

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**DATE:** 08/26/13      **DEPT:** Sustainability/Community Development      **DEPT. HEAD SIGNATURE:** 

**SUBJECT:** Regional Bike/Ped Plan proposal

**AUTHORITY:**  ID Code \_\_\_\_\_  IAR \_\_\_\_\_  City Ordinance/Code \_\_\_\_\_  
(IF APPLICABLE)

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

Staff has identified remaining EPA grant match money to fund a portion of the plan as described in the attached statement of need. \$2000 is planned to pay for Hailey's portion of this effort. EPA has granted approval as an eligible expense of the Hailey Community Climate Challenge.

**FISCAL IMPACT / PROJECT FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:** Caselle # \_\_\_\_\_  
Budget Line Item # \_\_\_\_\_ YTD Line Item Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Hours Spent to Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY OTHER AFFECTED CITY DEPARTMENTS:** (IF APPLICABLE)

____ City Attorney	____ Clerk / Finance Director	____ Engineer	____ Building
____ Library	X Planning	____ Fire Dept.	X City administrator
____ Safety Committee	____ P & Z Commission	____ Police	_____
____ Streets	____ Public Works, Parks	X Mayor	_____

**RECOMMENDATION FROM APPLICABLE DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS/APPROVAL:**

City Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Head Attend Meeting (circle one) Yes No

**ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

**FOLLOW-UP:**

\*Ord./Res./Agmt./Order Originals: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Additional/Exceptional Originals to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Copies (all info.): \_\_\_\_\_ Copies  
Instrument # \_\_\_\_\_

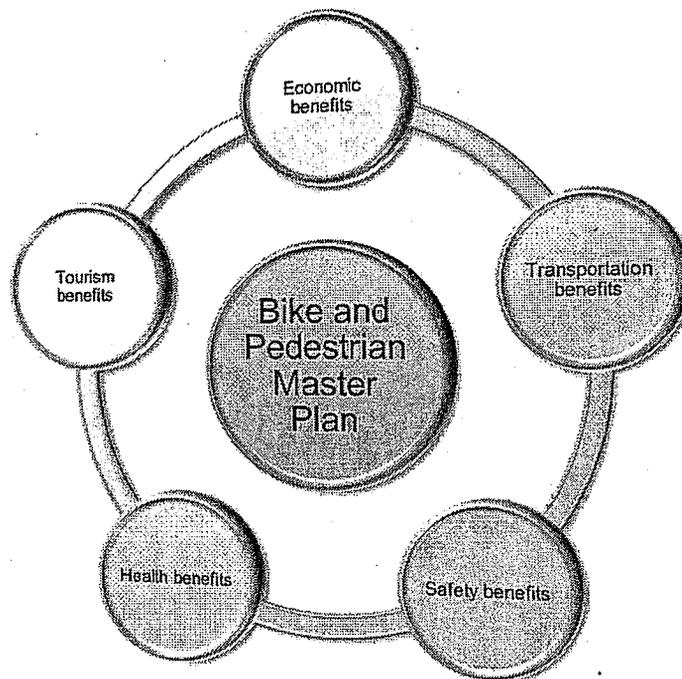


## blaine county community bike and pedestrian master plan statement of need

### .overview and introduction ,

Blaine County needs a cohesive and comprehensive vision for how it develops, standardizes and grows its infrastructure amenities and policies to support more accessible, safer, attractive and integrated bike and pedestrian use as a transportation mode, form of recreation and tool to improve the health of the community. This vision needs to be codified in a county-wide community bike and pedestrian master plan that all can use as a reference and implementation tool. The major themes of the plan will be a coordinated approach, standardization of infrastructure and a vision for critical improvements relative to available resources. This plan will:

- Make biking and walking safer
- Improve local economy by building up the area as a destination for biking
- Give guidance on standards for things like signage and road treatments
- Be a tool for all jurisdictions in updating Comprehensive Plans
- Improve the vitality and health of the community by making biking and walking more accessible
- Create opportunity for more biking and walking as transportation



This statement of need makes the case for developing this plan in a collaborative and multi-jurisdictional approach that will yield a blue print for short term opportunities, planning standardization, and longer term vision. It is envisioned that the plan development will be guided by a stakeholder working group but that the actual plan will be written by an expert. The plan will cover biking and walking needs and opportunities within the cities and the county but will not include dirt trails.

