

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail, Established 1874

Weekly Update November 3, 2017

Administration:

November is here and it is starting to look a lot like winter. I guess this moisture is needed prior to that first big freeze but it sure looks like a sloppy weekend.

The days are getting shorter and remember that Saturday night we need to turn our clocks back one hour.

Tonight is FIRST FRIDAY in downtown Baker City. Businesses are open extended hours. Come on down and enjoy beautiful downtown Baker City.

Have a great weekend and stay warm and 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

Finance:

The financial reports for September are available online at www.bakercity.com.

Utilities:

- ◆ Eleven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twenty customers disconnected service from October 27th thru November 3rd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed November 1st and included 703 residential and 59 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 176 or 23% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today and it includes 91 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 59 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Twenty-three residential customers (Zones 4 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) six was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	11	1	7
Manufactured Dwelling	0	2	0	0
Electrical	1	5	5	9
Mechanical	2	1	11	15
Plumbing	1	3	2	4
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	7	22	19	35

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- None to report this week.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1235 8th Street, Baker City—Detached accessory structure.
- 2960 Cedar Street, Baker City—Detached accessory structure.
- 44668 Pocahontas Road, Baker City—Detached accessory structure.

HISTORIC DESIGN

REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 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.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±552 square foot attached carport was approved at 2960 Cedar Street, located in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A complaint was received concerning an accessory structure at 1930 Clifford Street.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of October 15th through October 21st the Fire Department responded to a total of **31** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 29

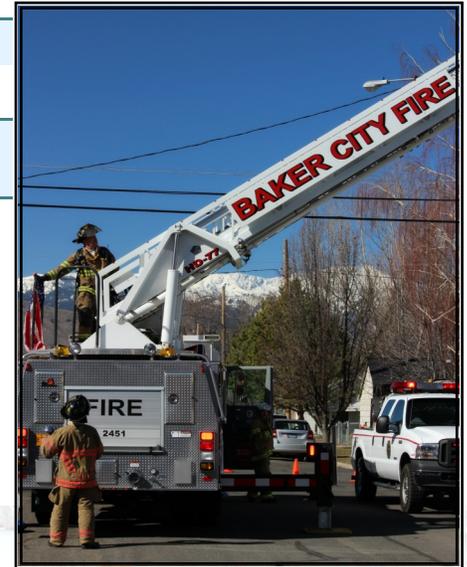
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



Pocahontas Road—False alarm.



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

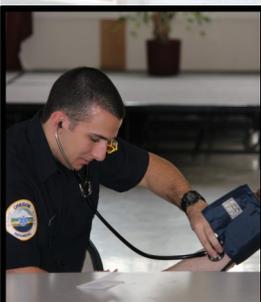


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Persons Arrived for Cover	7
Incidents Not Covered	4

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **26** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **85** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—Advanced Cardiac Life Support Recertification, Driver Safety Training
- **2** hrs Community Events—Fire Extinguisher Training for Baker Sanitary



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 7th.



"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 170 incidents and opened 32 new cases this past week.
 - Two more Baker City juveniles were cited for Minor in Possession of Marijuana.
 - Two cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts.
 - Six cases resulted in investigations for reported vandalism.
 - BCPD began compiling information about a wanted subject, reportedly in possession of an AR 15.
- ★ Chief Lohner facilitated an Eastern Oregon Chiefs and Sheriffs meeting, held here in Baker City.
- ★ BCPD Reserve Officers assisted with safety at the 2017 downtown Halloween event.
- ★ BCPD Reserve Officers assisted with a Drug Take Back event, where citizens brought in over 58 pounds of prescription medication that will be disposed of by the DEA.
- ★ 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.

