



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Calendar

Important dates

City Council.....	6/04/12, 6/18/12
Hailey Arts Commission.....	6/07/12
Historic Preservation Commission.....	6/26/12
Hailey Library Board.....	6/20/12
Parks & Lands Board	6/05/12
P&Z Commission.....	6/11/12
Tree Committee.....	6/07/12

Community

Hailey Prepares for Grand 4th of July

The Hailey Independence Day Celebration is one of the long-standing traditions of our community. The City of Hailey and the Chamber of Commerce sponsor a parade, kid's carnival, and food court.

The Sawtooth Rangers Days of the Old West Rodeo has been a staple of the July 4th celebration, involving many volunteer groups within the community. Last year the Sawtooth Ranger's Days of the West Rodeo had record attendance as spectators crowded into the new Arena built by Hailey taxpayers. The three-day rodeo was especially delightful viewed from the soaring bleachers, and surprisingly intimate as action in all parts of the arena could easily be seen from all seats. One of the nail-biter



events was the bull ride, as no cowboy was able to ride to the bell until the last rider of the three day contest, who took the entire

purse to the standing roar of the crowd.

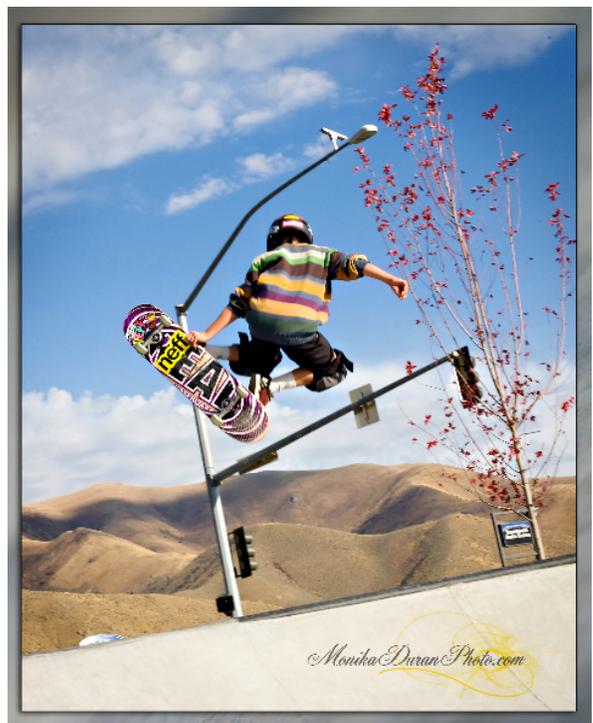
A first-rate fireworks display has been established, supported over the past dozen years by donations from our business community and residents. Our two outstanding antiques markets are anxiously awaited each year—this year they will be in town during the weekend preceding Independence Day Holiday.

In 2008, the first annual 4th of July Criterium bike race was a great success, and the event has grown each year as many are eager to attend that thrilling event. We look forward to seeing our community and visitors out in the streets of Hailey.



Hailey Skatepark Grand Opening Saturday June 23, 2012

The Hailey Parks and Lands Boards and several community volunteers and business are planning a grand opening of the Hailey Skate Park on Saturday, June 23, 2012. Exciting demonstrations, competitions, symposiums, food and full family fun await you at one of Hailey's finest new parks!



City Staff Milestones

Education Grant Funds Continuing Ed

Congratulations to Hailey Public Library’s Director, LeAnn Gelskey, for receiving a federal Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

Gelskey is voluntarily working to obtain her Library Support Staff Certification, and the grant pays for Gelskey’s seat in an approved course on Cataloguing & Classification Basics.



Library Support Staff (LSS) are those library employees whose positions do not require a Master’s of Library and Information Science. The certification would help Gelskey recognize the value of LSS to quality public service and efficient operation of a library.

“Education is a lifelong process,” Gelskey says, “and I diligently work to improve my service as a director of the city’s library.”

Working to meet the needs of our citizens, Gelskey has helped the library acquire lendable eBooks and eAudios, ten new desktop computers and five laptops for public use and education. In the city’s 2012 Citizen Survey, the Library was recognized with highest ratings for its customer service.

