



The WEEKLY

December 2nd, 2022

The latest news, views, and announcements of Baker City.

INSIDE

Volunteers Needed!

Multiple openings on boards and commissions

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 13th
City Council
Regular Session
7:00pm

City Hall
Council Chambers



Pictured Above are the Public Works crew members installing the snow flakes on the street lights on 10th Street.



City Manager's Message...

It has been a busy week for Public Works. The beautiful snow that I love creates lots of work for our crews. Thank you to all of them for working through the nights and wee morning hours to make it easier for everyone to maneuver through town. The [Snow Plow Routes 2022-2023](#) is provided in this weekly update. The map includes four routes shown in priority from 1-4. Be careful out there as you travel our streets. Give yourself additional time and drive a little slower.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday. I recognize some were required to work on Thanksgiving. Thank you for sacrificing your Thanksgiving Day. I hope you were able to find an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks.

Tomorrow, December 3, 2022, is filled with numerous events for everyone. Come to Baker City and enjoy the whole day. Start with a late morning visit to the Fairgrounds Event Center for some fun activities. Visit Historic Downtown in the afternoon for cookies, hot chocolate, and a parade. Close the evening watching the tree lighting and listening to a choir. For more information visit [Travel Baker County](#) and the [Chamber of Commerce](#) websites. Thank you to all of the organizations who contributed to make this years festivities happen.

Have a great weekend.

Jonathan Cannon, City Manager





Apply for a Baker City Board or Commission and **join** your fellow residents in **shaping the future**.

Currently, Baker City has openings for the following Boards & Commissions:

- Historic District Design Review Committee
- Public Works Advisory Committee
- Tree Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Public Arts Commission

Openings coming soon:

- Budget Board
- Golf Board

[Apply Here](#)

Questions? Contact the City Recorder:
cityrecorder@bakercity.gov



Planning Department



PUBLIC HEARINGS

- The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing both in-person and virtually at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City, Oregon on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 6p.m. to hear the following requests:
 - A **Conditional Use Permit** to construct a $\pm 2,160$ -square-foot accessory structure and a concurrent **Variance** allowing the combination of the footprint of all accessory structures on the property to equal more than 1.5 times the footprint of the primary structure (total accessory structures are proposed to equal $\pm 2,560$ square feet), for applicants and property owners, Neil and Frances Chaney. The property is addressed as 3595 Grace Street, also identified as Tax Lot 300 of Assessor's Map 09s40e20bc (Ref. 3127), and is located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone. The requested structure will be accessory to the existing single-family dwelling located on the property. The Planning Commission heard this request at their meeting on November 16, 2022, and continued the meeting to December 21st.
 - A **rezone** from applicants and property owners, Leonard H., II and Gayle Gazley, to change the zoning designation of their property from General Industrial (I) to General Commercial (C-G) via a Baker City Comprehensive Plan Map and Zone Map Amendment. The $\pm .55$ acre subject property is addressed as 560 Elm Street, Baker City, OR, also identified as Tax Lot 501 of Assessor's Map 09s40e21cd (Ref. 17582). The Planning Commission heard this request on September 21, 2022, and recommended approval of the request to City Council. The City Council held public hearings on October 11th, October 25th and November 22nd, where the Ordinance was read in full. Following the third reading of the Ordinance on November 22nd, the City Council remanded the decision back to the Planning Commission.

APPLICATIONS

- An extension was approved for a conditional use permit allowing the conversion of a church into a dwelling at 1820 Estes Street in the Central Commercial (CC) Zone.



Police Department



BCPD opened 24 new cases and responded to 144 calls for service over the last week, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.

As the holiday season reaches full swing, law enforcement begins to see an uptick in crimes of opportunity. These crimes can include, but are not limited to, package thefts, burglary, and telephonic scams. It is estimated that 36% of Americans have had, at least once, a package stolen from outside their residence, there are 2.5 million burglaries annually in the United States, and according to a recent study 33% of Americans have reported falling victim to phone scams, and 20% on more than on occasion. Here are some tips on keeping yourself safe over the holiday seasons as well as year-round:

- Require a signature on packages delivered to your residence
- Ask the package to be left out of plain view
- Have UPS, FED EX, or local post office hold packages
- Install a home security system
- Install motion detector lights
- Network with neighbors
- Have package delivered to work

If you are going to be gone over the holiday season or for any length of time during any portion of the year:

