



OUR TOWN

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Message from the Mayor

Happy Holidays

The holiday season is upon us and I would like 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, friends and community, reflecting on the good times and supporting each other in trying times.

There is much to be thankful for. The economy seems to be improving as indicated by a slight growth in LOT revenue and other indicators. Though we have lost some businesses new ones have established themselves here. Hailey voters approved the construction of the Hailey Rodeo Park and work is progressing nicely, giving much needed jobs to many businesses and their employees. The first public art installation at the town entryway welcomes visitors and residents to Hailey. Our air is clean and water is pure. Emergency services are robust; we have convenient access to health care and public transportation; our parks are pristine and safe; our public is involved.

I am grateful to the entire Wood River Valley community, and particularly to the citizens and businesses of Hailey.

I am grateful to the Hailey City Council, a group of elected officials who work tirelessly through many public meetings, surrendering so much of their personal lives in their pursuit of authentic, reliable service to the public.

I am grateful to the city staff and the many members of city boards and commissions who hammer out policy and best practices recommendations and carry out the day-to-day services of our government. These individuals work to improve the cultural life of our town, protect our children, preserve our history, deliver emergency services, facilitate affordable and fair housing opportunities, foster business and economic development, protect and improve our streets, trees, and park spaces, offer increased public transportation options, and develop environmentally friendly policies and opportunities.

Happy holidays!

Community Safety

Winter Preparedness Month

Mayor Davis and the Hailey City Council approved a Proclamation calling out December 2010 as Winter Preparedness Month. The effort for enhanced preparedness has been coordinated with all the governmental jurisdictions within Blaine County, for a focused and widespread message to be delivered to residents and businesses of the region:

- By strengthening citizen preparedness now, we can be ready when disaster strikes;
- The loss of life and property damage can be greatly reduced if appropriate winter weather preparedness measures are taken before, during and after a winter weather emergency;
- The citizens of the city of Hailey need to prepare themselves to be self-sufficient for at least three days following any natural or man-made disaster;
- Local agencies and local employees should be prepared so they can continue to provide essential public services after a winter weather emergency, and support the city of Hailey disaster response and recovery mission;
- We encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of preparedness and observe this month by working together to enhance our security, resilience, and readiness. Start by bookmarking your local emergency service website http://blainesherriff.com/public_safety.asp. Understand the contents of this website, and take action on the suggestions offered there!

Calendar

Important Dates

City Council.....	12/06/10, 12/13/10
Hailey Arts Commission.....	12/02/10
Historic Preservation Commission	12/28/10
Parks & Lands Board	12/07/10
P&Z Commission	12/06/10, 12/20/10
Tree Committee	12/09/10
Christmas Day *	12/25/10
New Year's Day *	01/01/11

* City offices closed 12/24 and 12/31.

Winter Parking Ordinance

Hailey adopted Municipal Code amendments on November 23, 2009 to Chapter 10.08 Vehicles and Traffic, entitled "Parking", which generally establishes parking regulations within public rights-of-way. The changes to the code that we would like to bring to your attention are: please do *not* park any vehicles or trailers within six feet (6') of the edge of asphalt between the hours of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to 7:00 a.m., each day from November 1st of each year to May 1st of the following year. Please call Trina Isaacs, Public Works Administrative Assistant at 788-9830 ext. 22 if you would like further information.

Hailey Police Department

Chief Jeff Gunter Receives Executive Certification

The City of Hailey is pleased to announce that Chief Jeff Gunter was presented the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Executive Certificate on Monday, November 22 at the regular meeting of the Hailey City Council. The Executive Certificate is the highest certificate awarded to peace officers in the state of Idaho. POST Council Chairman, Chief Dan Weaver and POST Division Administrator, William Flink, presented the certificate. Gunter remarked, "I have great staff who share my vision of being the best department in the state. I define best as being a well respected police department the community truly supports and is proud of."



Grants

LEAP Project Makes Progress

Hailey is preparing its Local Energy Assurance Plan (EAP), made possible by a grant award from the U.S. Department of Energy/National Energy Technology Laboratory. Work is underway to identify the critical pieces of city infrastructure that are vital to assuring continuity of city services during an energy supply disruption. Whatever the reason for a loss of energy, the EAP will provide guidance to all city departments so that they may continue operations to serve Hailey citizens for a minimum of 72 hours following a disruption.

