

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update December 4, 2015

Administration:

A big thank you to all those who assisted with the Christmas Tree at Court Plaza!

The Twilight Parade and Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 5th with the parade beginning at 5pm.



Finance:

Finance Director: The financial report for October is available on the web at <http://www.bakercity.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=81>. As of December 1st the City has received current year property taxes of \$2,583,832 and prior year taxes of \$47,309.

Payroll: Eighty-one employees were paid November 27th including fourteen paid “volunteer firefighters” and the Hearings Officer. Of those 81 employees 75 or 93% are signed up for direct deposit.

LID Billings: Three 2004 Birch Street LIDs were billed today. The original assessment in 2004 for Birch Street improvements included four property owners for a total of \$90,416. The balance remaining is \$28,919 (including current interest due).

Utilities

- ◆ 28 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 36 customers disconnected service from November 20th through December 3rd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed November 27th which included 710 residential and 60 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 168 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today which included 458 residential and 18 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 103 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 84 late notices were sent November 24th and 79 late notices were sent December 1st.
- ◆ Last week 4 residential customers (Zone 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) three of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid. This week 9 residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay two of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

December 8th Agenda Items:

- * Executive Session
6:30 PM
- * Interchange Area Management Plan Ordinance
- * Ford Family Disc Golf Presentation
- * Interfund Loan Resolution
- * Disposition UV Treatment System
- * IGA Municipal Court Services
- * Liquor License Application





City/County Planning Department

Public Meetings

The City Council held a hearing on November 24th to consider **the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Interchange Area Management Plan**, and related Development Code and Comprehensive Plan amendments, for I-84 Exits 302 and 306. The City Council will consider the matter again at their regular meeting on December 8th. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website: <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.



The Planning Commission meeting for the month of December has been cancelled.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

The Planning Department approved an application for a 50' Transmission Tower at 2431 11th Street. The site is in the Industrial Zone. Transmission Towers 50' and below are allowed outright at this location in the Industrial Zone.

The Planning Department is evaluating a Temporary Use Permit at 1440 13th Street. The site location is in the Residential Medium Density Zone.

Volunteers Needed

City Council - The City will accept applications through the office of City Recorder beginning on December 2nd until January 7th at 12:00 p.m. The individual who is appointed by a majority vote of the City Council will serve a partial term on the Council through December of 2016. An applicant must be a registered voter in the State of Oregon and have resided within the City of Baker City for 12 months immediately preceding the appointment.

Tree Board - The Tree Board has the duty to maintain a written plan for care and maintenance of tree/shrubs in parks, along streets, and in public areas. The board will consider and make recommendations on any special matter or question within the scope of their work as requested by the City Council. The board will issue or deny, after a hearing, tree permit variances. The board may also order the removal and remedial treatment of unsafe, dead, diseased or potentially injurious trees on public or private property. The vacancy is three year term that will expire in July 2018. The vacancy will be advertised until filled.

Parks and Recreation - Baker City is looking to fill one open position on the Parks and Recreation Board. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was created to represent the community regarding matters related to our local parks. The appointed application will serve a partial term set to expire in July of 2017.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical on new and remodel construction within Baker County. For more information please visit: www.bakercity.com/departments/building



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:



- 1569 4th Street, Baker City – 48x40 Detached Utility Building
- 19164 Sumpter Stage Hwy, Baker City --- 2-story addition to residential living space
- 3490-1/2 Cedar Street, Baker City --- 14 x 48 carport style cover

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	2	3	2	6
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	5
ELECTRICAL	6	19	6	16
MECHANICAL	3	1	8	8
PLUMBING	1	2	2	2
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	12	25	18	37

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



During the week of November 15th - 21st, the Fire Department responded to a total of **45** emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	35
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	16



TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 40

- ◆ Fire / General alarm / Structure fire – Court St.
- ◆ Fire / burn complaint – 16th St.
- ◆ Fire / false alarm – Virginia St.
- ◆ Fire / burn complaint – 4th St.
- ◆ Fire / false alarm – 1st St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **64** hours of in-house training:

- ◆ EMS – High performance CPR, Cardiac review, Multi-casualty incident operations, Triage

Out of Town Transfers	3
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	4

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

49 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company inspections



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on December 8th.



