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Celebrate the Arts

A Month of Art Promises Good Time

July is *A Month of Art* in Hailey, as proclaimed by Mayor Rick Davis and the City Council. This year, the Hailey Arts Commission has partnered with the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, the Wood River Arts Alliance, Figgleaf Productions, local businesses and city government to provide free events throughout the month.

A Month of Art, which partners local area artists with businesses in a month-long exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, jewelry and sculpture, is sponsored by the Wood River Arts Alliance, Hailey Chamber of Commerce and Hailey Arts Commission. While the work will be installed in myriad locations all month, there is an evening Art Walk on Friday, July 17 from 5 to 8 p.m., when one can sip wine, stroll the streets and see some of the finest work created in the Wood River Valley.

Additionally, Monday July 13 is *A Night of Music*, with over a dozen restaurants, bars, coffee houses and stores playing host to rotating free, live musical events from 4:00 to 9:30 p.m. It is a family-oriented walking exploration of the downtown core and different types of music. *A Night of Music* is sponsored by the Hailey Chamber of Commerce and the Hailey Arts Commission, and produced in association with Figgleaf Productions.

A Month of Art is one of many great art events that happen throughout the summer in Hailey. Check out *The Artist's Market*, which occurs weekly on Thursdays as part of the summer *Farmer's Market*. The *Summer Fools Festival* presented by the Company of Fools at the Liberty Theatre offers a month-long series of three major plays in repertory. Every Wednesday night throughout the summer, music lovers may enjoy the *Back Alley Parties* at

The Wicked Spud, which benefit a different local non-profit each week. The Sun Valley Center for the Arts in Hailey offers ongoing exhibitions and programs, including a concert by *Salsa Celtica* on July 18 in Hop Porter Park.

So get out there and celebrate the arts in Hailey! Program information may be found online at www.haileycityhall.org, under *Announcements*.

IN THE STREETS	<i>A Night of Music</i> Monday, July 13 4:00 – 9:30 p.m.	IN THE STREETS
	<i>Art Walk</i> Friday, July 17 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	07/02/09
City Council (Regular)	07/13/09, 07/27/09
City Council (Budget)	07/13/09, 07/20/09
City Council (Quigley)	07/14/09, 07/21/09
Historic Preservation Commission	07/28/09
Parks & Lands Board	07/07/09
P&Z Meetings	07/06/09
Sustainable Building & Planning Advisory Committee.....	07/01/09, 07/15/09
Tree Committee	07/09/09



2009/2010 Hailey City Budget

Hailey's Mayor and staff will introduce the proposed 2009/2010 budget to the City Council and public during the City Council meeting of July 13, 2009. The goals and service parameters of the proposed budget will be made clear, and challenges highlighted.

A budget workshop will be conducted the following Monday, July 20, during which time the council, stakeholders and the public will engage in discussion of the proposed budget. This meeting will culminate in the adoption of a tentative budget, which will be published in detail, and noticed for a public hearing to be held on August 10, 2009.

BUDGET EXPANDS IMPORTANT SERVICES

The proposed budget will show an expense reduction of 11% over the current year. Most of these reductions have already been realized by efficiencies gained over the past 2 years, during which time Hailey has added new services by dedicating funding to areas such as:

- Increasing bus service for Hailey residents by contributing significantly to Mountain Rides, with an effort to add a Hailey Circulator Bus in 2009/2010.
- Increasing business sector vitality by partnering with the Hailey Chamber of Commerce for event promotion and economic development activities.
- Fostering elements of community identity and value, by appointing boards and commissions, and supporting them with city resources, in such areas as the arts, historic preservation, parks, sustainability, and urban forestry. The budget supports website development for each commission, as well as community workshops, outreach, events and projects.
- Increasing business sector exposure by dedicating city staff resources to development of a Hailey Business Directory on Hailey's website.
- Increasing community safety by reorganizing law enforcement efforts toward more intensive traffic control and crime prevention efforts, with an emphasis upon school safety and communication center funding. Hailey will increase its communication center funding from \$64,000 to \$145,000 in the 2009/2010 budget.
- Increasing life and property safety by recruiting and training new fire volunteers, and re-training the entire fire department to meet Department of Homeland Security parameters for inter-jurisdictional response.

- Increasing infrastructure longevity through a focused street and sidewalk maintenance program, and, in the 2009/2010 budget, adding 4 miles of street chip seal project to the proposed budget (Project Cost \$70,000).
- Increasing economic development activities through funding assistance to Sustain Blaine's study, and staff support of Sustain Blaine Taskforce committees.