- Contact local law enforcement and have your residence placed on a watch list
- Make your home look occupied
- Lock all outside doors and windows
- Don't share vacation plans on social media
- Don't allow mail, newspaper, or package deliveries to build up
- Store lawn mowers, barbeques, and bicycles out of sight
- Minimize hiding spots by trimming trees and shrubs



Police Department



Criminals continue to use phishing techniques (phone scams) because they realize that talking quickly and persuasively can and does many times catch people off guard. Sometimes these techniques are easily detected while other times they are subtle enough to fool even the most cautious of consumers. Some of the most common phishing scams are:

- Solving a problem with your account
- A demand for payment (Scammers may pretend to work for government agencies, such as the IRS or the FBI, or as employees at collection agencies or other third parties)
- Technical support
- Enrollment scam
- Collecting an award or special offer
- Threaten law enforcement arrest if immediate payment is not made

Some ways to protect yourself from these scams:

- Put your phone number on the FTC's National Do Not Call Registry (<https://www.donotcall.gov/>)
- Use call blocking
- Hang up on robocalls
- Do not answer calls from unknown numbers
- Do not return one-ring calls from one-ring numbers
- Don't follow instructions on prerecorded messages, such as "Press 1"
- Do not give out personal or financial data such as Social Security number or credit card account numbers
- Do not pay registration or shipping charges to get supposed free products or prizes
- Do not make payments by gift card (<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/gift-card-payment/>) prepaid debit card or wire transfer

As always, the Baker City Police Department wishes you a safe and healthy holiday season.



Police Department



The Baker City Police Department is once again hosting, in partnership with the Salvation Army, an 'Angel Tree' decorated with Angel Tree gift tags located in the front entrance of the Police Department (1768 Auburn Avenue). Angel Tree gift tags are special wished-for items given during the holiday season to children in need within our community. If you would like to pick up an Angel Tree gift tag and purchase the wished-for gift for a local child, please return the unwrapped gift to the Police Department by Friday, December 16, 2022.

Winter driving conditions are here. Be sure you're ready for anything mother nature has in store by reviewing these winter driving safety tips: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/documents/winter-driving-guide.pdf> and check updated road conditions by going to <https://tripcheck.com/> or by calling 511 toll free within Oregon.

**No zoomy-zoom
on the slicky-slick**



**Or you go boomy-boom in the
ditchy-ditch and have to wait for
a towy-tow in the cold snowy-
snow.**

Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

29 Hrs. Station and vehicle maintenance

14.5 Hrs. Fire training

04 Hrs. EMS training

06 Hrs. Safety training

00 Hrs Fire Prevention/Inspections

02 Hrs Community Events

9 Residential Burn Permits

11/16/2022-11/29/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Baker City Fire Department emergency alarms detailed as follows:

FIRE REPORTS 20

General alarms 01

Dispatched alarms 14

Fire Call Types 15

False Alarm 04

Agency Assist – LEO,EMS, Mutual Aid 06

MVC in town 00

MVC Mutual Aid 01

Structural Fire 01

Brush Fire/Grass/Wildland 01

Trash/Dumpster 01

Vehicle Fire 00

Burn Complaint/Service Call 07

Fire Investigation 01

Emergency Call Back

Requests for cover 03

of staff requested 06

Staff response for cover 05

No staff response for cover 01



Fire Department



BCFD provides tours of the fire station.





Fire Department



BCFD assisted with Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets with Baker City Albertsons and Safeway.



Public Works:

Public Works Weekly Update for 12/02/2022

Crews are decorating downtown for Christmas, here they are installing the holiday banners.