"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

- ★ These past two weeks BCPD handled over **260** incidents and opened **54** new cases. Six of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.
- ★ BCPD investigated the second Illegal Dumping incident at the Salvation Army, within the past three weeks. Citizens are reminded that items can only be dropped off at the Salvation Army during certain hours, while the facility is staffed. Items dumped after hours can result in charges for **"Offensive Littering"**, which carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and/or a \$6,250.00 fine. In addition, these items have to be removed from the public sidewalk, which also has a monetary cost. This is very detrimental to the Salvation Army, as they are a non-profit organization with limited operating funds.
- ★ Chief Lohner spoke to a group of senior caregivers and medical personnel at the hospital.
- ★ BCPD personnel completed their annual hearing tests.
- ★ **BCPD's new police patrol car arrived and is in the process of being "uplifted", where all the emergency equipment is installed.**
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various Officer Safety topics.
- ★ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activities:

Property Maintenance

3 old cases closed out
 Followed up on 6 old cases
 Issued 2 citations for violations
 Started 1 new case

Animal violations and complaints

Issued 2 citations for dog at large
 1 dog bite case closed
 5 dogs at large returned to owner
 Issued 3 citation for dog at larges
 1 dog in custody impounded
 Issued 1 dog license citation
 1 new dog bite case
 Followed up on 1 dog bite case

Parking

One vehicle impounded for parking violations
 Followed up on 4 complaints
 Issued 6 parking citations
 Impounded 1 abandoned vehicle
 Multiple verbal warnings

Kennel Permit

Conducted 2 follow-up visits

Temporary Use Permit

Followed up on 1 violation
 Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

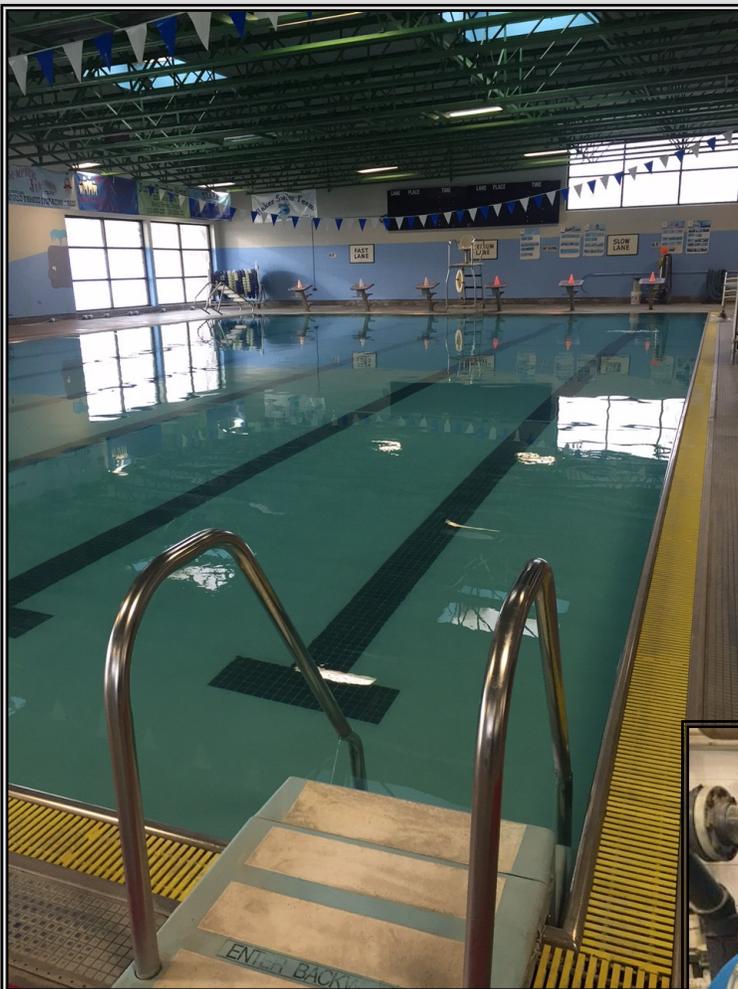
Dangerous Dog

Issued 16 'Dangerous dog' citations for violations to one owner
 1 'Dangerous dog' impounded (running at large)



Sam-O Swim Center

The showers received additional repairs to fix the leaks until something more permanent can be planned and implemented by the Sam-O Swim Committee.



The resurfacing of the pools is complete and the pool has been refilled. The pool will open for swimmers on Monday December 7th at 6 a.m.



