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City of Hailey to Honor Retiring Board Members Janet Fugate Celebrates 20 Years of Service Improving Hailey Parks

(Hailey, Idaho) The City of Hailey utilizes 40 non-elected volunteer advisors and experts on various boards and commissions. In 2016, several longstanding board members stepped down from their boards, after having completed several years of service.

Janet Fugate:	20 years of service	Hailey Parks & Lands Board
Terry Clark	6 years of service	Hailey Parks & Lands Board
Jeff Beacham:	6 years of service	Hailey Tree Committee
Mary Sfingi:	5 years of service	Urban Renewal Agency
Jim Spinelli:	5 years of service	Urban Renewal Agency
Angela Hicks:	4 years of service	Arts & Historic Preservation Commission
Sara Baldwin	2 years of service	Hailey Public Library Board of Trustees

These individuals will be honored in a public reception in the Hailey City Council Chambers on Monday, December 5, 2016 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Significant community dialogue is shaped through the City's boards and commissions. Board members act as engaged citizens and creative thinkers to make recommendations to the Hailey City Council. The 40 people who volunteer in the capacity of a board or commission member perform an essential service to government.

One such individual is Janet Fugate, a Hailey resident who served to improve Hailey's parks and trails for a full 20 years. In 1997, a group of Hailey residents wanted to develop a play structure at Hop Porter Park. A group called Parks Are Restored For Kids (P.A.R.K) was formed and began to apply for grants and raise funds to purchase a quality play structure at Hop Porter Park. In the spring of 1998, after facing significant opposition from park neighbors, the group had raised sufficient funds and received approval from the City of Hailey.

The community came together over a weekend and conducted a barn-raising of the wooden play structure, with entire families involved in the construction project. Janet Fugate was one of the key leaders of the P.A.R.K. effort.



With some remaining funds, Janet helped to form the Hailey Parks Foundation, a non-profit support fund for Hailey parks. She and other community members were appointed to a committee to evaluate how master planning Hailey parks could better serve the goals of the community. The committee recommended that a commission be established for the benefit of Hailey's parks. In 2001, the Hailey Parks & Lands Board was formed, and Janet was one of the original appointees to that board. The board wrote the 2002 Hailey Parks and Trails Master Plan. Janet became the board chair in 2006 and served in that capacity until 2015. Now, after 20 years of service to Hailey Parks, she has decided to step down from this board.

Janet will continue to serve the City of Hailey in the capacity of Hailey Planning & Zoning Commissioner, as she has since January 2011. The City of Hailey extends our heartfelt gratitude to this remarkable Hailey woman, and to all other retiring board members.

With big shoes to fill, the City of Hailey continues to seek interested residents to fill vacant positions on three of Hailey's boards:

Hailey Parks & Lands Board

Hailey Tree Committee

Hailey Arts & Historic Preservation Commission

Interested parties may submit a letter of interest to Mayor Haemmerle through City Administrator heather.dawson@haileycityhall.org. Please call 788-4221 ex 18 for more information.

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