Once the critical infrastructure resources have been identified, the plan will address how to make the critical resources more reliable and more resilient to energy disruptions. A component of the plan will be to identify where alternative and more environmentally friendly energy sources may be employed to facilitate more reliable energy supplies. Another component of the plan will be to identify where energy uses can be reduced to further increase the resiliency to loss of energy supplies.

The plan will be completed by the spring of 2012. For more information, contact Jim Zarubica, Assistant City Engineer/ Energy Emergency Assurance Coordinator.

Skate Park Expansion Grant

As part of the new Hailey Rodeo Park, the city is proceeding with plans for an expansion of the skate park. Hailey is working on a grant application to the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation to assist with the funding of the project. The grant funding comes to Idaho via the Land & Water Conservation Fund of the National Park Service.

The planned expansion primarily involves the addition of street skateboarding elements and green space for spectators and other users of the Rodeo Park complex. Hailey recently released a design/build request for proposals for the project; the selected preliminary design will be included in the grant application, which is due in late January.

The Hailey Parks & Lands Board will discuss the project and grant application at its regular monthly meeting in January. The meeting date, time and location will be posted on the city's website in mid-December.

DECEMBER EVENTS

HAILEY CHRISTMAS TREES

November 26 – December 24

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. daily

Main St, adjacent to Bank of America

Details: 720-8712

HAILEY CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

December 2, 6:00 p.m.

Parade / Main St. between Pine and Carbonate

Tree Lighting / 1st Ave. between Carbonate and Bullion

Details: 788-3484

www.haileyidaho.com

Giving Opportunities

Many of the attributes which define Hailey are enhanced by our concerned and generous citizens. If you would be interested in an end-of-year tax deductible donation to help maintain and improve Hailey's assets, below is a list of city committees and programs the City Council has established to receive potential donations. Those with asterisks (*) are able to receive donations through our secure web site. Others can be mailed to City Hall at 115 Main Street South. Please include a note indicating which program you are helping. Thank you for your consideration!

Rodeo Park*	Public Art Fund *
Fireworks	Economic Development Efforts
Parks	Historic Preservation
Trees and Tree Care	Sustainability Projects/Programs

Our non-profit partners:

Friends of Mountain Rides
Friends of the Hailey Public Library
Hailey Parks Foundation
Blaine County Housing Authority

Volunteer Opportunities

Hailey is fortunate to have so many worthwhile community organizations doing great work in diverse areas. The city also has a number of its own groups that carry out missions of public service and community enhancement. For individuals with an interest in volunteering in the coming year, please consider one of the following groups:

- Tree Committee
Jennifer Smith / svasboardbus@yahoo.com
- Parks & Lands Board
Janet Fugate / jrfugate@cox.net
- Historic Preservation Commission
Rob Lonning / ralonning@att.net
- Hailey Arts Commission
Mark Johnstone / markjohnstone@cox-internet.com
- Library Board, Hailey Public Library
LeAnn Gelskey / lgelskey@haileypubliclibrary.org
- Marijuana Community Oversight Committee
Peter Lobb / plobb@msn.com
- Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA)
Kathy Grotto / k.grotto@bcoha.org
- Hailey Urban Renewal Agency
Heather Dawson / heather.dawson@haileycityhall.org
- Hailey Environmental Leadership Program (HELP)
Elizabeth Jeffrey / makeitgreen@att.net

Hailey Holiday Lights Contest

The Hailey Chamber of Commerce invites you to share your holiday spirit this year by entering the Hailey Holiday Lights Decorating contest. Show off your community pride and help light up Hailey this special season. It's also a perfect project for the entire family to enjoy. So, pull out your Santas, sleds, reindeer, snowmen and wreaths – and don't forget the lights!

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the **Residence** category, **Most Green** (environmentally friendly) and **Best Block** (minimum of four houses on a block to qualify). The deadline to enter is Thursday, December 16th, with judging taking place on Friday, December 17th and Saturday, December 18th. The contest is open to residential homes within Hailey city limits.

