



The WEEKLY

December 9th, 2022

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



Pictured Above 2022 Christmas Tree Lighting Downtown



City Manager's Message...

Welcome to another round of snow blanketing our beautiful city. It looks like more might be on the way for this weekend. I have a friend here that loves to ski and this fresh snow will likely mean that my friend will be very busy weekend playing at the ski resort. Our mountains offer opportunities for winter recreation beyond skiing. As a family we love to go sledding and have a secret spot in the mountains where we sled. Whatever your feelings towards the snow, I hope you have a very enjoyable weekend.

City Council meets on Tuesday night of this coming week. The agenda is fairly light but a very important part of the agenda is where the city elections official, Dallas Brockett, will provide council the election results from Baker County. He will request that Council adopts a proclamation certifying those results.

December 3 brought a day of festivities to our city. Numerous activities occurred across the city. I want to thank our firefighters for letting my kids and me help decorate the fire truck for the parade. We enjoyed helping string the lights and then watching it drive by in the parade. The parade was lots of fun even though it was so cold. The community choir sang and the new chamber director led the tree lighting. It all came together nicely thanks to the hard work of so many in our community.

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:
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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Firefighter

(Open until filled)

Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Firefighter within the Fire Department. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. This is a full-time, represented, and benefited position with a salary range of \$3,568 - \$4,013 per month.

Position Description: In order to protect life and property, performs firefighting, emergency aid, hazardous materials, and fire prevention duties; drives and operates fire apparatus and equipment; performs routine maintenance and custodial work on station and equipment; actively takes part in departmental training activities. This is a non-exempt, 40-hour Firefighter position.

Minimum Qualifications: Applicants must be 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or GED and valid state driver's license; must pass a background check and drug screening; applicant must acquire NFPA Firefighter I certificate within six months from date of hire.

To Apply: Applications are available on the website. Please submit a complete application and resume to humanresources@bakercity.gov. A full job description is also available on the website. Applications can also be delivered to the HR office, located at City Hall, 1655 1st street, room 205. For more information, please contact Stacy Spriet in the Human Resources Department, 541-524-2036.

Baker City is an EEO Employer



Finance Department

NEW FINANCE DEPARTMENT HOURS

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm – closed for lunch at 1:00pm-2:00pm

The Finance Department will be closed both Monday and Tuesday, December 26th and 27th for the Christmas Holiday, and Monday, January 2nd, 2023, for the New Year Holiday.

During the week of December 2nd through December 8th, 2022, 4 customers signed up for new water/wastewater services, and 9 customers disconnected services. Door tags were delivered to 12 residences for delinquent accounts, and 1 account was turned off for non-payment. At the time of this update 4 accounts remain off for non-payment.

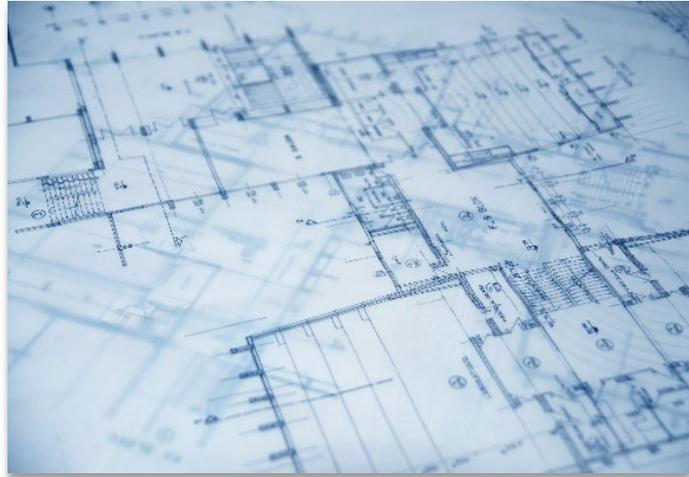
Zone 1 was billed and included 98 residential customers and 253 commercial accounts. Of those mentioned, 79 (23%) are set up for direct debit payments and 32 (9%) are signed up for e-billing.

Want a worry-free way to pay your bill? Sign up for our direct debit option! Forms are available on our website at bakercity.com under the Finance Department and require completion and validation of bank account information. We will automatically debit your account monthly for your water and sewer bill on the date option you request. Fix it and forget it!

DOXO is also available for those who wish to pay their account through their computer or mobile device. Simply visit our website and select "Pay a bill." You will then be directed to the portal where you can create your own account. This is a **FREE** service if you use your bank account information for ACH payment. If you choose to pay by credit card, a fee will be assessed by DOXO. For more information on the DOXO platform, please visit <https://www.doxo.com> for more information.



