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Mayor's Message

City Details Last Year's Major Accomplishments

A year ago the Hailey City Council and I, along with representatives from each city department, board, commission, and committee, met to develop our Strategic Plan. Now, a year later, we are reviewing the accomplishments and obstacles of that first year and setting goals and priorities for 2009/2010. The successes of our first year together have been encouraging.

The primary objective we focused on a year ago was to increase communication between the citizenry of Hailey and its city government. Our accomplishments are all the more valuable to us because we engaged the community in extensive dialogue when appropriate in the following:

- Enhanced Hailey's existing fiscally responsible management approach during declining economy
- Acquired significant water rights for Hailey as an appreciable asset and to protect against limitations expected through conjunctive water management
- Created Hailey Tree Committee, which began urban forest enhancements and earned Tree City USA status
- Began Rodeo Grounds/Hailey Ice preliminary master planning for combined facility at Rodeo Grounds
- Adopted Percent for Public Art Ordinance, with money transferred into Public Art Fund
- Assisted with Blaine County Housing Authority's redefinition of its mission and values relative to Hailey
- Leveraged Local Option Tax funding by broader community through Hailey Chamber of Commerce and Mountain Rides Transportation Authority
- Developed a neighborhood-watch approach to lighting enforcement
- Identified traffic solutions on Woodside Boulevard and Glenbrook Drive with neighborhood participation
- Conducted community workshops about portable sign issues to re-create the sign ordinance
- Conducted Hailey citizen survey on services and infrastructure and began integrating results
- Engaged over 25 people in citizen satisfaction focus groups and 456 in responses to citizen survey
- Engaged over 50 volunteers contributing in fully unpaid roles to boards, commissions and committees



The Quigley Annexation will be discussed on Mon., April 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at City Hall.

- Awarded by the Wood River Annual Community Awards to citizen Elizabeth Jeffrey, *Environmental Advocate of the Year*, for her work with the HELP Energy Savers Competition, in which 4 families were involved in a year-long energy reduction effort
- Community dialogue conducted regarding:
 - Permanent tax levy override for dispatch service
 - Development Impact Fee Repeal Initiative
 - Business License Repeal Initiative
- Arrived at solution for formula (dwelling units) by which Hailey may contribute to county dispatch
- Conducted legal arguments to define the constitutionality of voter adopted marijuana legislation
- Increased interagency police protection, with financial assistance from Blaine County Schools
- Restructured city staffing and organizational chart to match decrease in development applications/aligned salaries with functions and re-trained personnel
- Applied for financial assistance through Recovery Act, at both federal and state levels
- Participated in Sustain Blaine's first phase economic development effort
- Developed:
 - Draft Wastewater Master Plan
 - Draft Complete Streets Plan
 - Draft Revisions to Capital Improvements Plan
 - Draft Area of City Impact Ordinances

We look forward to achieving even more in the future.
Thank you all!

Rick Dawson

Annual Sewer Rate Adjustment To Take Affect April 1

Your sewer rate may be adjusted effective April 1 depending on your winter water use. Please take the time to look at your May 1, 2009 bill to review this possible change. If you have a change in your sewer rate and have questions please call Trina Isaacs, Public Works Administrative Assistant at (208) 788-9830 ext. 22.

The water you use from November through March determines your sewer rate for the immediately following April 1 through March 31. Sewer rates are a combination of a \$12.56 base rate and an additional \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons. The average of those five months of metered water usage is taken to calculate the monthly rate to charge for sewer.

If five month average water use per/mo is:	The sewer rate will be:
1,000	\$15.16 per month
5,000	\$25.56 per month
10,000	\$38.56 per month

Emergency Services

Spring Flood Awareness

Every spring the potential for flooding is a concern. The City of Hailey has an Emergency Preparedness Team ready to meet this challenge, alongside our citizens. We are watching the river level and snowmelt rates to determine when action may be necessary.



