

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update December 18, 2015*



## Administration:

A snowy Grand Opening for Dan's Dawg House, located at 2300 Broadway was held on Thursday. Commission Chair Harvey said a few words, Councilors Lewis and Abell held the ribbon while owner Linda Shelton cut it. Also represented were Baker County Chamber of Commerce, Baker County Economic Development, and the BMCC Small Business Development Center.



## Finance:

**Payroll:** Draw checks were issued December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Utilities**

- ◆ 10 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 12 customers disconnected service from December 11<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today which included 537 residential and 27 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 101 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 73 late notices were sent December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ 8 residential customers (Zone 6) 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.

## City Council

### January 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda Items:

- Executive Session:  
Pending Litigation
- City Councilor Application Reviews
- Financial Audit Report
- City Council Email Policy
- Resolution for Parking Space Downtown
- Discussion of East Campbell Water/Wastewater Fees





# **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**



### **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**

- No new commercial permits were issued this week.

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

- 17951 Deer Park Loop, Baker City – 28 x 40 Detached Utility Structure

### **Permits**

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	1	6	0	7
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	5	0	10
MECHANICAL	8	3	3	8
PLUMBING	1	2	2	3
FENCE	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>

### **Historic District Design Review Commission**

No new information this week.

# **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### Public Meetings

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

### Projects and Land Use Decisions

A property line adjustment was approved between two properties at 1931 Clifford Street and 1935 Clifford Street. The properties are in the High-Density Residential (R-HD) zone.

A pre-application conference was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss a proposed Conditional Use Permit at 1901 Main Street. The applicant, staff from the Planning Department, Public Works, Building Department, and Fire Department discussed the proposal and development requirements.

Planning Department staff participated in a two-day training on legal issues in land use. The training included discussions of legislative changes, floodplains and natural hazards, legal issues surrounding properties used for marijuana, regulatory takings, changes in the urban growth boundary expansion process and more.



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# FIRE DEPARTMENT



During the week of November 29th - December 5th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **32** emergency alarms.



## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	2

<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>2</b>
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## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	20
Rural Calls	10
Patient Transported	25
No Patient Trip	5

<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>30</b>
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- Fire / trash – Indiana Street
- Fire / smoke investigation – Church Street

Out of Town Transfers	0
Airport Transfers	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	3
Triple Calls	1

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **10** hours of in-house training:

- ◆ EMS – Equipment familiarization
- ◆ Fire—Command and control, and accountability

## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

**47** hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ Station Tour
- ◆ Participant in Annual Christmas Parade



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am.

Don't miss the next check on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.





*"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**

- ★ This past week BCPD handled over **125** incidents and opened **30** new cases. One of these cases resulted in the arrest of an individual wanted for Bank Robbery in Idaho. Multiple agencies assisted BCPD with that apprehension.
- ★ BCPD, in conjunction with the Powder River Correctional Institution, conducted an **"Active Shooter" drill within the prison, utilizing** multiple law enforcement agencies.
- ★ BCPD facilitated a regional Law Enforcement meeting that included Chiefs and Sheriffs from throughout our region.
- ★ **Sergeant Chastain's patrol team participated** in firearms training, conducted in low-light conditions, and use of force training.
- ★ 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

Closed out 1 case  
Followed up on 6 old cases

#### Animal violations and complaints

Followed up on 2 animal complaints  
Issued 1 citation for dog at large and no dog license

#### Dangerous dog

Issued 3 citations for non compliance (1 dog owner)

#### Parking

Followed up on 15 violations  
Issued 10 parking citations  
Multiple verbal warnings  
2 vehicles orange tagged for removal

#### Kennel Permit

Followed up on 1 case

#### Temporary Use Permit

Followed up on 1 violation

The Angel Tree at the lobby of the department is full-to-bursting with all the wonderful gifts given in hopes of making a local child's Christmas holiday a little more brighter this year. It is with great appreciation that we salute the many people, who with warm hearts and great generosity, purchased a gift or brought in donations of non-perishable food items.