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 ±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 ±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.

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.**



Public Works Weekly Update for 12/02/2022

Public Works:

Here the city's fabricator is installing a security door he made on the new control panel for the wastewater plant.



Public Works:

Shop crews are repairing chains for the equipment getting ready for plow season.



Public Works:

Public works crews are stripping siding off the equipment shed in Geiser Pollman park.



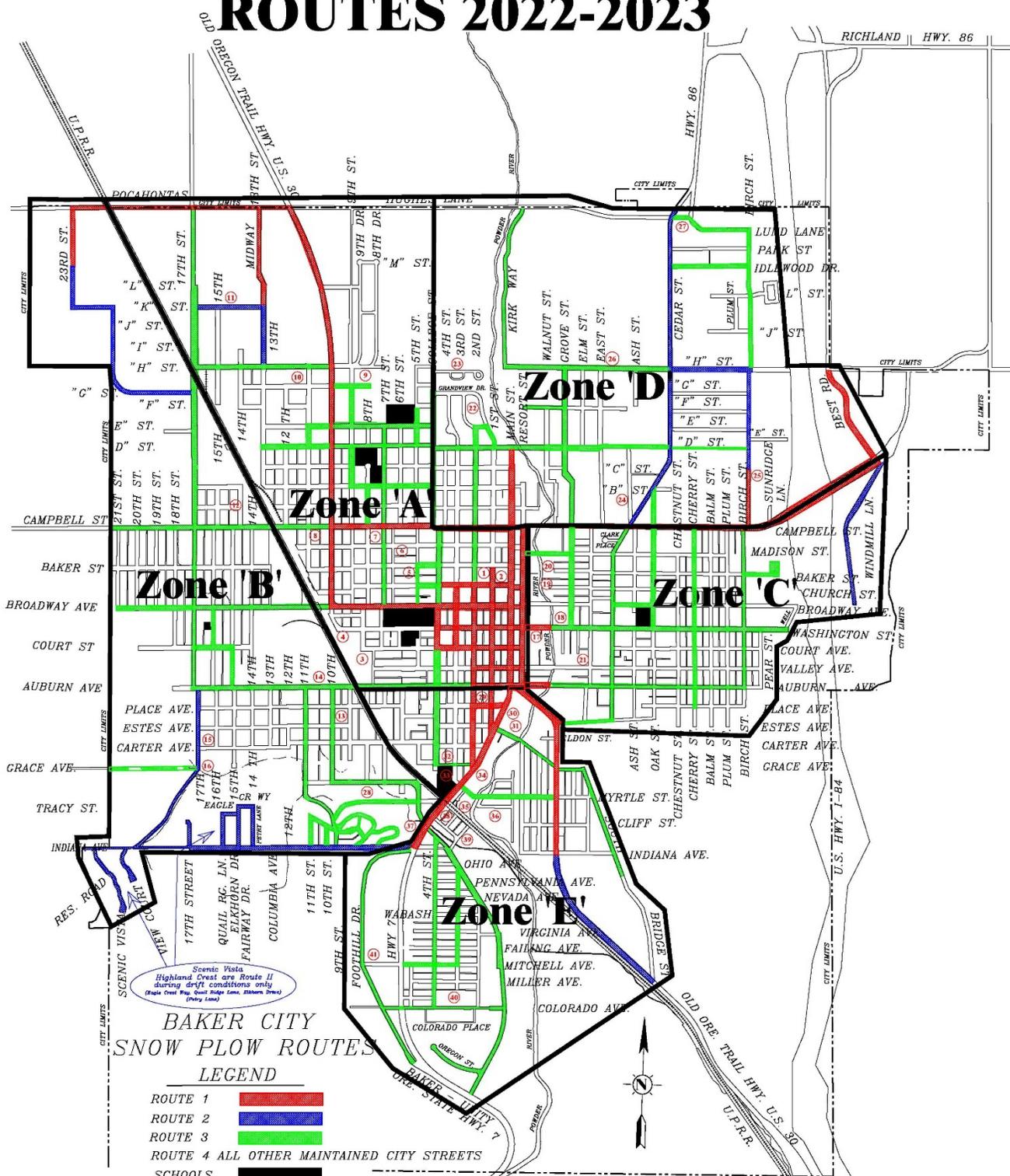
Public Works:

Here Public Works crews are installing new siding on the equipment shed.



Public Works crews rebuilt the bank on the powder river next to the pathway in Central Park.

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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