

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update December 8, 2017

Administration:

The Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting were a great success. A big thank you to all the City employees who helped decorate the City Hall/Public Works float. Megan Paoletti as Cindy Lou Who and Brian Johnson as the Grinch stole the show. A lot of people gathered around the Christmas tree for the lighting ceremony. Many thanks to Baker City Downtown group for their organization of the tree lighting.

The City is starting to look a lot like Christmas. The main streets have the decorations up and folks around town are starting to have their Christmas displays and lights turned on. Now we just need a dusting of snow to bring it all together.

The Baker City Police Department is sponsoring a K9 drug prevention fundraiser on Saturday starting at 4:00 pm at the Events Center. Come on down and see Capa, the drug dog work and enjoy dinner and the auction. Have a great weekend.

City Council

December 12th

- Work Session @ 6pm
- Public Arts Commission Update
- Wastewater Facility Plan
- Resolution-Parade Rules



Finance:

Finance Director

- ◆ As of November 27th the City has received \$2,752,122 in current year property taxes and \$52,048 in prior year property taxes.

Utilities

- ◆ Sixteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and sixteen customers disconnected service from December 1st thru December 7th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed December 5th and included 92 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 60 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 5 will be billed today and includes 459 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 112 or 24% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Five residential customers (Zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) all five paid prior to their service being turned off.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Per-mits Issued	Inspec-tions County
Building	2	9	1	9
Manufac-tured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	5	9	5	4
Mechanical	3	9	5	8
Plumbing	1	2	0	1
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	11	29	11	23

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 930 Quail Ridge Ln., Baker City— Finish basement into residential living space.
- 13705 Ben Dier Ln., Baker City— Addition of solar structure.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3665 17th St., Baker City—Phase II new industrial structure.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public work session to discuss the re-zoning of specific properties throughout the city which have existing structures and uses that are not consistent with the current zoning allowances. The purpose of this work session was to create a scope for areas that could be considered for a future re-zone. The next work session is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. Once a scope of potential areas is developed, the next step will be outreach to determine interest and concerns.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

A Land Use Review was approved for the use of a residential structure at 2425 10th Street as a transitional facility. The property is located in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of November 19th through November 25th the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	15
No Patient Trip	13

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES **28**

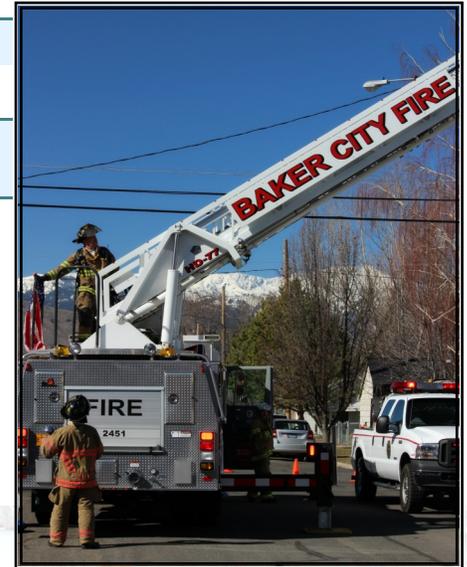
Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	1
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES **2**

- College Street—Smoke detector malfunction.
- Dewey Avenue—CO detector activation.

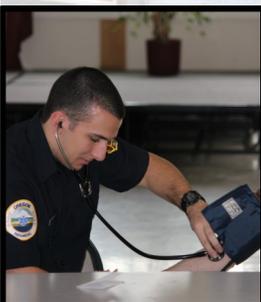


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	15
Persons Arrived for Cover	5
Incidents Not Covered	10

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **36** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **19** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—Forcible Entry, Probationary FF Training
- **3** hrs Community Events—BP Checks



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on December 12th.



"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 35 new cases this past week.
 - Three cases resulted in assault investigations, including an Assault II where a ceramic coffee mug was used as a weapon.
 - Eight cases led to investigations of reported thefts, with one of them being Identity Theft.
 - Three cases resulted in the arrest of suspects for outstanding warrants.
- ✪ BCPD welcomed the newest member of our department on Wednesday, when veteran Officer Mike Durr was sworn in. Officer Durr has spent the past three years in John Day as an officer and before that he completed a lengthy career with the Oregon State Police.
- ✪ Sergeant Regan's patrol team completed range training, where officers qualified with rifles, handguns and bean bag shotguns.
- ✪ Three members of BCPD joined members of the La Grande Police Department and Union County Sheriff's Office for an Active Shooter "Train the Trainer" course hosted here in Baker City.
- ✪ BCPD personnel and volunteers are completing preparations for the 2017 Drug Prevention Fundraiser, which will be held this coming Saturday at the Event's Center.
- ✪ 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:

