

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update November 9, 2017

Administration:

The City Manager worked on a resolution this week to strengthen the rules governing parades in our community. The City Council will be considering this resolution in the coming weeks. City crews are busy getting ready for winter. Make sure that you get your leaves all picked up before the next snowfall.

The days are getting much shorter so please be extra careful driving as there are lots of pedestrians out on the commute home. Please remember that City Hall will be closed on Friday in observance of Veterans Day.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.



City Council

November 14th

- 2nd Reading of Ordinance 3359 Development Code Update
- Ordinance Adopting State Statutes
- Ordinance on Chronic Disorderly Property Violation
- Appointing Member to Sam-O Swim Committee
- BIG Deal Grant Award

Finance:

Finance Director

As of November 1st the City has received current year property taxes of \$362,964 and prior year taxes of \$42,844.

Utilities

- ◆ Fifteen customers signed up for new water/sewer service and fourteen customers disconnected service from November 3rd thru November 8th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed on the 7th which included 460 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 112 or 23% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 2 will be billed today and it includes 459 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 94 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ One residential customers (Zone 1) was scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) it was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	6	2	11
Manufactured Dwelling	1	1	0	0
Electrical	1	2	3	0
Mechanical	2	4	2	6
Plumbing	1	1	0	2
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	8	14	7	19

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 714 Cole St., Haines—Church addition.
- 1726 Campbell St., Baker City—Replace roof and siding.
- 2485 10th St., Baker City—Roof replacement.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 37859 Hwy 86, Baker City—Detached accessory structure.
- 2205 Ash St., Baker City—Carport addition.

HISTORIC DESIGN

REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The Baker City Council held the first of two public hearings to discuss revisions to the chapter text and boundaries of the Freeway Overlay District. The second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of Baker City Hall.

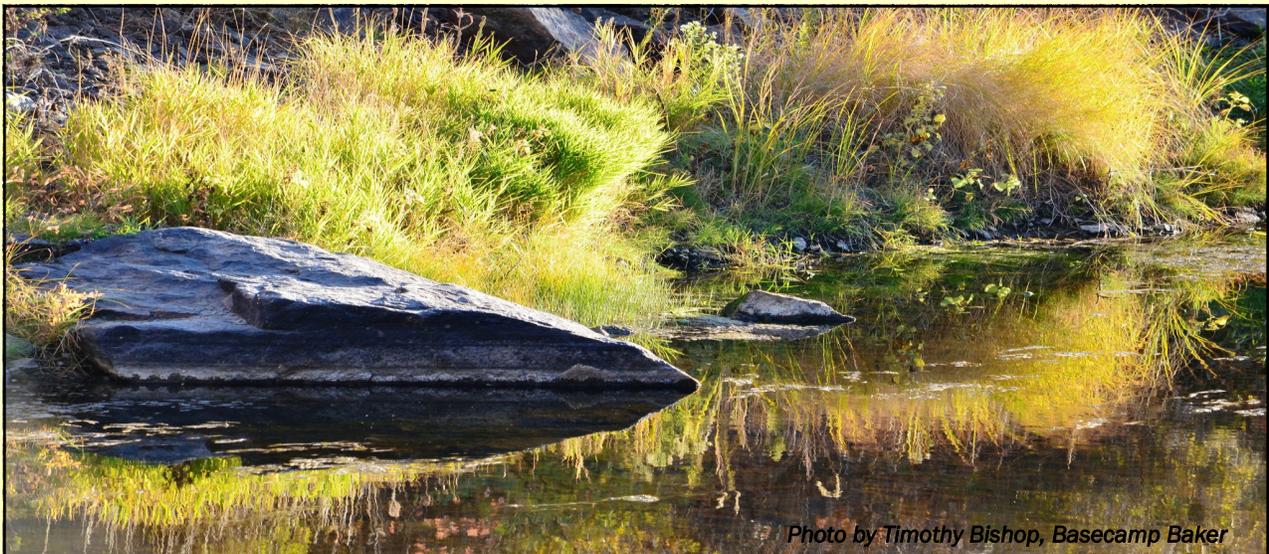


Photo by Timothy Bishop, Basecamp Baker



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 22nd** through **October 28th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **33** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 28



Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

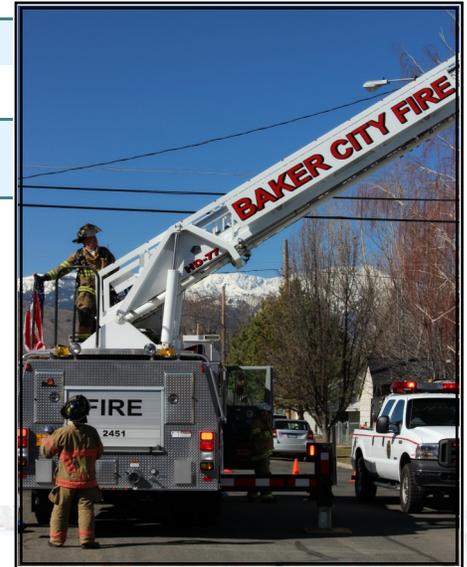
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE 5



- Grove Street—Faulty smoke detector.
- Valley Avenue—Burn complaint.
- Main Street—Vehicle fire.
- 11th Street—Debris pile fire.
- Court Street—Burn complaint.

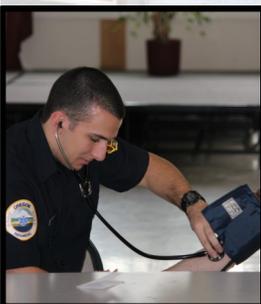


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	17
Persons Arrived for Cover	13
Incidents Not Covered	4

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **42** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **49** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—Trauma Case Reviews, HIPPA Awareness
- **12** hrs Community Events—Station Tour, Medical Standby for Football Game



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on November 14th.



"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

★ BCPD handled over 150 incidents and opened 31 new cases this past week.

- Baker City Officers arrested an individual with a handgun, who had threatened to shoot it out with police, subsequent to a traffic stop in the 1700 block of Washington Ave.
- Baker City Police arrested another individual with multiple warrants, who was believed to be armed. That subject was not in possession of a firearm at the time of arrest, but was in constructive possession of methamphetamine.
- BCPD arrested a 19 year old Baker City man for DUII (Marijuana).
- Six cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts.
- BCPD contacted and cited multiple drivers who were operating vehicles with suspended driving privileges.

★ Officer Blake Hawkins received his Medal of Valor Award from the Oregon Peace Officers' Association, at a ceremony held in Grand Rhonde, Oregon. He is pictured right with his duty partner, Officer Chris Sells.



★ 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 Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 3 pending cases
- Closed out 2 cases with compliance gained

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 2 animal complaints

Miscellaneous:

- Assisted Officers with 1 search warrant

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 5 pending cases
- 5 abandoned vehicles orange tagged
- 2 parking citations
- Multiple verbal parking warnings



Public Works: Street Department



A log truck rolled over and lost its load of logs at the intersection of Main and Campbell Streets last Sunday morning.

Upon encountering the accident site Michelle contacted Dennis who worked with City Police to close the section of Main Street until the logs could be loaded and the wreckage cleaned up.



Justin and Dennis worked to install a new cable across Main Street.

The cable will be used for hanging holiday decorations in a couple of weeks.

The freeway was closed for approximately 8 hours Monday due to a truck carrying a hazardous chemical wrecking on the icy road.

No major traffic problems were observed within Baker City due to the accident and subsequent freeway closure.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

A short section of Place Street was improved this week by grading the street surface and applying a layer of asphalt grindings.



Public Works: Storm Water Department

Blain and Scott worked to improve the drainage of three "dry well" drainage systems Wednesday.