## **.the need**

Blaine County, its cities and not-for-profit transportation and recreation organizations have long been aware of the need for strong bike and pedestrian infrastructure and for the planning to create and maintain it. Whether it is for economic development, health and safety, recreation, or transportation, having strong bike and pedestrian infrastructure is key to building a strong community and quality of life.

The missing piece has been a master plan that all communities can use to inform their decisions on bike and pedestrian infrastructure investments and prioritization of the projects. Currently, the development of bike and pedestrian infrastructure and programs to increase usage and safety are often individualized and uncoordinated among the various entities. Without a broadly supported and adopted guiding document, all the various jurisdictions are insulated in their approach to building a better integrated bike and pedestrian network – the result is a lack of standardized design, gaps in understanding of overall connectivity and missing prioritization of projects within the larger picture.

This need has been highlighted through several efforts regionally:

- The League of American Bicyclists identified that the Wood River Valley has strong infrastructure in many places but one major deficiency was a comprehensive bike and pedestrian master plan – having this plan on place could help to improve the Wood River Valley Bike Friendly Community status (currently we are a Silver rating and would like to achieve Gold)
- Blaine County adopted a state funded transportation plan in September 2012 intended to prioritize roadway repairs and construction projects. Lacking an appropriate venue to plan for safer bike and pedestrian infrastructure countywide, many individuals requested a stakeholders committee be formed that would address these important multi-jurisdictional needs
- The BCRD Board of Directors passed a resolution in February to bring forth a 2 year temporary levy to address the long term reconstruction and resurfacing needs of the Wood River Trail multi-use path.
- Wood River Trail count data, as well as bike and pedestrian count data from within the cities, is now being compiled and analyzed. Bike paths alone represent close to 350k visits/year during the summer and show high concentrations of visitor usage. Sustain Blaine is currently completing an analysis of the economic impact of trail visits overall on our regional economy.
- Diverse user groups (bike, pedestrian, skate, and equestrian) are competing for space on existing pathways
- The City of Hailey recently adopted street standards that are largely based on complete streets policies and could be used to help other communities, as part of a bike-ped master plan. The process to adopt these standards faced a series of challenges as elected officials struggled with how to put bike and pedestrian friendliness into standards
- The City of Sun Valley has continued to invest in improving and expanding its pathway system at great cost to its tax payers
- The Wood River Bike Coalition has been working on how to better connect trailheads for mountain biking and how to integrate recreation and transportation usage
- Mountain Rides has continued to invest in better bus stops and to look for creative ways to build more use of biking and walking as a transportation mode but has often struggled with standards and jurisdictional support for these projects