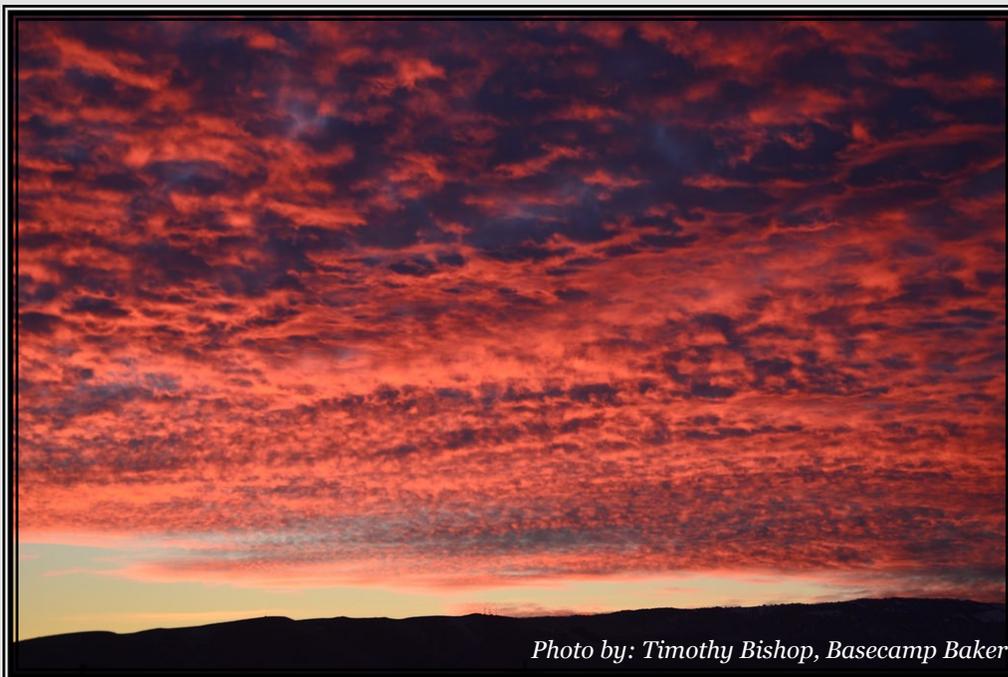


Photo by: Timothy Bishop, Basecamp Baker



Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department



The Lions Club installed a bench in memory of Lion Skip Stiglich along the pathway at the Lions Memorial Park north of Broadway. On hand to help with the installation were (left to right) Steve Fiddler, Mary Stiglich, and Mitch Southwick.

A new “Art on Loan” piece has been installed at Central Park. The piece, entitled “Blazing Shadows” is the work of Corrine Vegter. The base was installed by her technical advisor, John Powel, along with GrassMaster employees Eric Pierce and Russ Culley. The sculpture was installed by Vegter and Powel. The unveiling is scheduled for Friday, November 3, at 3:00 p.m.





Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department Continued



Blain and Scott worked to cut roots which are undermining the asphalt surface of the Leo Adler Pathway.

Brian fabricated an extra wide cutting blade to be used on a backhoe to cut the roots.

Blain operated the backhoe while Scott swept off the leaves to expose "root humps".



AFTER
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Two of the worst "root humps" were cut out and patched with asphalt Wednesday.

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BEFORE



Public Works: Street Department

The Public Works crew used hot asphalt to patch several locations in town Wednesday. Those repairs involved two water leak locations, a Cascade Gas Company patch, a storm water patch, two patches on the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway, a water repair patch and the wastewater lateral patch on 7th Street.



Jake, Craig, Jacob and Brian worked on the patching crew. Pictured here they are patching the 7th Street wastewater lateral trench.



Leaves continue to fall from those darn trees. Matt continues to pick them up using the Elgin Crosswind Sweeper.



Public Works: Water Department

A water leak was discovered this week on Court Street.

An underground locate request was made and the repair promptly completed.



Only a small amount of water was visible on the street surface.

Once the street was excavated and the pipe exposed the leak was rather obvious.