Pictured here, they are working on dry well number DWo8DCSWo1 located on 9th Drive.





Public Works: Water Department

Doug and Justin inspected a portion of the Watershed Mountain Line route this week.

An enclosure structure surrounding one of the air relief valves was repaired.



A leak developed recently developed on a service line near a water meter on "B" Street.

Blain and Scott worked to repair the leak and backfill the site.

Baker City water mainline control valves are exercised (opened and closed to keep them working properly) once every two years.

Those valves which are in need of repair work are written down and maintenance performed at a later date.

Pictured here, Blain and Scott have excavated around two water valves on Clark Street.

Both valve cases will be adjusted in elevation to improve accessibility.





Public Works: Airport

With winter weather approaching Dennis and Tom used approximately 50 reflective fiberglass rods 60 inches tall to mark the locations of airport runway lights.

The fiberglass rods were set directly in line with the lights and at a 10 foot offset distance. In years past heavy snows have completely buried runway lights. Once buried, the lights can be easily damaged when trying to remove snow from around them using snow removal equipment. Replacement cost of each bi-colored light globe is \$80.00.

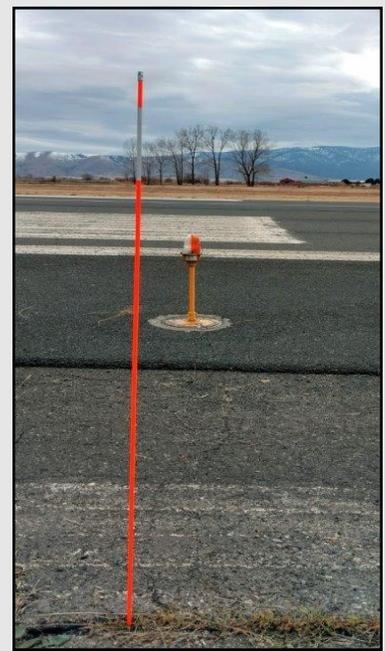
Installing these taller markers will aid in the safe removal of snow from around the lights in case drifting snow covers the m.



A steel rod was driven through the asphalt and then removed to provide a hole in which to insert the reflective fiberglass rod.



Dennis is pictured left, inserting the fiberglass rod into the hole.
Here you can see the fiberglass rods and the runway lights in line with each other. →





Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott installed a new clutch brake and a new brake slack adjuster on this dump truck.



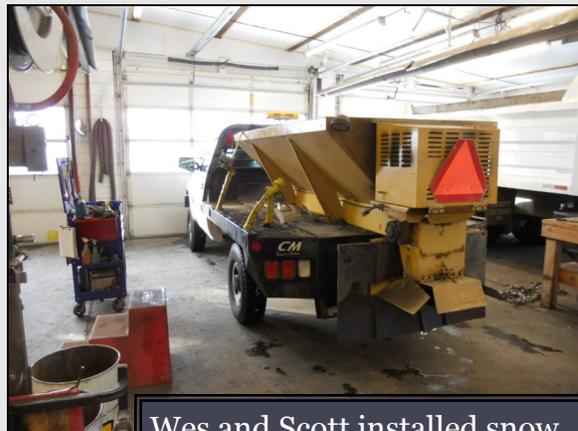
Snow tires were installed and the door pins and bushings replaced on the Code Enforcement vehicle. It is now back in service.



Snow tires were installed on this vehicle as well in preparation of the upcoming winter.



The chain in the sander had a cross member broke and main pin coming out. West and Scott made repairs and it is back in service.



Wes and Scott installed snow tires and Blain and Scott Foss installed front shocks.



Public Works: Announcement



The fall season is upon us, and the Public Works Department would like to recruit your help in keeping our streets clean!

Please do not rake or blow fallen leaves or other debris into the streets. Street sweepers are not designed to pick up large pieces and piles or wet debris.