While all the Angel Tree tags have been selected, we still have room for non-perishable food items. We've already filled one barrel, let's see if we can fill the other barrel!





# Quail Ridge Golf Course

With all the snow we have received, sledding conditions are ideal up at the golf course!

With that said, we ask you to respect the ropes and fences around the greens and please stay off the greens.

Last weekend there were numerous fences climbed on, ropes taken down and heavy traffic on the greens.

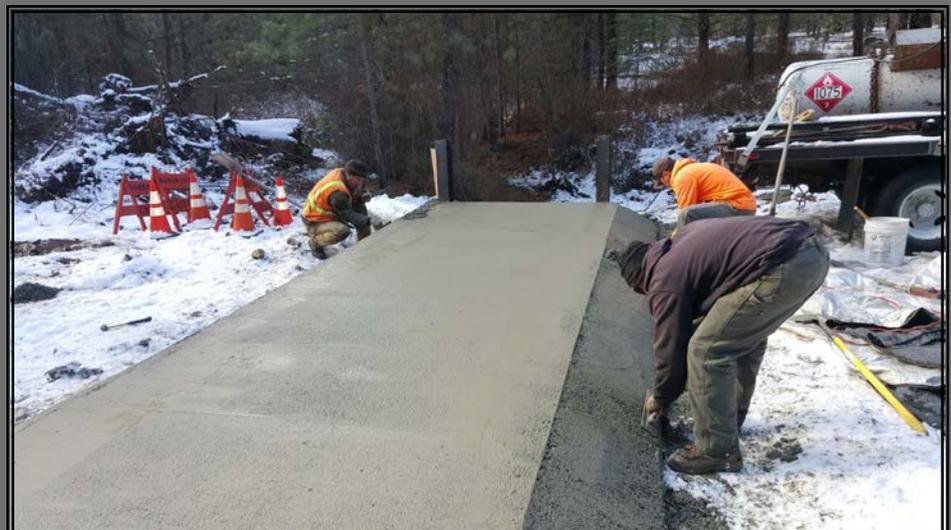
This traffic creates a layer of ice which can cause severe damage to our greens. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and hope you enjoy your time sledding at Quail Ridge Golf Course.





## PUBLIC WORKS

A City crew poured the bridge deck on Monday for the Salmon Creek driveway crossing. The fresh concrete mix was covered with concrete blankets, and with an industrial propane heater, the concrete was kept warm throughout the week.





# PUBLIC WORKS



Snow started to fall steadily in Baker City around 6:30 a.m. Thursday and continued for the rest of the day, delivering a little over 5 inches of snow. Crews began plowing at 1:00 p.m. Thursday. A two man crew plowed the main runway at the airport Thursday. Thursday at midnight a four man crew plowed the downtown corridor streets. A second four man crew began at 2 a.m. Friday morning to pick up snowberms. A third shift took over at 7:30 a.m. to continue plowing major collector streets.

Crews cleaned and inspected lines this week before the heavy snow fell on Thursday. Keith is using the push-cam to inspect a line on Court Street, that is too narrow to fit the regular inspection camera.



Justin is pictured heading out in the CAT Grader to begin plowing.





## Public Works –Shop

Matt is pictured checking the fluids of the Vactor truck as some gravel made its way into the water pump. Crew were able to get it cleaned out and back in service.



In preparation for plowing, crew installed new cutting bits, and the hydraulic wing on the Caterpillar.

Doug is pictured removing the right wheel and tire to get rocks out from between rotor and shield.







***'Tis the Season to Volunteer...***

**City Council** - The City is accepting applications until January 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



*In observance of Christmas, City Hall will close at 1<sup>pm</sup> on December 24<sup>th</sup> and all day December 25<sup>th</sup>. Offices will open at regular time, 7:30 <sup>am</sup>, Monday December 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday weekend!*

