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Community Projects

Just Bag It! Reduces Plastic Consumption on Earth Day

Thank you to the 6 partners, 19 participating stores and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their involvement in the *Just Bag It!* pollution source



reduction program. The 40th anniversary of Earth Day was highlighted by the distribution of nearly 4,000 bright red bags, greatly reduced plastic bag usage at local retailers and the enthusiasm of Hailey citizens and visitors. A printed brochure in both English and Spanish was included to help increase awareness of the problems with single-use plastic bags. The ERC's contribution toward bag purchases assured the availability of bags in the Ketchum Atkinson's, and the Hailey Chamber ran radio spots for the five days preceding Earth Day.



Cashiers did a remarkable job in working with customers to make Earth Day a bag free day, and shoppers seemed to be excited

about the reusable bags. Several people had a strong desire to receive more than one of the bags and a couple even offered to pay for it! At least one family went to all the partnering stores (Albertsons, Atkinson's and King's) to buy something just so they could get three bags – one from each store.

Tables were manned by numerous volunteers (individuals as well as groups like the Wood River High School Environmental Club and Citizens for Smart Growth), and city employees. These



volunteers offered reused bags to shoppers who wanted to add more reusable bags to their shopping bag quiver. The tables also offered information about the *Just Bag It!* program, information on the problems with both plastic and paper single-use grocery bags and some samples of handmade reusable produce bags and totes made out of used plastic grocery bags. There was so much interest in learning how to make the plastic bag tote that a class was offered at *Curves* over the weekend and another class is being considered in the library.

This summer, watch for an additional supply of red bags at the Wood River Farmer's Market. Also this July, be sure to stop at Albertsons or Atkinson's to see the *Just Bag It!* public art project (see page 2 for more information). And for the YouTube enthusiasts out there, the 2nd video contest is now open; look at the announcements on Hailey's homepage for more information.

See page 2 for EPA disclaimer.



Election Day
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
Special Bond Election
Hailey Rodeo Park

Polling Place / All Precincts:
Community Campus Gymnasium
(Old High School, 1050 Fox Acres Road)

Polls Open: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Absentee Vote Polling Place:
Blaine County Courthouse
In-Person Absentee Voting Closes
at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24

VOTE!

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Make Waves @ the Hailey Public Library

2010 Summer Reading Incentive Program for students entering 1st-8th grade in the fall.



***Registration: June 7-12**
Program will run from June 14-August 4.

***Prizes can be earned for completing reading goals.**

***Wet & Wild Fun Finale @ Cutter's Park**
August 6th, 1-3 pm.
Games, drawings and snacks

A Hailey Public Library card is required. Please call 788-2036 for more information

Public libraries, through their summer reading programs, put books in the hands of children. This is the best antidote for the summer slide in children's reading achievement. Access to books and library programs over the summer results in more reading which, in turn, results in improved reading skills.

If you're entering 1st-8th grades in the fall, join the Hailey Public Library's Summer Reading program "Make A Splash/Catch the Wave". Come to the library to register during the week of June 7-12. At registration you will receive a summer reading packet which will include your reading log. The program will start June 14th and end on August 4th. Enjoy a big party for all summer reading participants at our "Wet and Wild Fun Finale" at Cutter's Park on Friday, August 6th from 1-3 pm. There will be games, prizes, drawings, and other surprises.

This year we will also offer a Summer Reading program for adults. Stop by the library for more information, or call 788-2036.

Temporary Public Art Project Award Goes to Kelley

At its regular April 26 meeting, the Hailey City Council awarded the *Just Bag It!* temporary public art project to Sheila Kelley. The project – with used plastic bags as the primary material – will be on display during *A Month of Art* (July) in Hailey. The artwork can be seen at Albertsons for two weeks and at Atkinsons' for two weeks. Both stores are sponsoring partners in the *Just Bag It!* project, which aims to reduce the use of plastic bags. Other sponsoring partners are King's, the ERC, the Hailey Chamber and the Farmers Market.

Kelley will work with Larry Meyers and Sara Meyers to complete the project.