These services will continue to be supported and enhanced in the proposed 2009-2010 budget.

PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS

The City of Hailey began a systematized reduction in operational expenses over two years ago and has realized efficiencies by:

- Reducing staff by 10 budgeted positions. In the process of analyzing attrition opportunities over this lengthy time period, new job duties were assigned to match changing service demands created by declining development. Employees' skills were tooled to properly match new job assignments, and extensive re-training occurred across many departments. Hailey budgeted 6% salary increases in the 2008/2009 budget to properly fund positions with higher performance demand. The 2009/2010 budget proposes no increase in employee salaries until an economic turnaround in development, building and state tax receipts generates higher revenue to the general fund.
- Metering water use. With less water being used, the operating costs of the water department have decreased. The 2009/2010 budget proposes to significantly reduce water rates for conservationists using under 50,000 gallons per month, while progressively increasing rates for higher users.
- Selling surplus and obsolete equipment, replacing it when possible with more efficient and cleaner technology. Some replacement equipment plans were suspended, but will be reinstated with the first signs of a turnaround in general fund revenue streams.
- Reducing travel costs through new policies which emphasize local training, shared training with other jurisdictions, and select quality professional training. Travel costs were reduced by \$16,000 during a year which emphasized an extensive staff-retraining effort.
- Identifying when local-contractor labor and equipment could be used less expensively than city staff, and, where applicable, the city purchased contract services from the private sector.
- Monitoring consumption of fuel and supplies, thereby reducing carbon emissions by 46.74 tons and saving \$20,497.28 in gas and electric cost.

New Guidelines for Park Use and Reservations Effective July 1

The Hailey City Council recently adopted two resolutions modifying park use guidelines and park use fees, which will be in effect July 1, 2009.

A few notable changes include:

- The ability to reserve a park pavilion for an organized private event for up to 24 people for a fee of \$25 per day;
- The reduction of the per day park use fee for special events from \$500 to the new daily rate of \$200. Non-profit organizations are no longer exempt from paying the per day use fee.
- Hop Porter, McKercher and Lions Parks have been designated as venue parks as they are most suitable for large public events.

For details on all fees contact the Public Works Assistant, Trina Isaacs at 788-9830, ext. 22, or visit us online at haileycityhall.org; click on *Forms & Fees* and then select *Park Use Permit Application*. To make a park reservation, please call 788-4221, ext. 0.

Historic Preservation Commission Seeks Candidates

The Hailey Historic Preservation Commission (HHPC) has an immediate opening for a new member. The purpose of the HHPC is to promote the historic, architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage, features and qualities of Hailey. The commission attempts to achieve this goal by enhancing historic Hailey’s “sense of place”, recognizing historic preservation efforts, and promoting educational outreach. The commission sees Hailey as a vibrant, growing, evolving community but recognizes the importance of integrating Hailey’s past into its future. Recent activities include adding the Hailey Hotel and the Eben and Elizabeth Chase House (203 E. Bullion) to the *National Register of Historic Places* and working with the Hailey Library to digitize the *Martyn Mallory Photo Collection*. The HHPC meets on the last Tuesday of each month in the upstairs meeting room at City Hall. The commission seeks an energetic person with a passion for old Hailey history able to commit 6 to 10 hours per month to work on projects and attend monthly meetings. Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and brief resume to the HHPC c/o the City of Hailey, 115 Main St. S, Ste H, Hailey, ID 83333.



Thank You

The City of Hailey thanks Idaho Power, Davey’s Tree Service and Alpine Tree Service for their work in Hop Porter Park, and Blaine County Tree Preserve for its services on the maple tree at Jimmy’s Garden!

Idaho Power to Commence Tree Trimming

Idaho Power and Davey’s Tree Service will be trimming trees around power lines in July and August. Homeowners will be contacted prior to trimming if trees on their property are affected.

Hailey Public Library

An Evening with Ridley Pearson and Dave Barry

The Hailey Public Library proudly presents an evening with Ridley Pearson and Dave Barry! Join us on August 4th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Ridley and Dave will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. This a first come, first served program as space is limited. This is a free event. Ridley will discuss his latest novel *Killer Summer*. There will be time for questions and answers as well as a book signing to close the evening. Ridley and Dave have been working on the latest Starcatchers book *Peter and the Sword of Mercy* which will be available in October. Adults as well as older children will enjoy listening to these two great authors. Please contact the Hailey Public Library at 788-2036 with any questions.

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