Holiday Winter Wonderland Open House

Hailey Public Library
Tuesday, December 14th
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- * Fresh ideas for creative, cost effective holiday place settings and table decorating
- * Sampling of hors d'oeuvres and festive treats
- * Graham cracker "gingerbread" house display by patrons/staff (pick up directions beginning 12/2)
- * Recipe sharing (bring a copy of your favorite)

Join us for the festivities!

HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bilingual Storytime

Includes stories, rhymes, music and activities. The program is geared for children 3 to 5 years old, but everyone is welcome. No prior sign-up is required.

**Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
Starting December 7th**

*For more information
contact Yesenia at the
Hailey Public Library.
788-2036*

Hora de Cuentos Bilingües

La hora de cuentos bilingües incluye lectura, rimas, canciones y actividades. El programa esta dedicado a niños de 3 a 5 años pero todos están bienvenidos. No es necesario registrarse anteriormente.

**Martes a las 5:00 de la tarde
Empieza el día 7 de
Diciembre**

*Para más información llame a
Yesenia en la biblioteca publica de
Hailey. 788-2036*



OUR EARTH

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Farmer's Market Reduces Plastic Use

As a partner with the *Just Bag It!* campaign, the Wood River Farmers' Market bought 750 bags. Kaz Thea manages the market and made it a priority to have vendors offer customers these totes instead of using plastic. The market sold and gave out almost half of the 750 bags with the intent of reducing plastic use. While actual numbers are unavailable, the market has seen an increase in use of tote bags, with customers purchasing the ones sold this year for \$1.00 and also using personal totes brought from home. Some of the vendors actually stopped bringing plastic, which further encouraged customers to remember to bring their own bags or purchase one of the market's. The Wood River Farmers' Market will continue this effort next year and eventually hope to eliminate the use of single purpose plastic at the market.



King's Increases Green Efforts



By participating in *Just Bag It!*, King's reports the store's cashiers are more aware of the need to use fewer plastic bags, and will ask customers with minimal purchases if a bag is needed.

Store Manager Bessie Radabaugh said, "*Just Bag It!* was a great project; using fewer plastic bags is a great goal to work towards." Radabaugh is currently working on carrying reusable bags in the store.

The project also inspired King's to place a plastic bag recycling container, with a sign attached, in the store, but have been challenged by people using it for rubbish. The store is now looking into acquiring a blue recycling container so that it is instantly recognizable.

"Our employees thought the project was fun," said Radabaugh, who looks forward to participating again.

These articles conclude a series featuring Just Bag It! partners. Just Bag It! has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement X1-00J05301 to City of Hailey. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.

Sustainable Building

Build Better Program Update

Last month, the City Council adopted the Build Better Program as a voluntary program that takes the current 2009 International Energy Conservation Code and improves upon it by 10%. The program produces buildings that are 10% more energy efficient, by using 10% less energy than a typical building built to code. Additional improvements to address water consumption and indoor air quality are also included in the Build Better Program. A performance rating is used to ensure that the building meets the 10% energy performance improvement. The following are some examples of ways to increase the energy performance of a building and reduce the amount of energy consumed: increase insulation, install energy efficient appliances and heating systems with higher efficiency ratings than the minimum standard, use windows and doors that exceed the minimum standard, and consider window placement and building orientation during the design phase to increase passive solar gain.

The Build Better Program uses a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rater to verify that the energy performance of a home is met. Because the Building Department is no longer spending time inspecting and reviewing the energy code and as a way to incentivize this type of building in Hailey, homes built to the Build Better Program specifications will receive a 50% building permit fee and building plan review fee reduction and are eligible for these fees to be deferred until a certificate of occupancy is issued.

Sustainable Building Fact

Based on a local home that was modeled using the HERS rater approved energy performance software, a home built to the Build Better Program specifications has an estimated cost increase of 0.4% compared to the same home built under the 2009 energy code (estimated cost of construction is \$300,000 for standard home). The 0.4% increase covers all additional up-front costs, including the HERS rater fees. Due to the increased energy performance of the home, it is estimated that approximately \$150 a year is saved (the amount of savings will increase as future energy prices increase).