Gelskey is expected to complete her coursework within a year. We thank her for her fine work.

Adopt a Park Program Contributors

Local businesses are donating their services this year to care for Hailey City Parks. Please thank owners and employees of the following businesses when you see them at work in their adopted park!

Webb Landscape Inc - Hop Porter

Clearwater Landscaping - McKercher

Whitehead’s Landscaping - Balmoral

Lily & Fern LLC - Jimmy’s Garden

Mountain Lifestyles Property Services
Park & Ride Lot

ARBORFEST

The spirit of Hailey’s community is found in its events. It’s a community that works hard and plays hard.

Arborfest is an event which volunteers conceived, organized, built, and participated in with robust exuberance. Many of these volunteers are appointed or elected Hailey officials, with full time jobs!



June Events at the Hailey Public Library

Trial Lawyer and Author Gordon Campbell
June 12th 6PM—Campbell has relocated to the valley. Welcome him as he discusses his novel, *Missing Witness* (2007).

Adult Summer Reading Program
June 19th 6PM—Join local Interior Designer Vicky Bates for a bedroom makeover class featuring Feng Shui principles and tips on recycling furniture. This event marks the start of our . This year’s theme is “Between the Covers”.

Summer Reading Program Registration
June 25th - 30th only (due to limited space). The Summer Reading program will start July 9th & end August 17th. Youth entering 1st-8th grades in the fall can join the Hailey Public Library’s Independent Summer Reading Incentive program “Dream Big, Read & Own the Night”. Each child must have a current HPL library card. Summer Reading Program Finale **Corbin Maxey: the Reptile Guy** August 23rd at the Community Campus.

For more information about Summer Reading or upcoming events, please contact the Hailey Public Library at 788-2036, or visit us online at www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org.

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City Continues Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Efforts

The city recently completed or is in the process of completing a number of energy efficiency and water conservation projects, including but not limited to the following:

- **Main Street energy efficiency lighting retrofit**, converting over 34 lights from high pressure sodium to LED. The anticipated energy savings is 37.5%, which will reduce the city's energy bills as well as maintenance and equipment replacement costs (LEDs last many years longer than traditional lighting types).
- **Heating and cooling system retrofits** at the Library and the 2nd floor of City Hall—saving money and energy.
- **Heating and cooling system tune-up and thermostat upgrade** at the City Street Department.
- **Irrigation retrofit at select city parks**—saving water and energy.
- **Awning design and installation at the Library and City Hall**, - saving energy, increasing occupancy comfort, and improving the look of City Hall.

The results of these efforts will be tracked, along with the rest of the city facilities' and vehicle fleet operations.

Hailey Selected to Participate in a 6 month National Recycling Challenge—Starts July 2nd!

The Recyclebank Green Choices Recycling Challenge is a nation-wide competition to increase curbside recycling. Hailey has been selected to represent Idaho and the nation in the 6 month Challenge. The community that recycles the most will receive a \$100,000 grant & showcase their commitment to recycling and sustainability. As a participant, the residents of Hailey will receive Recyclebank's award winning recycling program at no cost for 2 years. During the 6 month Challenge and for 18 months following, all Hailey residents will enjoy rewards for recycling, as they earn Recyclebank points, which can be redeemed for hundreds of deals and discounts from Recyclebank's online catalog for rewards from retailers, major brands, restaurants, pharmacies, grocers and more. Residents that receive city utility bills will be mailed information on June 22nd. Online registration can occur after June 22nd at www.recyclebank.com/greenchoices (the website is not accessible prior to the 22nd). Alternatively, if you do not receive a utility bill from the city, you can register to participate after June 22nd, by calling 1-888-727-2978.



HAILEY COMMUNITY



Chicken Coop and Care Workshop

On May 19th, the City's Hailey Community Climate Challenge partners, the Building Material Thrift Store (BMTS) and the Environmental Resource Center (ERC), held a workshop on chicken care and coop construction from reclaimed materials. The workshop was held at the home of Bob Closser. A big thanks to Cynthia Carr, Bob Closser, Lisa Huttinger with the ERC and Bruce Tidwell with the BMTS for their time and hard work. Other BMTS workshops on building with reclaimed materials to promote sustainable living, such as greenhouses and cold frames, will be offered through Fall 2013.

