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Mayor's Message

Dear Hailey Citizens,

The holiday season is upon us and I would like to take a moment to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

I hope you are able to enjoy the holidays with family and friends, reflecting on the good times and supporting each other in trying times.

Happy holidays!

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	12/03/09
City Council	12/14/09, 12/28/09
Historic Preservation Commission.....	12/15/09
Parks & Lands Board	12/01/09
P&Z Meetings	12/07/09, 12/21/09
Sustainable Building & Planning Advisory Committee	12/02/09, 12/16/09
Tree Committee	12/10/09
Christmas *	12/25/09
New Years *	01/01/09

* City offices close at 3:00 p.m. on December 24 and December 31; closed all day on December 25 and January 1.

Hailey Police Department

HPD Awarded \$2,500 Grant

The Hailey Police Department was awarded a \$2,500 grant for equipment to be used in park security efforts. The grant comes from the Donald W. and Gretchen K. Fraser Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation.

Hailey budgeted \$6,000 of LOT funds for the purchase of park security equipment. This timely award reduces the Local Option Tax component to only \$3500.

Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 16

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hailey City Hall

&

The Hailey Public Library

Join us for some holiday cheer!

Light refreshments provided.

Attention RV Users!

The city is seeking your support for upgrades to the RV dump station at McKercher Park. Upgrades include a new restroom facility, a frost free hydrant, picnic tables and rubbish receptacles, and extending the parking hours at the site to a 12-hour maximum. We are submitting a grant application in January for this project, so if you support these upgrades, please let us know by sending in this form with your utility bill payment. Thank you!

Yes, I support the RV Upgrades project!

Name: _____

Address: _____



Hailey Airport Site Envision Future Possibilities

December 10 or December 17
come one day or both

Hailey City Hall
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Part of the
2010 Hailey Comprehensive Plan Update*



Hailey Public Library

Library Announces Holiday and Storytime Hours

The library's holiday hours are:

December 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Closed Dec. 25)

December 31, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Closed Jan. 1)

The library also announces that beginning January 7, 2010, after school storytime will resume at 3:00 p.m.

Library Board Vacancy

The Hailey Public Library is seeking interested applicants to fill two vacancies on the Hailey Library Board. Applicants must be full time residents of Hailey. The board meets once per month to make policy decisions about the library.

Letters of interest may be emailed to Nancy Gurney, Hailey Library Director (nancy.gurney@haileypubliclibrary.org); mailed to 700 West Croy Street; faxed to 788-2924 or dropped off at City Hall or the Hailey Public Library.



City Chooses to Save Paper and Printing Expenses

The City of Hailey will no longer be including return envelopes with the utility bills. This reduces paper consumption and printing expenses, especially as many recipients are already taking advantage of the city's payment options. With this change, Hailey would like to remind citizens currently receiving bills in the mail and mailing the city a check, to consider these options:

- **Autopay** – Sign up to have the outstanding account balance automatically deducted from a checking or savings account on the 23rd (approximately) of each month. Return the Utility Bill Autopay form (haileycityhall.org/finance/applications/autodraft.pdf) and a voided check to City Hall to sign up for this option. The city will continue to send a monthly bill in the mail or the customer may request to go paperless (see below).
- **Go Paperless** – There are two ways to go paperless. 1) Notify the city in writing, via email or letter (no email notification of new bill). 2) Logon to Xpress Billpay (see below), set up an account, and choose not to receive a paper bill (receive email notification of new bill).
Choosing either of these paperless methods does not force the customer to pay the bill online. Customers can set up an Xpress Billpay account and choose to use it to monitor their accounts. Customers may call in or drop off payments (no paper bill required).
- **Xpress Billpay** – Use the link to the city's secure website for bill payment. In the upper right corner of the city's website, click on *Bill Payment*. (<http://www.haileycityhall.org/billPay/index.asp>). From here follow the easy steps. Acceptable payment methods include electronic check, Visa or MasterCard.
 - ⇒ Automatic payment – Set up a preferred automatic monthly payment date. Customers have the option of receiving a paper statement or not; and will receive an email notification that their new statements have been posted.
 - ⇒ Periodic payment – On a monthly basis, customers may change the date, the type and/or the amount of payment.