- Started 1 new case

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Issued 7 parking citations
- Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles
- Multiple verbal warnings

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- 1 verbal warning for a barking dog violation
- Followed up on 3 animal complaints
- Followed up on 1 animal abandonment case

Found Items:

- One found item returned to owner
- 2 found item reports



Public Works: Street Department

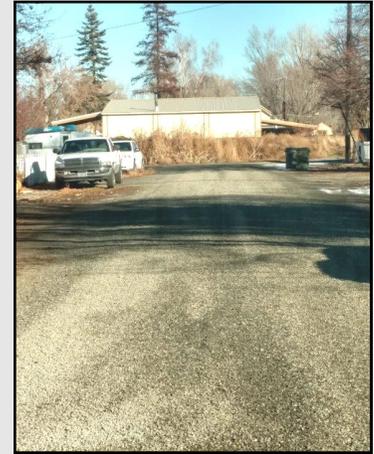
Last winter Public Works Crews began plowing snow from city streets on December 9th and continued for most of the winter. This year has been cold but mostly dry.

With the current dry weather crews have been able to make progress on several projects so far this winter.



Recycled chip rock, generated from sweeping streets which were chip sealed last August, was spread on several gravel streets throughout town.

Pictured here, Justin is using a dump truck to spread some of the recycled chip seal rock onto Tamar Street.



Public Works was informed early Monday morning that a guardrail along 10th Street had been damaged in a vehicle accident.

The collision caused damage to the support posts and the object marker.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

A new crosswalk has been installed on the west side of the intersection of 7th and "D" Street. This is one of the main routes when students are walking from the Baker High School facility to the old North Baker School facility.

Blain and Scott are using spray cans to paint the crosswalk (it is the most efficient way to paint a crosswalk when there is only one to be done). Highly visible crosswalk warning signs will be installed next week for additional safety.



Some items which are no longer needed by the Public Works Department are scheduled to be disposed of through the govdeals website.

Some soil test equipment and the old fire hydrant shown in this photo are among the items. A complete list of items and instructions describing how to bid on items will be included in next weeks' report.

The Christmas tree lighting went well at the end of the Twilight Parade last Saturday.

It takes a coordinated effort to light the tree. While using donated equipment from Eastern Oregon Rental and Sales, the Public Works Department is able to string the lights and hang the ornaments.

On the night of the lighting we had our very own Councilor Loran Joseph lead the countdown. Volunteers, Donn and Tyler Christy, turned the street lights off and Mayor Downing lit the tree for all to enjoy!

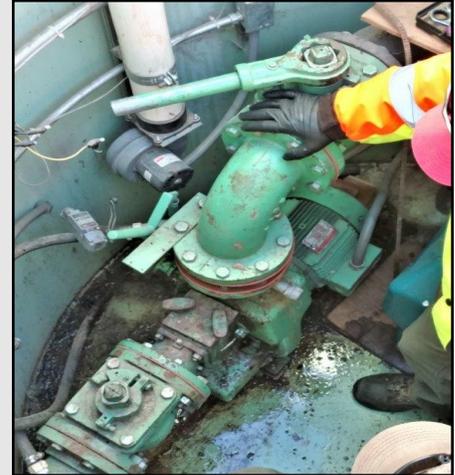




Public Works: Wastewater Department

There was a problem with the "H" Street lift station this week. After doing some troubleshooting it was discovered that there was a large piece of fabric stuck in one of the pumps impellers.

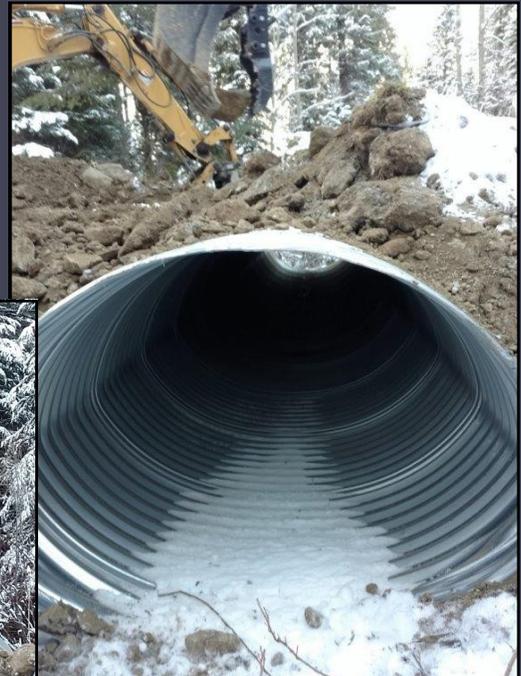
The pump had to be completely disassembled so the rag could be removed.