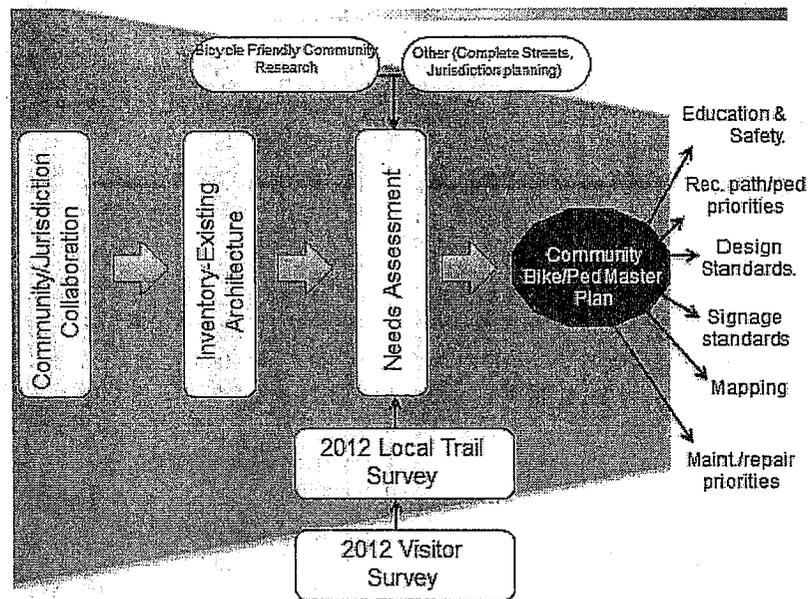
## **.the opportunity**

Blaine County is already an incredible destination for biking, walking and hiking, and we have seen the tremendous growth and public need for improved bike and pedestrian facilities. With strong awareness of Blaine County as a great place for biking and walking, there is a unique opportunity to further solidify Blaine County as the premier biking and walking destination, which will not only draw visitors but will encourage relocation here because of the outstanding facilities and the welcoming atmosphere for bikes and pedestrians. This opportunity is exemplified by:

- Approximately 350,000 non-winter visits are made to the major bike path arteries in the Wood River Valley, a conservative number that doesn't count biking and walking within the cities of Blaine County.
- Sun Valley area has hosted the U.S. Mountain Bike Nationals for the past two years, bringing over 1,500 competitors and families to enjoy biking in our area
- Blaine County already has 470 miles of single track mountain bike trails, 44 miles of paved shared use pathways, and 24 miles of natural surface shared use path
- Other communities like Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and Jackson, Wyoming have developed similar bike and pedestrian master plans as an economic and community development tool
- According to AmericaWalks.org, bike and pedestrian projects create 46% more jobs per dollar invested than road-only projects
- According to Bikes Belong, every \$1 invested in bike infrastructure, there is a \$4 return to the community
- Numerous surveys have shown that communities with strong pathways, bike lanes, and sidewalks are viewed as more desirable and safer places to live

By developing a Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan we would be taking advantage of what is already very solid and leverage it in order to significantly strengthen, coordinate and improve biking and walking in Blaine County. This plan will be a significant economic development tool.

### .the approach



Recent thinking from Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee, led by Commissioner Angenie McCleary, has brought a group of stakeholders together to start developing a process for creating and adopting a county-wide community Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

The working group of stakeholders includes membership from Blaine County, all the municipalities, the Blaine County Recreation District, Mountain Rides Transportation Authority, the Community Transportation Association of Idaho, the Wood River Bike Coalition, as well as many interested and committed community volunteers. This diversity of opinions and perspectives will help provide more depth to the process and the outcome. The working group recognizes the importance of outreach, especially to staff, and will spend time up front to make sure that everyone understands this effort and buys in to the importance. Without buy-in from those who have to help build, design and maintain bike and pedestrian infrastructure, this plan will not be effective.

The working group will meet over the next 6-9 months to guide the process with the following estimated timeline:

- Jan 2013-Mar 2013 outreach and education with city and county staff (streets, engineering, planning, community development)

April 2013, FINAL

- Apr 2013                                   make requests of various cities and county to participate and assist with funding
- May 2013                                   create scope of work and release an RFP
- June 2013                                 select expert to write the plan
- July 2013-Oct 2013                    plan development by expert with oversight/review by working group  
and an opportunity for larger community and stakeholder input
- End of 2013                              adopt plan regionally

The working group will need to act upon the approach and ensure that the process moves ahead effectively. The working group will not develop the actual plan – this work will be contracted to an individual or entity.

The outcome of this process will be the plan itself, but the plan is really only the beginning. Success will only come from implementation of the plan, constant reference to the plan by all jurisdictions, results from the plan, and ongoing updates to the plan. In other words, a successful Blaine County Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan will be defined by results.