For information on future workshops visit www.HaileyChallenge.org and sign up for email announcements.



Bob Closser and Bruce Tidwell explain the basics of chicken coop construction.



Workshop participants listen intently as Cynthia Carr shares her knowledge of chicken care.



Chickens provided added entertainment while attendees toured Bob Closser's elaborate coop (pictured in the center photo).

Woodside Boulevard Project

Traffic Signal to be Operational in June

The Woodside Boulevard construction project began in late April and early May with utility companies working on their infrastructure in advance of Knife River's construction activities. In mid-May, Knife River began clearing, grubbing, and removing asphalt in the first segment of road at the north end of Woodside Boulevard. At the same time, construction was begun on the traffic signal at State Highway 75.

In the early weeks of June, the traffic light masts and poles will be erected and the signal lights installed. There may be one night during which construction is conducted from midnight to 5:00 a.m., in order not to delay traffic while a crane works in the roadway to erect the masts. Further information about the date of the night work will be forthcoming in the next two weeks. The traffic signal is planned to be turned on and operational on June 20, 2012.

Knife River has divided its construction work on the Boulevard into 5 segments. Segment 1, at the north end of the Boulevard, will be completed by June 11. Traffic detour signs will begin to be moved June 7th and 8th, and traffic patterns will change as the northern portion of the boulevard re-opens and the project moves to Segment 2, which is in the area just north and south of Copper Ranch. Knife River is considering milling the entire Boulevard to more quickly remove the pavement. That milling work may be done sometime in mid-June, which will leave the Boulevard unpaved for the bulk of the construction project.

The entire repaving of the Boulevard is currently planned to be completed **all at once** in mid-September. These schedule elements are subject to change by the contractor; we will continue to keep residents updated as to the progress and planned changes forthcoming.

Key Dates and Segment Milestones

- Traffic Signal operational on June 20, 2012
- Mid-June milling of entire Boulevard from a point near Copper Ranch to ST HW 75
- Segment 1 Baldy View North to Baldy View South - ongoing to June 11
- Fox Acres Intersection sewer line installation – June 11 through June 25
- Fox Acres Roundabout – June 25 through August 31
- Segment 2 Baldy View South to Moonlight – June 11 through June 30
- Segment 3 Moonlight to Shenandoah South - June 30 into mid-July
- Segment 4 Shenandoah to Meadow Mount – Mid-July into August
- Segment 5 Commercial Area: Meadow Mount to State Highway 75 – August
- Paving of entire Boulevard – Early to mid-September

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

The traffic detour routes are not the safest routes for pedestrian and bicycles, due to the high motor vehicle volume on those routes. After road closures and detours are established for each segment, we encourage you to identify safe routes and instruct your children to use them. The Toe of the Hill Trail can be used to access the Aquatic Center and Blaine County Recreation District from many areas of Woodside. After the Fox Acres intersection is closed on June 11, pedestrians and bicyclists coming from town or points north may find the safest routes through Deerfield and Foxmoor, rather than on Fox Acres Road.

July 4th Fireworks and Road Closures

Consider watching the July 4th fireworks from areas which do NOT require the use of Fox Acres Road or its detour routes, as these are likely to become congested quickly during our Independence Day festivities. Although construction is not in progress on federal holidays, the roadblocks and detours will remain in place.

Hailey Rodeo Park Interpretive Center

Master Plan for Hailey Rodeo Park Proceeds

A year ago a new multi-purpose arena was in the last stages of construction prior to its inaugural event, the historical Sawtooth Rangers' Days of the Old West Rodeo. A few weeks into the month of July, the Hailey Skatepark Expansion construction was begun, with the majority of the project completed last fall. Finishing touches to the Skatepark are still in progress, as a drinking fountain, pavers, additional sod and food area were added by city staff under the direction of Mayor Haemmerle.



Last month, ground was broken on the Interpretive Center, one of the master plan elements approved by voters in the 2010 bond for the project. Construction of the building will be paid for from bond proceeds. The interpretive exhibits within the building have yet to be funded. The Hailey Historic Preservation Commission is working to identify grants and donors for the exhibits.