team cases.

Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

40.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
45.0 Hrs.	Fire training
20.0 Hrs.	EMS training
0 Hrs.	Safety training
01.0 Hrs.	Fire Prevention/Inspections
0 Hrs.	Community Events

02/01/2021-02/07/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Baker City Fire Department responded to a total of 39 emergency alarms detailed as follows:

FIRE REPORTS	04
General alarms	01
Dispatched alarms	03
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	35
In-City Responses	29
Out of City Responses	06
Transports	18
No Transports	18
Airport Transfers	00
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	00
MVA's	00
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	07
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	00
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	09
# of staff requested	12
Staff response for cover	02
No staff response for cover	07

Building Department

Building Department Statistics for January 2022

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	8	22	3	47
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	1	0	3
ELECTRICAL	18	26	19	34
MECHANICAL	19	20	16	28
PLUMBING	12	15	5	9
FENCE	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	57	84	43	121

Note: Full details for the permits issued can be found on the monthly reports on the Baker City website.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next scheduled meeting February 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Building Department offices.



Public Works:

Shop: Weekly Update 2/11/22



R91- City Shop staff have been replacing hydraulic lines and propane line. They have also rebuilt one hydraulic cylinder and have been getting it ready for this summer.



City Shop staff are making some repairs to this snowmobile trailer. Some of the welds were broken and staff are installing some plastic decking.

Public Works:



R346- City Shop staff installed a beacon light for safety.



R128- City Shop staff performed a tune up and repaired some leaks on this trash pump.



R108- City Shop staff serviced and repaired a leaking valve cover and also fixed the flat tire.

Public Works



R335- City Shop staff repaired the rear 7-wire plug for the trailer lights.



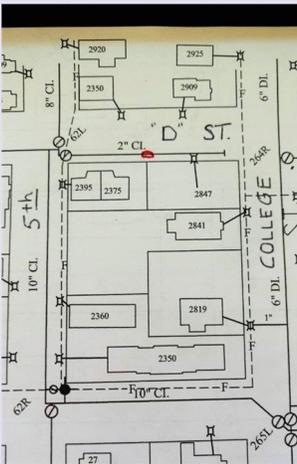
R54-City Shop staff pulled the walking beam suspension and replaced the bushings. Staff also replaced the brakes and drums.



Snowmobiles staff will replace the seat covers and will be replacing the skis and carbides.

Public Works**Public Works Weekly Update for 2/11/22****Water Dept.:**

What appeared to be ice thawing on the south edge of "D" Street Tuesday was actually an underground water leak.



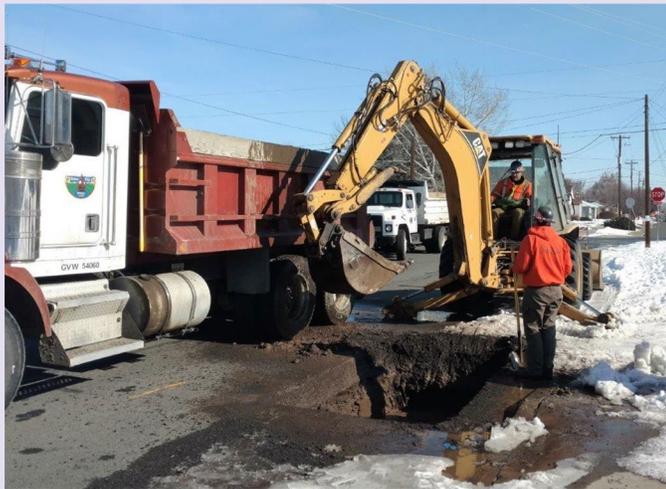
A quick look at the water map showed that a 2" water line is located on the south side of the street and is made of "cast iron" material. While cast iron is very durable it is brittle and susceptible to breakage. An emergency underground utility locate was immediately requested.

Public Works



Tony from Cascade Natural Gas Co. was the first underground locator and arrived on site within just a few minutes! There is a gas line lying just north of the water leak.

Once all underground utilities were marked excavation began.



A stainless-steel full circle repair band was used to stop the leak and complete the repair.



Public Works

The repair work was completed by 1:30 in the afternoon.



Streetlight Dept.:

The new LED Street Light was installed last week at Main and Madison Streets.



(New 45 Watt LED Bulb) (Existing 200 Watt High Pressure Sodium Bulb).

Public Works

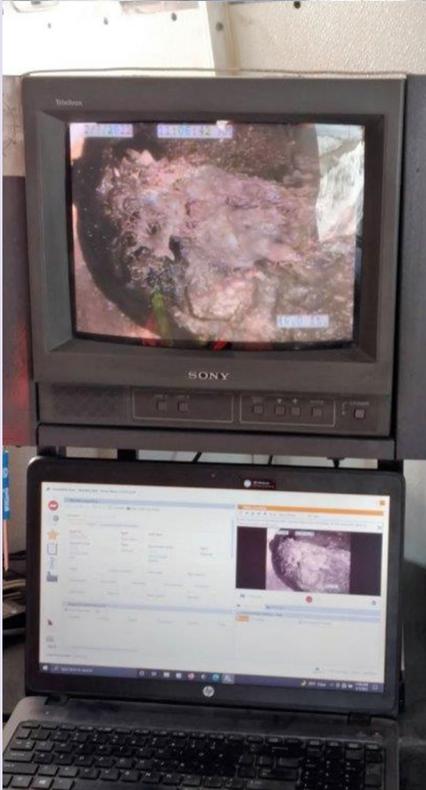
Wastewater Dept.:

Public Works received several reports of sewer problems this week. On 5th Street, tree roots were causing problems with one residence.



Public Works

The line was cleaned using the Jetter Truck and High-Pressure Nozzle.



Video-inspection showed the roots plugging the lateral.

Public Works

Street Dept.:

Property owners are reminded to keep sidewalks clear for pedestrian traffic.



One section of sidewalk along "D" Street was cleared



while the other was not.

Public Works

The Cimline Crackfill/Mastic Machine was used Thursday to fill several potholes on Baker City Streets including Auburn, 17th, "H", College and Cedar Streets.



Helpful Reminders During the Wintertime

Please remember to clear your sidewalks of snow

Don't shovel or plow snow into the street

With wintertime comes colder temperatures which can lead to frozen pipes and pipe bursts!

To help prevent frozen pipes/pipe bursts:

- Consider letting your faucet drip when temperatures are below 0°.
- If pipe is frozen be careful not to heat it up too fast, this can cause the pipe to burst.

What to do if your water is frozen:

During Business Hours

Public Works Department

541-524-2047

(Monday-Friday 8-5)

Public Works can assist by checking the meter to make sure it's not frozen and we can shut off water at the meter to prevent further water damage if there is a frozen pipe.

After Hours

Baker Dispatch

541-523-3644

Have a great weekend!

Boards and Commissions

We have vacancies!

As we begin the new year, there are several open spots on boards and commissions. You must be appointed to be on a board or commission with Baker City. To apply for any of the following boards and commissions, visit our website:

<https://www.bakercity.com/FormCenter/Boards-Commissions-2/Volunteer-Form-33>

Here are the following open positions:

- Budget Board (4 available)
- Historic District Design Review Commission (2 available)
- Public Works Advisory Committee (2 available)
- Tree Board (1 available)
- Public Arts Commission
- Planning Commission (1 available)



Elected Officials

Mayor: Kerry McQuisten mayor@bakercity.gov

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