Public Works: Water Department

Crews worked this week in the Baker City Watershed cutting brush and installing a new culvert pipe.

Justin and Blain operated the backhoes while Scott and Brian assisted installing the squash pipe in the Marble Creek channel. Large rocks were placed at the outlet end to help support the pipe end.



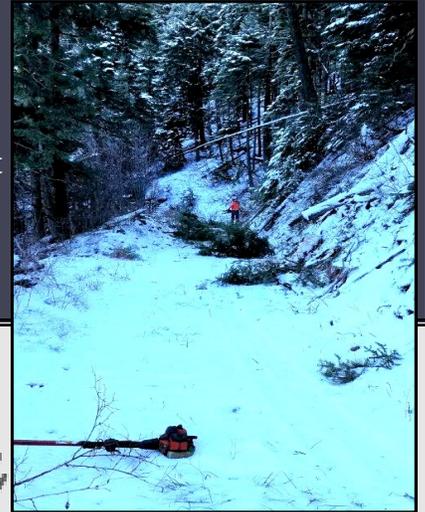


Public Works: Water Department Continued

Justin and Brian trimmed some of the overhanging brush along the Pipeline Road.

This trimming work needs to be done every 4 to 5 years so that city vehicles can drive the road to perform maintenance and adjust the flow of water to town.

Additional brush trimming work is planned for next week.



There was an emergency shutoff request Wednesday by a citizen on Auburn Avenue. A pipe had broken and water was shooting straight up in the air. Jake and Craig responded to the site and the water was quickly turned off.

Baker City Safety Committee

Baker City Safety Committee presents...

Quarterly Employee Safety Award

to

Wes Dexter

3rd Quarter 2017



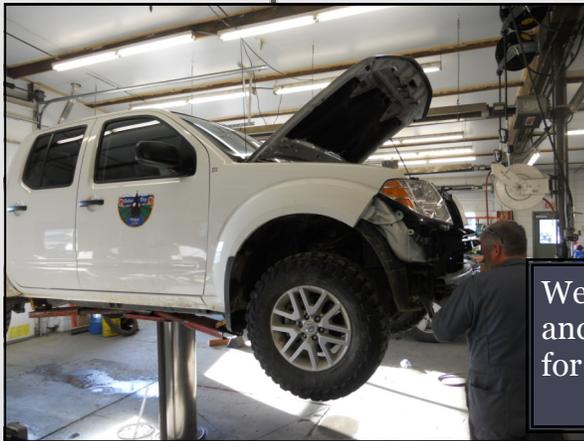
Employees are nominated by their peers or supervisors when they are observed going above and beyond to promote workplace safety. Baker City is committed to ensuring the safety of their employees. This quarterly award program was implemented July 1, 2017.



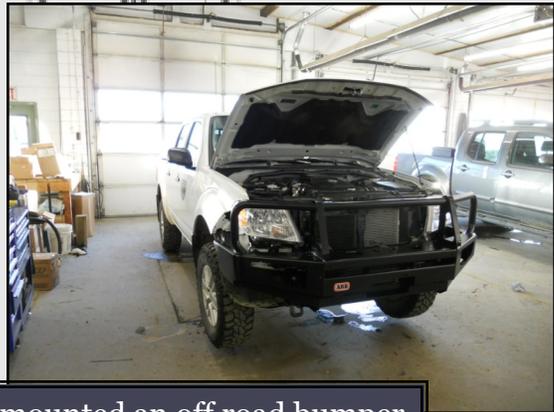
Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott put new upper and lower ball joints, arm bushings and tie rods in this truck. It is now ready for winter salting.



Wes and Scott mounted an off road bumper and winch on this truck. This truck is used for going in and out of the watershed.



Wes and Scott are working on issues related to the ABS and traction control on this vehicle.





Baker City Police Department

The Baker City Police Department presents the 2nd annual

DRUG PREVENTION K9 FUNDRAISER

Tickets \$25

Available at:
Barley Brown's Tap House & the
Baker City Police Department
541-523-3644

Saturday
December 9th
starting at 4PM at the
Baker City Event Center



Our Top Sponsors



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Baker City Herald

Social Hour: 4pm

K9 Demonstrations: 5pm

Dinner: 5:30pm

Live Auction: 6:30pm

-Meet Capa & the BCPD Officers

-Kids under 6 get in free

-Silent Auction & Raffle

-Key Items Include:

*DS-90 Youth Can-Am 4-Wheeler

*Browning 300 WSM Safari

Edition Rifle

*Buffalo Hunt

*4-Night Getaway in Sunriver

*KLiM Riding Gear

*Willamette Country Music

Festival Passes

*Diamond Plate Pickup Bed Toolbox