Building, Fence and Encroachment Permit Reminder

It's spring, the time when many homeowners start planning home improvement projects. Please be sure to consider the City of Hailey's requirements when you make your plans this year. Whether it's new construction, a remodel or addition, a garden shed, a fence or driveway improvements, check with the city on its permitting requirements. You may contact the following departments:

Any work in the city right of way/encroachments
Trina Isaacs, 788-9830, ext. 22

Building, fence, shed, etc.
Dave Ferguson, 788-9815, ext. 16

In the City of Hailey our focus is on the Della View subdivision along the river. Our experience from 2006, when snowpack was 150% of normal and we experienced record flooding, has been put to good use. We learned how changes in the river and the developed areas in west Hailey have changed the flood patterns that used to impact China Gardens, but now create more intense flooding in the areas downstream. As of March 18, 2009 the snowpack is at 83% of normal.

If the river level rises to a point of extreme concern the City of Hailey will issue immediate press releases and post information on the homepage of our website: haileycityhall.org.

Please see the following links to learn more about snowpack and the Big Wood River heights and flow:

For current river levels:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?13139510>

For a Big Wood Basin Summary:

<http://www.usbr.gov/pmts/rivers/awards/snotel>

For individual Snotel station reports:

<ftp://ftp.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/data/snow/update/id.txt>

For spring flood forecasts:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/data/BOI/ESFBOI>

If you have questions regarding this article you may contact:

Tom Hellen, PE

Public Works Director, 788-9830 ext. 14

Mike Chapman, BS, EFO

Fire Chief, 788-3147

Celebrate National Library Week

April 13 – 17 the Hailey Public Library will celebrate National Library Week. Please join the library and explore *Through a Native Lens – The Native American Culture and Its History*. The schedule includes:

- April 13 Noon Brown Bag Lunch & Film
- April 14 6:30 p.m. Speaker James Woods
Archaeologist
Mayan Civilization
- April 15 3:30 p.m. God’s Eye Craft
- April 16 TBA Angel Winn, Photographer
Native American Culture
- April 16 3:30 p.m. Family Story Time & Craft

Learn Wildfire Prevention

The Hailey Public Library is partnering with Wood River Fire & Rescue to increase awareness about Wildfire Prevention. There will be a special informational display in the library, as well as the following events:

- April 1 10:30 a.m. Storytime
- April 2 3:30 p.m. Storytime
- April 25 11:00 a.m.
to 3:00 p.m. Wildfire Festival
Community Campus

Dia de los Niños, Dia de los Libros

- April 29 10:30 a.m. Storytime
- April 30 3:30 p.m. Storytime

Calendar

Important Dates

- Arts Commission 04/02/09
- City Council Meetings 04/06/09
..... 04/13/09
..... 04/27/09
..... 04/28/09
- Historic Preservation Commission 04/28/09
- Parks & Lands Board 04/07/09
- P&Z Meetings 04/06/09
..... 04/20/09
- Sustainable Building & Planning
Advisory Committee..... 04/01/09
..... 04/15/09
- Tree Committee 04/02/09

HFD Begins Basic Fire Fighter Training

The City of Hailey and the Hailey Fire Department are pleased to announce a new program for training firefighters. This innovative new training is based on curriculum established by the Montana State Fire School, and modified for local needs. The training consists of almost one hundred hours of intense practice and drills, and is made up almost entirely of hands on training. The program has been specifically designed to meet the needs of local, part-time firefighters. It is also intended to meet the criteria recommended by both the National Fire Protection Association and the State of Idaho, and to do so in a dynamic and focused way. The effectiveness of this pilot program will be evaluated both as the training progresses and at the end of the program.



Trainees Misty McConnell, Dan Durand, Rick Osenga, and Skyler Vollmer receive some training tips.

The 2009 Basic Firefighting Training began the weekend of March 14th and 15th with nine trainees. Course instructor Deputy Chief Carl Hjelm states “We have been really pleased with the progress of the program, but even more pleased with the students. It takes a pretty special person to volunteer for very rigorous training, to be put through the demands that we place on them, so that they can go forward and serve their neighbors. They provide an enormous benefit to our community, and deserve our thanks”.

The nine trainees who started the program are Misty McConnell, Scott Davis, Aymen Senosi, Skyler Vollmer, Dan Durand, Pat Deal, Rick Osenga, Tyerel Goddard, and Danny Martinez.

If you’d like more information about this program, please contact the Hailey Fire Department at 788-3147.