

## Springtime Yard Work Reminder

Happy Spring! Before you buy the materials for your new fence, shed or chicken coop, or before you expand your landscaping in the front yard, make sure you know what requirements apply and have the permits you need. Here are some quick tips and reminders.

**Fences** need a fence permit. Fences can only be 4 ft high when located within the front yard setback. On corner lots fences cannot be located within 75 feet of the centerline of the street intersection.

**Detached sheds** 120 sq ft or smaller do not need a building permit but are required to be setback a minimum of 3 feet from either: 1) the side and/or rear property line, or 2) the Principle Building (your house) and any other Accessory Structure (e.g. your garage or another shed). Sheds that are attached to your house regardless of size require a building permit.

**Chickens** are allowed in your backyard! You may have up to 3 hens, but no roosters. If any of your chicks turn out to be roosters find them another home outside of the city! Your chicken coop has to be located in the rear yard and is subject to the setback requirement for the zoning district in which your property is located. You don't need a permit, but you should follow these guidelines:

- A roof or cover that fully encloses the coop.
- Constructed with sturdy and durable materials that prohibit predator access.
- A door or opening to the coop that can be secured shut.
- The chicken coop or the property must be fenced in some manner that the hens are confined to the boundaries of the property.

Chicken Coops have to be detached and separated from the Principle Building (your house) and any other Accessory Structure (e.g. your garage or another shed) by a minimum of one (1) inch. Contact the Community Development Department for more information on fences, sheds, and chickens.

**Encroachments** - any excavation, digging, paving, trees, shrubs, grass, sprinklers and other landscaping improvements and construction of an improvement or placement of personal property within the city right-of-way require an encroachment permit. Your front property line can be deceiving; some people think the right-of-way starts where the pavement of the street starts, but that is usually not the case. Before doing any work near what looks like the edge of your front, make sure you know where your property line is and ask whether an encroachment permit is needed! Visit <http://haileycityhall.org/publicworks/street/> for more information.

## Grant Projects

### Hailey Wins Grant for Exhibit

The Hailey Historic Preservation Commission has been awarded a \$4,000 Idaho Humanities Council grant to prepare a conceptual design for the historical interpretive exhibits at the Hailey Rodeo Park. The conceptual design will be fueled by the research report forthcoming from Florence Blanchard, the project historian. The interpretive exhibit will bring a vital humanities component to the Hailey Rodeo Park, and will include photographs, oral histories, illustrations, dioramas and artifacts. The team working on this community project includes the Hailey Historic Preservation Commission, the Community Library Association Regional History Department, Lorna Hazelton, Jenny Davidson, Kristin Poole, Evelyn Philips, Blanchard and city staff.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council, a State-based Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



## Public Works Department

### Sewer and Rubbish Rate Changes

**Sewer:** Your sewer rate may be adjusted effective April 1st, depending on your winter water use. Please take the time to look at your May 1, 2011 bill to review this possible change. The water you use from November through March determines your sewer rate for the coming year, starting April 1st. Call Trina Isaacs, Public Works Administrative Assistant at (208) 788-9830 ext. 22 with questions.

**Rubbish:** Due to Blaine County's tipping fee increases at Ohio Gulch Transfer Station, effective April 1, 2011 the garbage rate for a 95 and 32 gallon cart will be \$23.92 and \$11.80, respectively. This is an approximate 4% increase for residential rates. The rates for dumpsters and construction waste increased approximately 7%; please contact Clear Creek Disposal for more information on these rates at 726-9600.

### Odd/Even Watering Reminder

*When Can I Water? Effective May 1st.*

- Odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days.
- Even numbered addresses water on even numbered days.
- 31st of each month, no one waters.
- Must water before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.

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## Sustainability at the City

### Solar Power at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

As a result of a grant awarded by the Idaho Office of Energy Resources, Hailey has installed a 25kW Photovoltaic (PV) Power System and HVAC retrofit that uses reclaimed heat. Local engineers and contractors were used for this project. Brian Formusa, a Hailey resident and Mechanical Engineer, engineered and commissioned the PV system installed by Robert's Electric, and the HVAC system, installed by Thornton Heating and Sheet Metal, to ensure it was installed per manufactures' specifications and that it was meeting the projected performance targets.