**.the objectives and outcome**

As stated, the plan will be developed by individual or entity with expertise in bike and pedestrian planning. The selection will be guided by the working group and will be determined by a Request for Proposal process that will layout the goals, expectations and desired outcomes of the plan.

In order to be successful, the individual or entity will have to respond to how they will meet the following broad plan objectives:

- A picture of where we are in the evolution of biking and walking in Blaine County including identifying the needs and giving context to how bike and walking improves the overall community ethos, health and safety
- Easy to understand, adopt and implement standards for bike and pedestrian infrastructure
- A roadmap for the future development of biking and walking infrastructure that identifies short-term, mid-term and long-term opportunities that can be implemented as funding allows
- Tools for making existing and future infrastructure safer for users
- Flexibility to allow both cohesion among the communities and the ability for each community to have their own identity
- Policies that can help guide all the communities of Blaine County to make biking and walking safer, more accessible, and more desirable with improved connectivity
- Milestones that help us celebrate successes and mark progress
- Strategies that inform the public and elected officials on results, benefits and economic value

To give some context as to the expected work product that will result from the development of this plan, the draft outline of the plan is expected to include:

- I. Overview and intro.
- II. Inventory of existing infrastructure.
- III. Assessment of needs and opportunities, using existing data, for improving biking and walking in Blaine County.
- IV. Aggregation of bicycling and walking data from existing sources and basic data analysis.
- V. Design standards for street treatments, sidewalks, bike lanes, pathways, way-finding and amenities.
- VI. Prioritized project plan.
- VII. Implementation strategies.
- VIII. Policies and procedures.
- IX. Education and safety programs.
- X. Funding plan.

These objectives and outline may be adjusted or updated over time, as the working group completes a full RFP for release to interested individuals and organizations.

**.the ask**

It is estimated that we need \$15,000 to complete this plan and engagement process. The budget is estimated as follows:

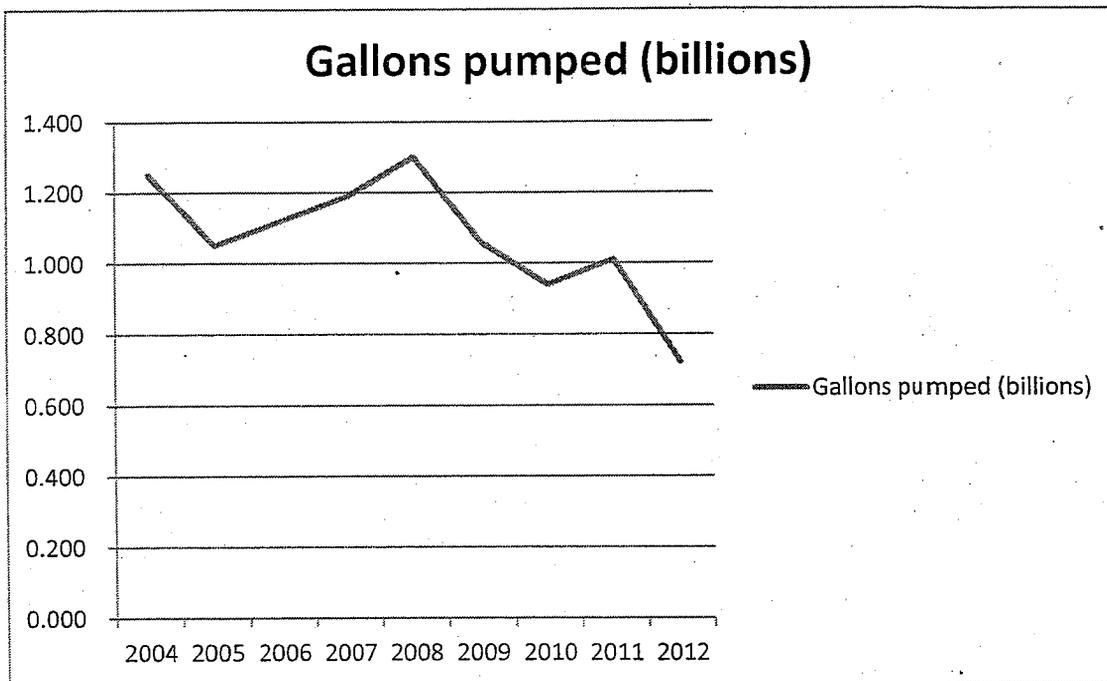
- Public meetings \$1,000
- Creation of Plan \$12,000
- Travel \$2,000 (may not be necessary, dependent on successful respondent to RFP)
- TOTAL ESTIMATE \$15,000.00