The joint was resealed and a bell clamp installed to secure the repair. Brian tightened the bolts in a specific pattern.

The trench was backfilled and compacted. The surface was patched with hot asphalt the next day.





Public Works: Wastewater Department

Domestic wastewater collection lines were cleaned and inspected this week.

Karl and Jacob video-inspected an alley line to determine the condition of the lateral. No mainline problems were discovered.



Those lines which are scheduled to be cleaned every 6 months were cleaned this week. Here, Karl and Jacob are working on an alley line which runs between Valley and Court Streets.

A resident living on 7th Street has been having lateral problems recently. The owners decided to have a new wastewater lateral installed. Roots had infiltrated the terra cotta pipe in several locations causing blockages.

The Public Works Department performed the work within the developed street and a general contractor has been hired to do the work between the street and the house.



Blain and Karl began pulverizing the asphalt using the Asphalt Zipper mounted on the City's loader.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

It was a major project excavating down over 10 feet in depth and then fitting a stainless steel band around the 15" I.D. terra cotta pipe which is needed to hold the romac saddle in place.

Here, Blain is checking the depth of the trench while Karl and Scott hydro-excavate down to find the terra cotta main line.



Karl performed the attachment work onto the 15" terra cotta pipe while inside the protective trench shoring.

Justin operated the CAT backhoe to backfill the trench after the new 4" PVC pipe was installed. The new lateral had to be installed under both a stormwater line and a natural gas line.



Karl operated the Volvo mini-excavator with the hydraulic compacter while Justin shuttled material into the trench. The owner worked to prepare the site behind the curb for stage two of the lateral project.

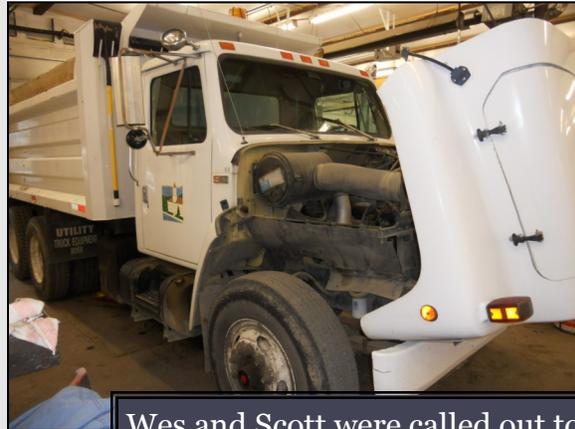
The project within the street was excavated, installed, backfilled, compacted and the surface patched with asphalt all within the same work day on Wednesday.



Public Works: Shop



Work continues on the front end of this backhoe. Wes and Scott are installing new bushings and it should be back in service on Friday.



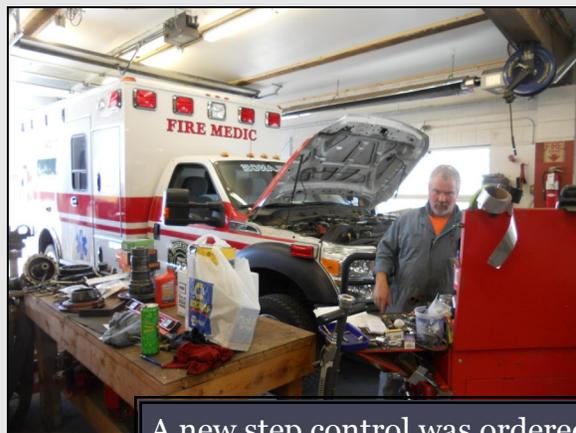
Wes and Scott were called out to rescue one of the dump trucks. The starter solenoid went out. A new one was installed and it is back in service.



This police crusher came in for a routine maintenance check. New rotors and brake shoes were installed and it is back in service.



The step motor on this ambulance went out. A new motor was installed and it is back in service.



A new step control was ordered for this ambulance. It will be repaired next week once the part arrives.



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.