Rooftop PV power system at the wastewater treatment plant in south Woodside



Brian reported that the logged power production data for the PV system, during the first 3 months of operation had exceeded the expected power production by 32%. The new HVAC system, outperformed expectations by 25%. The power generated is used to supplement the energy needs of the wastewater treatment plant, which accounts for approximately 80% of the total energy used for all city operations in Hailey. The supplementary power reduces city energy bills, which saves tax payers' money and helps the city maintain operations in the event of an emergency or power outage.

## Building Energy Efficiency

### Community Audit and Retrofit Rebate Program (CARRP) Funds Still Available

If you haven't already filled out a reservation/waiting list application, now is the time to do so. Starting July 1, 2011 more funds will become available as the 7 partnering

jurisdictions consolidate remaining CARRP funds and open them up to all applicants residing within Blaine and Camas Counties, including the residents of cities residing within the two counties. While Hailey has currently used the \$37,000 that is was allotted, other communities have only made a small dent in their allotment. It is estimated that approximately \$80,000 more will be available, starting July 1st. For more information visit <http://www.haileycityhall.org/building/CARRP/CARRP.asp>.

## Earth Day Activities

### Just Bag It!

In honor of Earth Day, Atkinsons', Albertsons, and King's will be giving out free reusable shopping bags on April 21st, a few days before Earth Day (April 23rd), made possible by a grant from the US EPA.



Just Bag It! was previously funded by a grant received from the US EPA. The city has obtained another grant from the US EPA, which continues Just Bag It! for three more years. This most recent grant is titled the Hailey Community Climate Challenge and includes a number of other projects as well. More information on the Challenge will be reported on in the May edition of Our Earth.

### Make Your Own Shopping Tote

Just in time for Earth Day, two free workshops will be held in April to share ways to reuse some items you might already have around the house to create your own sturdy, reusable shopping totes. Besides helping you get rid of your plastic bags hidden away in your cupboard or closet, shopping with your own reusable bags reduces our local litter and landfill problems while reducing the need for the oil, manufacturing and transportation of both plastic and paper shopping bags. Information on the 1st workshop is on page 3 in the Special Meetings and Events box. Call 788-9654 to reserve your place, find out more information, and to get details on the 2nd workshop.

## Woodside Blvd. Project Update

### Preliminary Design milestone reached

In mid-February, the project design reached the 30 percent completion mark. At this important milestone, the basic scope of the project is defined, environmental impacts are assessed and preliminary costs are gathered.

### Final Design approaches 75 percent for Phase I

The City Council has scheduled a second Public Hearing for the Woodside project on April 25. On the agenda for council approval is the 75 percent Final Design "Phase I" package for the roundabout, SH-75 signal, and pavement overlay/improvements between Laurelwood and Countryside (including sidewalks, curb and gutter). Final design for the remainder of Woodside Boulevard is scheduled for council consideration and approval later in 2011.

Final design represents the technical stage of engineering to implement decisions made during the preliminary design phase. Certain project elements are fixed, such as travel lane, sidewalk and bike lane widths; and a landscape strip on both sides of the road. Specific project details, such as what type of landscaping is planted or specific construction scheduling, has not yet been defined. This allows us to seek input before additional decisions are made.

The City of Hailey invites you to attend this meeting to provide additional comments and input related to construction issues, traffic control, resident coordination and other considerations as the project prepares for contractor bid and construction. Please see the Special Meetings and Events box, on this page, for information on the upcoming meeting.

## Library

### **National Library Week**

April 10-16th is National Library Week. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries--school, public, academic and special--participate.

### Special Meetings & Events

1. **Creative Bag Reuse Workshop**
  - At the Upholsterer on S. Main Street. April 19, 6:30-7:30pm
2. **Adult Book Discussion at the Library**
  - 'The God of Small Things' by Arundhati Roy. April 21st at 6:30pm.
3. **The Advocates Carbonate Hill Climb and Community Easter Egg Hunt**
  - Sunday, April 24, 10am-1pm, at Hop Porter Park. Call 788-4191 for more info.
4. **Woodside Boulevard Project Public Hearing**
  - Monday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. Hailey City Hall, 115 S. Main St.



### Teen Book Club

The Hailey Public Library is offering an ongoing Teen Book Club for girls, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 4pm to have a few snacks and talk about the book. If you are interested and would like more information or would like to try it out, email or call Jeanie at 788-2036.