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Hailey Arts Commission

Artist Entries Sought for Town Entryway Artwork

On April 2, the Hailey Arts Commission issued a Call to Artists inviting Blaine County artists to submit qualifications to design, fabricate and install a Town Entryway Artwork at Hailey's south end. The commissioned artist will be paid an all-inclusive fee of \$9,550 for the project. The call is open to artists 18 years of age or older living full-time in Blaine County. Applications are due May 14, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

The Town Entryway Artwork project is made possible through a variety of funding sources, including the Hailey Public Art Fund, the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, McDonald's of Hailey, the Village at Hailey Center, Rotary, Kiwanis, the Idaho Commission on the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts, Phil and Ann Puchner, Jim and Shirley Spinelli, Jeff and Gloria Gunter, and numerous anonymous individual donors.

A complete copy of the Call to Artists may be obtained on the commission's website at <http://www.haileycityhall.org/ArtsCommission/ArtsCommissionOpportunities.asp>, at Hailey City Hall, or by email request to tracy.anderson@haileycityhall.org.

Odd/Even Dates and Watering Time Restrictions Effective May 1

With the lawn and garden irrigation season beginning, the City of Hailey Public Works Department reminds all citizens of the requirement to observe odd-even dates and watering time restrictions for irrigation. This law – enacted to preserve our precious water resources – is upheld by using the following process when a violation occurs.

1st Violation / Door knob hanger with the violation marked

2nd Violation / Written violation letter from the City of Hailey

3rd Violation / Water turn off at the property with no further notice and a \$100 fee to have the water service reinstated

ODD / EVEN WATERING SCHEDULE

Properties with an address ending in an **even** number (**2, 4, 6, 8, 0**) water only on dates of the month that end in an **even** number (**2, 4, 6, 8, 0**).

Properties with an address ending in an **odd** number (**1, 3, 5, 7, 9**) water on dates of the month that end in an **odd** number (**1, 3, 5, 7, 9**).

No Hailey properties on city water should be watering on the 31st of any month. Use this date to reset your irrigation system.

Please beware that storms have reset clocks to inappropriate times. All clocks should be checked for the correct schedule after any power outages.

WATERING TIME RESTRICTIONS

Watering is not permitted at all during the midday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In terms of irrigation system timers, consider that watering is permitted from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and/or from 6:01 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on the appropriate odd or even dates for the address. Premium watering times are between midnight and sunrise as the coolest and calmest conditions then exist, producing the least water evaporation.

The Public Works Department encourages homeowners spend time either on their own or with a landscape company to make sure their irrigation system is in good shape for the season and that they understand how to program it for its appropriate timing each month.

Any questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at 788-9830, ext 22.

Hailey Seeks Urban Renewal Agency Commissioners

The Hailey City Council recently determined that it would like to see the make-up of a new Urban Renewal Board of Commissioners be comprised mostly of citizens, with one or two members of the city council appointed to assist until no longer needed. As such, Hailey is seeking up to three individuals interested in an appointment to Hailey’s new Urban Renewal Agency.

The duties of the URA Board involve putting in place a plan for an urban renewal area, deciding which properties should be in the area, deciding which properties should benefit from the funds raised by the URA, deciding how the URA will partner with developers to install infrastructure, and assessing when bonds are appropriate for improvements. Frequent reports are required of the board to the council, as well as an annual independent audit. The assignment is not temporary, and becomes larger and larger with time.

The size of the board may be between 3 and 9 members, and term lengths can be up to 5 years. Board members are unpaid, and may not benefit directly from the URA – they shall have no property or business interests within the URA. Although the area is still to be determined (by the board), we expect that it may include the entire length of River Street. Please contact Heather Dawson, Hailey City Administrator, if you are interested in being appointed to this board.

Tree Committee Appointments

Vacant seats on Hailey’s Tree Committee exist, and people interested in working to protect Hailey’s urban forest should send a letter of interest to heather.dawson@haileycityhall.org. Tree Committee appointments are for a period of three years.

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	05/06/10
City Council.....	05/03/10, 05/10/10, 05/24/10
Historic Preservation Commission	05/25/10
Parks & Lands Board	05/04/10
P&Z Meetings	05/03/10, 05/17/10
Tree Committee	05/13/10
Election Day	05/25/10
Memorial Day*	05/31/10

* City offices closed.