This is much lower than the overall cost, as it will be completed largely with volunteers on the advisory stakeholder group. Our ask is that all the partners share this cost. With cost-sharing among a variety of partners, we can have a high-quality plan that all can use and reference without any one entity having to bear this cost entirely.

**thank you.**

Gallons pumped (billions)

2004	1.250	
2005	1.050	-0.16
2006	1.120	0.066667
2007	1.190	0.0625
2008	1.300	0.092437
2009	1.060	-0.18462
2010	0.940	-0.11321
2011	1.010	0.074468
2012	0.723	-0.28416





**AGENDA OF THE  
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 \* Hailey City Hall Meeting Room**

**5:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER -**

Open Session for Public Concerns

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- CA 000 Grant Applications
- CA 000 Grant Agreements
- CA 000 Contracts & Bids
- CA 000 Special Events
- CA 000 Findings of Fact and Ordinance Summaries
- CA 000 Motion to approve minutes of August 26, 2013 and to suspend reading of them .....
- CA 000 Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of August 2013, and claims for expenses due by contract in September, 2013 .....

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

MR 000

**PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:**

PP 000 Hailey Community Climate Challenge Quarterly Progress Update

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- PH 000 ~~Noise Ordinance Reconsideration?~~ .....
- PH 000 Consideration of a City of Hailey initiated text amendment, amending Hailey's Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 532, by amending Section 3.6 to require reconsideration for alleged failure to identify compliance or noncompliance with express approval standards or explain compliance or noncompliance with decision criteria, as required by the recent amendments to Idaho Code §67-6522
- PH 000 Consideration of a City of Hailey initiated text amendment, amending Hailey's Subdivision Ordinance, Ordinance No. 821, by amending section 2.6 to require reconsideration for alleged failure to identify compliance or noncompliance with express approval standards or explain compliance or noncompliance with decision criteria, as required by the recent amendments to Idaho Code §67-6522

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- OB 000 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ord. No. 1129 - FY 2013 Budget Amendment, which would increase the annual appropriation for FY2013 by an additional \$830,000, setting Hailey's FY 2013 Budget at \$11,878,100 .....
- OB 000 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ord. No. 1130 - FY 2014 Budget of \$10,127,061 .....
- OB 000 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ord. No. ~~1131 and consideration of Ordinance Summary~~ - Public City of Hailey initiated text amendment to Title 18 of the Hailey Municipal Code, the Mobility Design Ordinance, by amending Section 18.04 to allow the Hearing Examiner or Planning and Zoning Commission to approve an infrastructure project in conjunction with a zoning and subdivision application which involves a final decision by the Hearing Examiner or Planning and Zoning Commission. The amendment further defines the required standards of the Mobility Design Ordinance as it relates to Large Subdivisions and smaller projects.....
- OB 000 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ord. No. ~~1132 and consideration of Ordinance Summary~~ - City of Hailey initiated text amendment to Article 2, Definitions, of the Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 532) to include the activity of Beekeeping in the definition of Urban Agriculture and to amend Article 7 to define bulk requirements and standards for beekeeping including minimum lot size, hive location and maintenance, and required setbacks from adjoining properties .....