**Story Times @ Hailey Public Library**



- ◆ **Tuesday at 5pm: Bilingual Storytime with Señora Yesy**  
Hora de Cuentos Bilingues
- ◆ **Wednesday at 10:30am: Storytime (3 to 5 years)**
- ◆ **Thursday at 3pm: After-school Storytime (4 to 7 years)**
- ◆ **Friday at 10:30am: Toddler Tales (18 to 36 months)**  
\*Parent supervision and participation is required.\*



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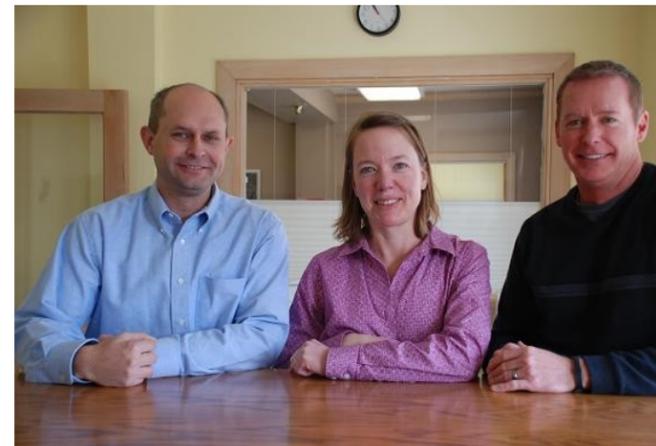
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## Community Development Department

### **City Welcomes New Planner to its Community Development Efforts**

Hailey's Planning and Building Departments were recently combined into a new Community Development Department. Consisting of a Director, Planner, and Building Official, the new department has been downsized from a formerly 4-member staff. It will operate this year on \$40,000 less salary dollars, with more refined and coordinated job descriptions.



From left: **Bart Bingham, Planning Coordinator; Beth Robrahn, Community Development Director; and Dave Ferguson, Building Official.** Not pictured, **Mariel Platt, Sustainability Coordinator**

Many communities across the country combine land use planning, building permitting and engineering services into what are commonly called Community Development Departments. These types of departments often also include services related to housing, transportation, business development, community block grant programs, historic preservation, public art programs and natural resource management and conservation.

Hailey's Community Development Department will focus on all these elements, and will continue to be supported in natural resource conservation efforts by Mariel Platt, now working, under grant funding as Hailey's Sustainability Coordinator. Platt's former position as Planner has been filled by Bart Bingham, a Blaine County native who brings a Masters of Science Degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin. Hailey is pleased to welcome Mr. Bingham!

The now merged planning and building departments historically shared an office suite and an administrative assistant position. That position has been eliminated until development applications increase, at which time it will be replaced by a community development assistant more focused on helping customers through city permitting requirements and processes, as well as on outreach through our website and other media.

Those with business, remodeling, construction, or development ideas will find a one-stop approach within the Community Development Department. Staff will work with businesses interested in locating to Hailey by giving clear information about the opportunities available in Hailey and assistance with Hailey code requirements. Even more important will be their effort to facilitate business retention and expansion within Hailey, as owners seek improved locations or improvements to their current business locations.

Hailey's redevelopment of the Friedman Memorial Airport site through a large-scale strategic planning process is an immediate and major piece of work. The Community Development Department will also support and assist the Hailey Urban Renewal Agency. Hailey began to more actively incorporate elements of economic development into planning work in 2009 with the drafting of the Downtown Strategy and participation in the regional implementation of the Go Blaine! strategy.

Mayor Davis, through this reorganization, intends to further emphasize economic development efforts that have come more sharply into focus, and to continue to reach his stated goals of higher effectiveness with more efficiency, and continually improving communication.

## Calendar

### **Important Dates**

City Council.....04/07/11, 04/11/11, 04/25/11  
Hailey Arts Commission .....04/07/11  
Historic Preservation Commission.....04/26/11  
Parks & Lands Board .....04/05/11  
P&Z Commission..... 04/04/11  
Tree Committee.....04/07/11  
Urban Renewal Agency .....04/11/11  
Plastic Bag Free Day in Hailey. .... 04/21/11

\* April is Fair Housing Month in Hailey