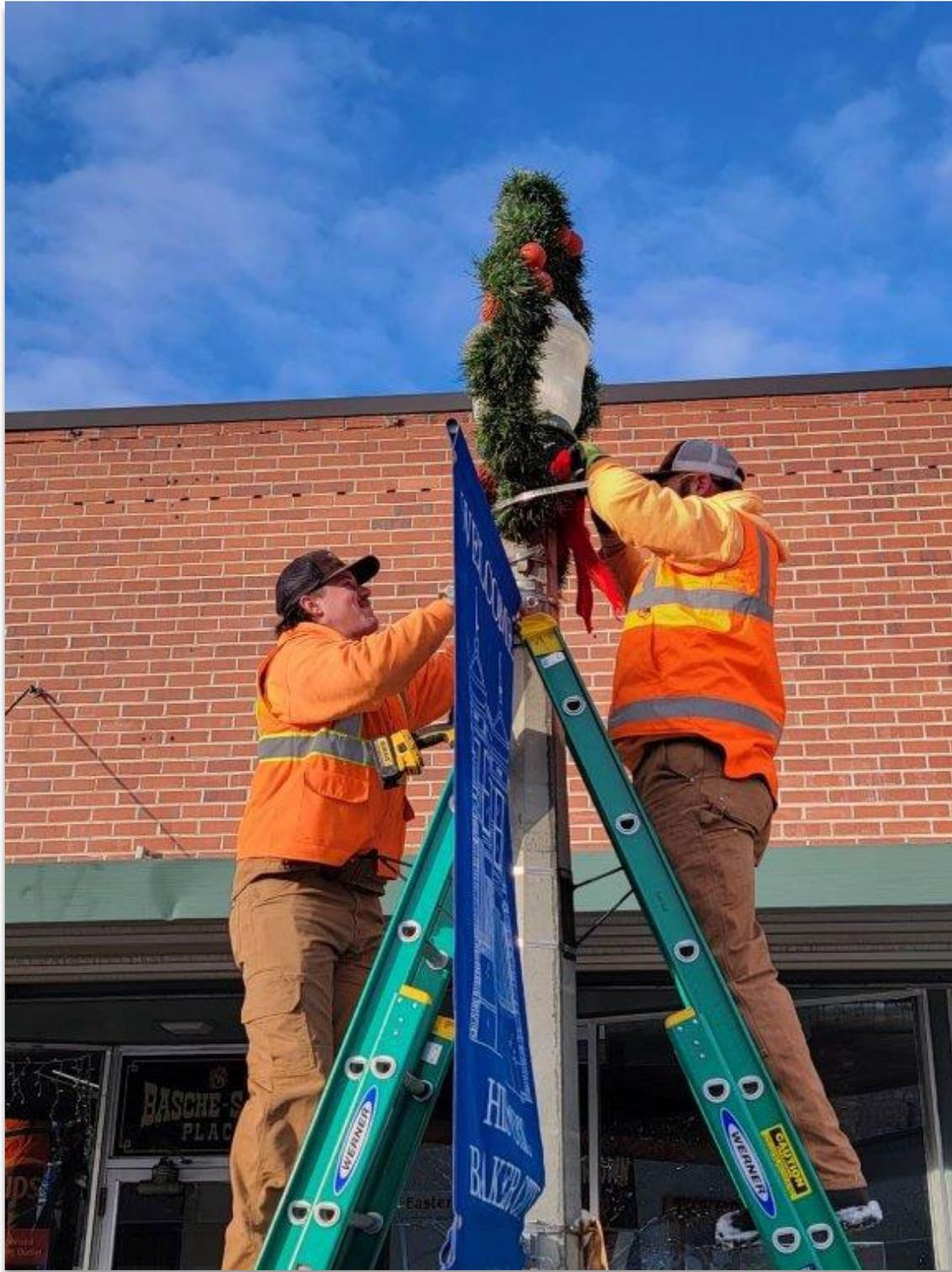
Public Works:

Here crews are decorating the Christmas tree in Court plaza.