**WORKSHOP:**

- Staff Reports                      Council Reports                      Mayor's Reports
- SR 000 City of Hailey Energy Dare Results.....

SR 000 Special Events list .....  
SR 000 Draft agendas for future meetings .....

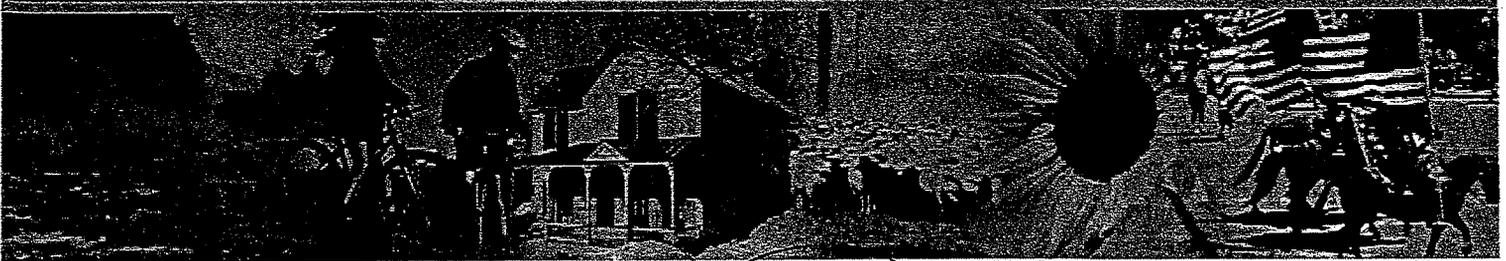
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Matters & Motions from Executive Session or Workshop**

Next Ordinance Number - [REDACTED] Next Resolution Number- 2013-01

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Street  
Wastewater  
Water

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Hailey Police Department

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Hailey Arts Commission  
Hailey Environmental Leadership Program  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Library Board  
Parks & Lands Board  
P&Z Commission  
Tree Committee

## Library Services

Hailey Public Library

## Announcements

### Labor Day Events Are On!!

Wagon Days Parade and all Hailey Events- everyone is encouraged to attend, click below to see our events: [Special Event Schedule](#)

### Fire Incident Updates

To get the latest information on the Beaver Creek Fire including RED CROSS INFO and MAPS go to Blaine County's site at [www.co.blaine.id.us](http://www.co.blaine.id.us) or [Inciweb.org](http://Inciweb.org)

**Closures & Evacuation-** for updated information on Pre-Evacuations and current Mandatory Evacuations visit [blainesherriff.com](http://blainesherriff.com)

To get fire updates on **Facebook** go to [Great Basin National Incident Management Team #1](#).

**County Hotline-** Information on fire damaged structures, please call **208-578-3367**

To sign up for **Emergency Alerts** from Blaine County, [click here](#) and go to Emergency Alert Program from the home page.

**Volunteers** - anyone offering assistance or needing assistance, go to [hailey.recovers.org](http://hailey.recovers.org).

**Fire Information Help lines** - 877-647-0663 and 877-640-3904 from 7 am to 10 pm (Please check online before calling to keep lines open.)

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## Upcoming Meetings



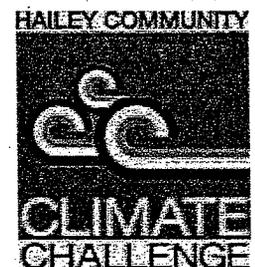
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## News & Events

### Events

#### Arena Event Schedule

##### IMPRA

##### Intermountain Professional Rodeo Association

Finals - August 31, 2013, starting at 4:00pm

- September 1, 2013, starting at 4:00pm

#### Upcoming 2013 Special Event Schedule

##### Hailey Main Street Antique Show

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, August 30 -31 & September 1, 2013  
 From 9:00 am – 7:00 pm at Vacant Lot at 7:30 N. Main Street

##### Hailey's Antique Show

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, August 30 -31 & September 1, 2013  
 From 9:00 am – 6:00 pm at Roberta McKercher Park

##### Senior Connection Road Runner 5K

Saturday, September 21st, 2013

From 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Senior Connection

##### 17th Annual Trailing of the Sheep Festival\*\* *Amplified Sound*

Saturday, October 12, 2013

From 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Roberta McKercher Park & Cedar St. (from 3rd to 4th Ave.)