The new sand filters were installed on Monday the 30th and have been working great.



Public Works -Water



A three man City crew was busy this week connecting the old existing 16" Elk Creek Pipeline to the new 20" ductile iron line.



The flow meter for Marble Springs located at Marble Creek Settling Tank, was removed by Jake for repair on Thursday.





PUBLIC WORKS –Street

An outlet was damaged on Resort Street this week. It is assumed that it was either run over by a vehicle or hit by someone plowing snow from the sidewalk. A cone was placed over the outlet until it can be repaired.



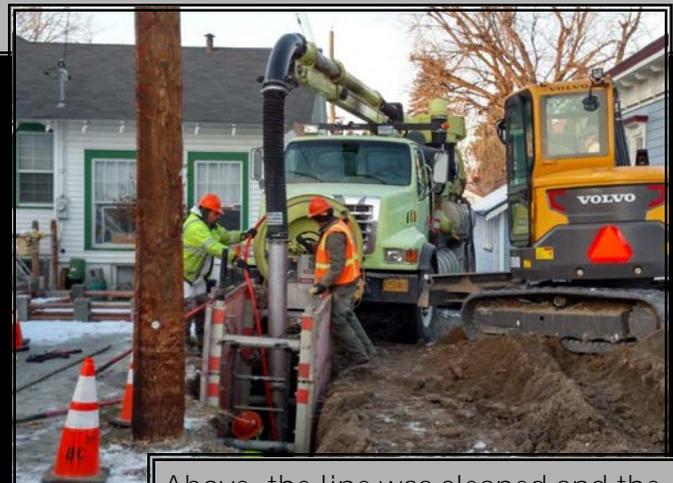
Crews decorated the Christmas tree, installed candy canes on 10th Street and snowflakes on Broadway and Campbell Streets this week. Steve and Dennis worked to place candy canes on 10th Street. The remaining holiday wreaths are being installed today.





PUBLIC WORKS Wastewater

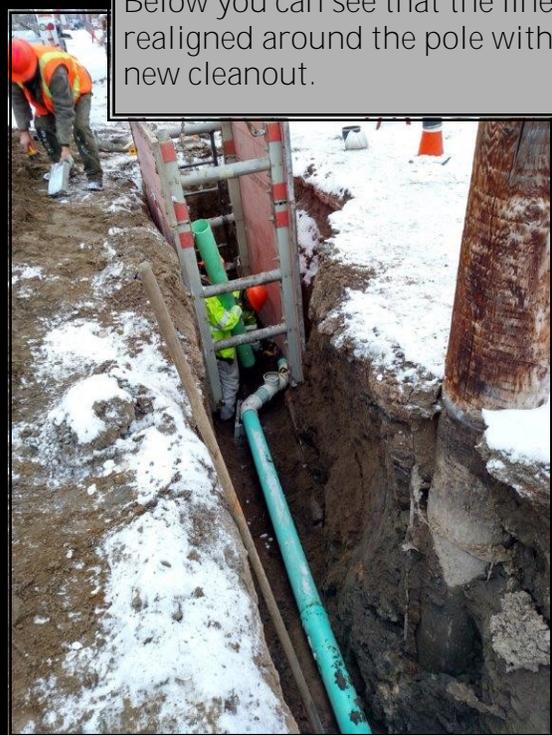
Public Works responded to assist a resident on Main Street this week with a wastewater problem. The lateral was traced to the point of resistance; strangely enough that point was a power pole. When the pole was installed there were no records available showing the location of the lateral and the pole was unknowingly placed directly on top of the lateral. An emergency locate was requested Monday and repair work began the next day. Pictured to the left, Tom traced the lateral from the corner of the house.



Above, the line was cleaned and the material was inducted into the Vector Truck.



Below you can see that the line was realigned around the pole with a new cleanout.



O.T.E.C. assisted the Public Works Department by securing the power pole while the sewer line was re-plumbed around the pole.



PUBLIC WORKS -Shop



The Caterpillar lost the starter putting in the new road up Salmon creek. As Wes and Doug replaced the part up Salmon Creek, a little deer was watching nearby.



With winter weather use, the chain on the salter wore out. Wes and Doug replaced it and adjusted tension. The vehicle is now back in service.



An ambulance lost the fuel injection control module. Wes installed an upgraded version that should give the vehicle better performance .