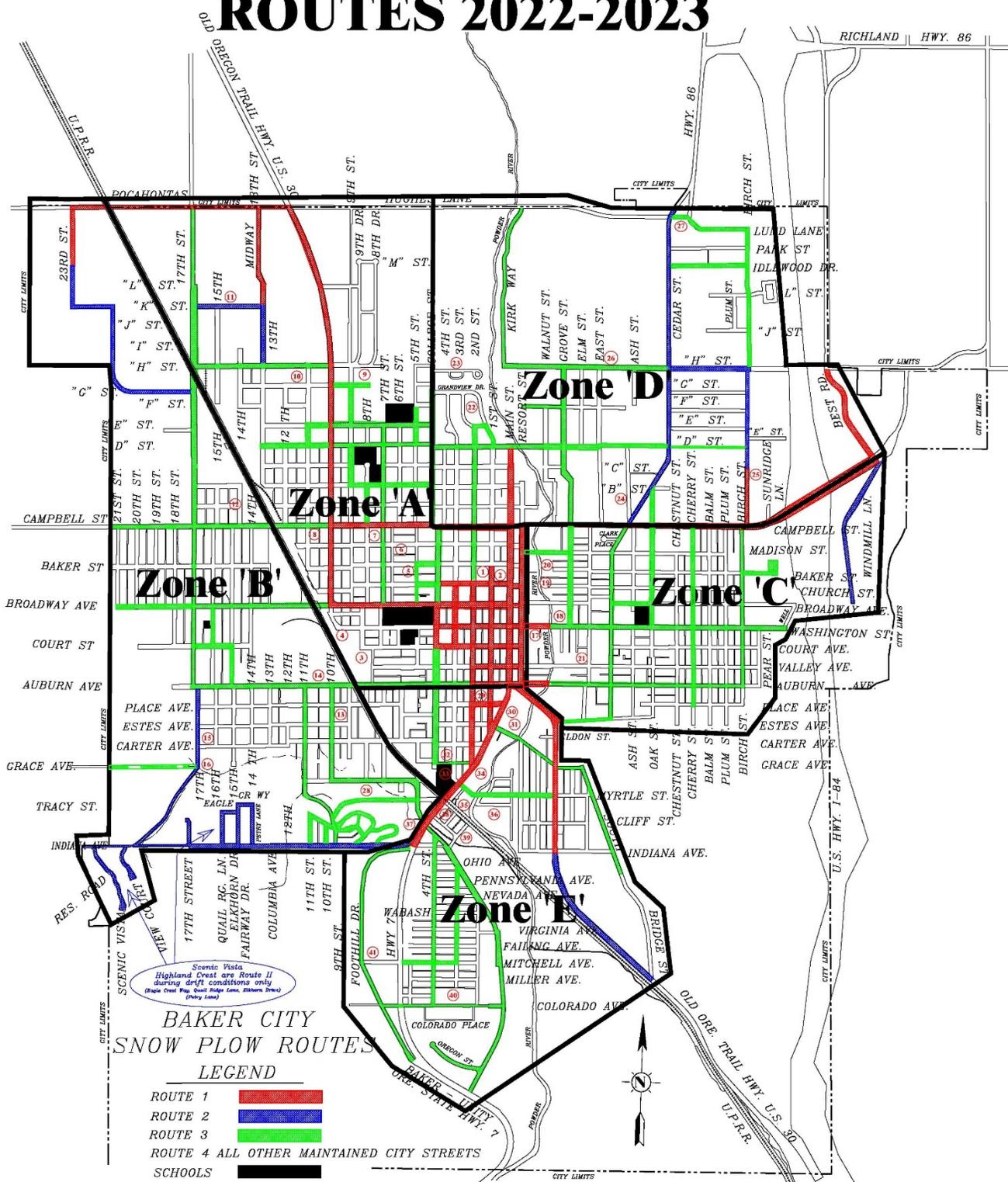


Public Works:

Public works crews are installing the wreaths on the street lights on Main street.



SNOW PLOW ROUTES 2022-2023



BAKER CITY SNOW PLOW ROUTES

LEGEND

- ROUTE 1
- ROUTE 2
- ROUTE 3
- ROUTE 4 ALL OTHER MAINTAINED CITY STREETS
- SCHOOLS

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE NOTE (REFER TO LIST)

ZONE BNDRY

Garbage Pick-up Days

- Zone 'A' = Thursday
- Zone 'B' = Friday
- Zone 'C' = Monday
- Zone 'D' = Tuesday
- Zone 'E' = Wednesday

FILE: SNOWMAP21-22.dwg
UPDATED 1-2022





S N O W I N B A K E R C I T Y

Baker City Public Works Snowplow Policy:

In the event of snowfall and accumulation of at least 4" of snow with more on the way, city crews will begin plowing city streets. It is imperative that all vehicles be removed from streets so that snow can be cleared all the way to the curb. Please see the Baker City website at www.bakercity.com for a map of priority routes.

Snow Plow Season:

Citizens (either elderly or disabled), who are physically unable to remove the berm in front of their own driveways caused by city plowing activity will have the option to have city forces open their driveway entrance when their street is plowed. Eligible citizens will be able to go to city hall to sign up for the service and will be given specially painted stakes to mark their driveway entrance. This service is provided only as time and funding allow. *If citizens have had a stake in the past, they need to contact the Public Works office at City Hall to remain on the list.*

Snow Plow Season Tips:

- It is important to keep vehicles parked off roadways so graders/plows can clear the entire width of the road. This is especially important on priority 1, 2 and 3 routes as they are plowed more often than most residential streets.
- When shoveling out driveways after the plow has been by, place shoveled snow behind the curb.
- Please do not push snow from private property onto city streets.
- Allow extra time while traveling so that you don't have to drive faster than the conditions warrant.



Have a great weekend!



Elected Officials

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