



# OUR TOWN

Where the desert meets the mountains.

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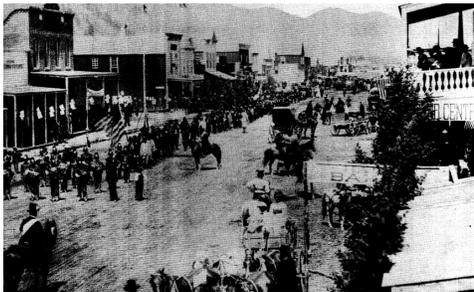
## Hailey History

### Parade! Rodeo! Fireworks!

Hailey's first formal Fourth of July celebration took place in 1881, and featured a Goddess of Liberty Float, a literary and musical program, 12 little girls to wind the maypole, the Hailey Band and several vocalists, a game of baseball, horse races, fireworks and a Grande Ball.

In the early 50s the Sawtooth Rangers began sponsoring the Wood River Rodeo Roundup. In 1995, Hailey had its premier Fourth of July fireworks display, which has joined the rodeo and parade as a major component of the town's holiday celebration. The fireworks display is made possible by the contributions of many, including major corporate sponsorships, business donors, individual donors, the Chamber of Commerce and the Hailey Fire Department.

Hailey's Fourth of July tradition continues this year; get out there and become a part of Hailey's history!



*An early-day Hailey Fourth of July Parade.*

## Calendar

### Important Dates

Arts Commission .....	07/01/08
City Council Meetings .....	07/14/08
.....	07/28/08
Historic Preservation Commission .....	07/29/08
Parks & Lands Board .....	07/01/08
P&Z Meetings .....	07/07/08
.....	07/21/08
Independence Day * .....	07/04/08

\* City offices closed.



## Upcoming Events

### Summer Fools Festival

A rotating repertory of three works.  
The Liberty Theatre  
July 1 – August 3  
Tickets: 578-9122

### 4th of July Parade & BBQ

Main St. & Hop Porter Park  
July 4, Noon  
Details: 788-3484

### Blaine County Recreation District 4th of July Criterium

July 4, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
Details: 788-2117

### Hailey's Antique Market

Roberta McKercher Park  
July 4 – 6, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Hailey's Main St. Antique Show

730 Main St. N  
July 4 – 6, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Monday Night "Music in the Streets"

Bands in venues throughout downtown.  
July 14, 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Details: 720-5578

### 2 Day Tool Sale

Idaho National Guard Armory  
July 14 – 15, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Animal Shelter Mutt Strut

Wood River Middle School Northernmost Field  
July 20, 10:00 a.m. – Noon  
Details: 578-7756

## Fireworks Safety

Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks. Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks – devastating burns, other injuries, fires, and even death.

- In 2005, fireworks caused an estimated 1,800 total structure fires and 700 vehicle fires reported to fire departments. These 2,500 fires resulted in an estimated 60 civilian injuries and \$39 million in direct property damage. There were no reported civilian deaths.
- In 2006, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,200 people for fireworks related injuries. 49% of the injuries were to the extremities and 46% were to the head. 55% of the 2006 fireworks injuries were burns, while 30% were contusions and lacerations.
- The risk of fireworks injury was two-and-a-half times as high for children ages 10-14 as for the general population.
- In 2001-2005, an estimated 1 person per year was killed in reported fires started by fireworks, while 6 people per year were killed directly by fireworks.
- On Independence Day in a typical year, more U.S. fires are reported than on any other day, and fireworks account for half of those fires, more than any other cause of fires.

The City of Hailey only allows the use of certified “Safe and Sane” Fireworks by consumers who are 15 years of age and older. “Safe and Sane” means fireworks that do not fly or explode. Fountains, sparklers, wheels, smoke and snake items, strobes, ground spinners, novelty fireworks that do not travel, snappers and caps are considered “Safe and Sane” fireworks. Firecrackers, rockets, missiles, mines, shells, aerial cakes, flying spinners and roman candles

are *not* considered “Safe and Sane” fireworks. Although fireworks may be certified “safe” you must still use them with extreme caution.

- Read and follow directions on all fireworks.
- Kids using fireworks must be supervised by an adult.
- Only light fireworks in an area that has a 20 foot clear space from any combustible materials.
- Have a fire extinguisher and bucket of water on hand.
- Do not attempt to relight fireworks that did not function properly.
- Allow time for fireworks to cool after the show, then place them in a bucket of water.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

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**Hailey Fire Department  
presents  
Fire Prevention Awareness  
Be Prepared for Wildfire Season**

**Date:** Thursday, July 24  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Hailey Fire Station  
617 3rd Ave. South  
**More Info:** 788-3147