#### Past 2013 Events

##### Boxing Smoker

Saturday, January 19, 2013

From 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm at National Guard Armory - Hailey

##### Wood River Extreme Ski Joring Association 2013 Race

Saturday & Sunday, February 9 & 10, 2013

From 11:00 am – 4 pm at Old Cutters Subdivision - Hailey

##### Boxing Smoker

Saturday, March 23, 2013

From 7:00 am - 2:00 pm : National Guard Armory - Hailey

**Carbonate Hill Climb**

Saturday, April 27, 2013

From 8:00 am - 4:00 pm with the Start at Hop Porter Park - Hailey

**ArborFest Celebration & Mud Run *\*\* Amplified Sound***

Saturday, May 4, 2013

From 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at Hop Porter Park - Hailey

**Girls on the Run Community 5K & Healthy Living Expo**

Saturday, May 18th, 2013

From 9:30 am - 12:00 pm with start at Heagle Park and run through surrounding neighborhood.

**The Mountain School - May Faire Community Event *\*\* Amplified Sound***

Saturday, June 1, 2013

From 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Hop Porter Park - Hailey

**Fifth District High School Rodeo**

Friday, May 3, 2013, starting at 7:00pm

Saturday, May 4, 2013, starting at 5:00pm

**SVMA Summerfest Kids Carnival *\*\*Amplified Sound***

Carbonate between 1st Ave and Main Street on June 7, 2013,  
from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Jordan World Circus**

Friday, June 7, 2013 at 6:30pm

**Sheeptown Drag Nationals *\*\* Amplified Sound***

Thursday, June 20, 2013

River Street from Spruce to Silver from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

**Bowe Bergdahl 4th Anniversary of Captivity *\*\* Amplified Sound***

Saturday, June 22, 2013

Hop Porter Park from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Concrete Rodeo - Skate Park**

Saturday, June 29th

Starting at TBD

**Sawtooth Rangers Day of the Old West Rodeo *\*\* Amplified Sound***

Tuesday, July 2nd, Wednesday, July 3rd, Thursday, July 4, 2013

Starting at 7:00pm

**4th of July EVENTS**

**4th of July Parade *\*\* Amplified Sound***

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Main Street from noon to 1:00 pm.

**Freedom Street Dance *\*\* Amplified Sound***

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Hailey Square on Main Street from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

**Hailey Main Street Antique Show**

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, July 5-7 2013

From 9:00 am - 7:00 pm at Vacant Lot at 7:30 N. Main Street - Hailey

**Hailey's Antique Show**

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, July 5-7 2013

From 9:00 am – 6:00 pm at Roberta McKercher Park- Hailey

**5K Color Run**

Saturday, July 6, 2013

Wood River High School Park Lot from 9:00 am to 10:00 am

**A Day of Chalk**

Saturday, July 13, 2013

From 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Reggae in the Mountains-World Jam *\*\* Amplified Sound***

World Music

Saturday, July 20, 2013, 4:00pm-10:00pm

**PBR Classic *\*\* Amplified Sound***

Professional Bull Riders

Friday, July 26, 2013, starting at 7:00pm

**Northern Rockies Music Festival *\*\* Amplified Sound***

Friday & Saturday, August 2-3 2013

From 9:00 am – 10:00 pm at Hop Porter Park

**Kiwanis Car Show**

Saturday, August 3, 2013

From 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at Roberta McKercher Park

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