



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Public Works News

Winter Water & Sewer News

Did you know that your sewer rate is dependent upon your winter water use?

The water you use from November through March determines your sewer rate for the following year that begins April 1 and ends March 31. The average of those five months of metered water usage is taken to calculate the rate to charge for sewer.

If five month average water use is:	The sewer rate will be:
1,000 gallons/month	\$17.53 per month
5,000 gallons/month	\$33.29 per month
10,000 gallons/month	\$52.99 per month

The Hailey Water Department has worked to thaw out 40 frozen water service lines so far this winter.



NOTE: If you run water to prevent freezing pipes this is likely to increase your sewer rate. A stream that is no more than the width of a pencil lead is usually sufficient to prevent freezing pipes. Another way to measure a drip or stream is to use a one gallon jug and time the fill at an hour exactly. One gal/hr would be approximately 720 gal/mo and cost just less than .45 cents/mo.

This amount, while perhaps

minimal, *would* affect your average sewer rate when new sewer rates are calculated in the spring. If you need to run water to prevent freezing, run it outside rather than into the sewer drains; city staff may work with you to adjust your bill accordingly.

The *Water – Use It Wisely* website has over 100 tips to conserve water. <http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/index.php>. Here are some of those tips:

- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Listen for dripping faucets and running toilets.

- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full.
- Turn off the water while you wash your hair—save 150 gal/month.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth—save 25 gal/month.
- Turn off the water while shaving -save 300 gal/month.

HAILEY COMMUNITY



FREE WORKSHOP

CLIMATE CHALLENGE

February 5, 6-7:30 p.m.
Hailey Public Library
7 West Croy St.

A WORKSHOP ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

Reduce your energy bills. Learn how to:

- Stack funding tools (rebates, tax credits, tax deductions, loans, etc)
- Save with small renewable systems
- Change your behavior to reduce energy usage
- Identify the BEST energy efficiency upgrades for the buck

For details, call 788-9815, ext. 24 or visit www.haileychallenge.org

Open to all • Free CFLs and other goodies



Brian Formusa, P.E.

Calendar

Important dates

City Council.....	02/04/13
Hailey Arts Commission.....	02/07/13
Hailey Library Board	02/20/13
Parks & Lands Board	02/05/13
P&Z Commission.....	02/11/13
Tree Committee.....	02/07/13
Urban Renewal Agency	02/13/13
President's Day.....	*02/18/13

*City Hall and Hailey Public Library Closed

HFD Offers Free Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections

The Hailey Fire Department (HFD) will inspect any fire extinguisher belonging to a citizen or business owner residing in the City of Hailey. Hailey Fire Marshal Mike Baledge states, "Fire extinguishers should be inspected annually and there are limited options for service available in this area. Inspection costs can range from \$2 to \$20 when performed by outside companies. This program is hoped to save Hailey businesses and residents thousands of dollars annually, that are currently spent on basic annual inspections." This service will be performed by the department's certified fire extinguisher technicians. It includes a 23-point check to ensure the extinguisher is in good working order. Technicians will automatically conduct this inspection during periodic business inspections, or personal extinguishers may be brought to the HFD at 617 S. 3rd Ave. during regular business hours. Contact the HFD at 788-3147 for more information.

Firefighter of the Year
Dannie Edelman joined the Hailey Fire Department in 2010 and has been a very active and enthusiastic member since then. She is vice-president of the Volunteer Association and is always willing to help with department and community events. She is currently beginning an Emergency Responder course with the intention of becoming an EMT for the department.



Sustainability

Sustainability Soils Workshop



Hosted by the Wood River Land Trust and the University of Idaho Extension office, this workshop is for those interested in getting better results from their lawn, garden or field? From homeowner to farm owner, get hands-on and current best practices for soil building, composting, water conservation/ native landscaping, herbicide use, and alternative pest management.

March 7th, 9:00am – 2:30pm at the Hailey Armory.
Register: sarahb@uidaho.edu or call 208-788-5585.
<http://www.woodriverlandtrust.org/Events.php>

February Events at the Hailey Public Library

Weekly children's story hours, and a 'dynamite' teen program continue in February. Information is available at: www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

All February: *Blind Date with a Book.*

Let us set you up! We've hand-selected books from our vast collection and wrapped them in paper. Take a risk and meet "someone" new: a mystery, a true story, a romance. Enter a drawing for DaVinci's Restaurant gift each time you fill out a "Rate Your Blind Date" slip. More info is on our website.

Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6:00 pm: *What Can Numerology Do for You?* Author and psycho-therapist Lynn Buess has over fifty years' experience investigating and applying the knowledge of numbers to life. Bring a friend to Lynn's insightful, witty presentation.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:00 pm: *Sweet Rolls.* Goey and scrumptious, sweet rolls are a winter favorite. Hailey resident Carla Scanlon's Orange Rolls recipe is available on our website. Prepare the dough at home, and bring it in for hands-on rolling and rising. Take 'em home ready to bake!

Monday, Feb. 18: *President's Day.* The library will be closed.

Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:00 pm: *Let's Talk About It* adult book club meets scholar Clark Draney to discuss "Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior." All are welcome. Books are available.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 6:00 pm: *Teen Spa-tacular Evening* for teens in 6th – 12th grade. Relax with friends, try techniques for decorating finger nails, and learn about skin care. Make your own lip gloss! Since supplies are provided, registration is required. Register at the front desk, call 788-2036, or email jjohnston@haileypubliclibrary.org

LIBRARY EVENTS

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Idaho Department of Health & Welfare's Tips on Flu Prevention

- Wash hands often w/soap & water or alcohol based hand cleaners.
- Cover nose & mouth with tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth.



Public Safety

Prescription Drug Disposal

Prescription drug abuse is currently being reported by law enforcement agencies across the country as their greatest threat. In addition, unsafe disposal of prescription and over-the-counter medications is costly to the environment.

In response to the growing demand for a safe and convenient way to dispose of household prescription medications, the Hailey Police Department has installed a drop-box in its lobby.

The “Safe Prescription Drug Drop-Off” pilot program is available to the community. Residents can drop off unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications – no questions asked.

Both prescription and over-the-counter medicines can be left in the drop-box. The boxes are checked daily and the contents are prepared for disposal in accordance with Federal and State laws and FDA guidelines.

At this time the Safe “Prescription Drug Drop-Off” program is limited to pills and lozenges, and is intended for household medications only and not for medical professionals. Needles and other sharp objects are not accepted.

For information on proper disposal of liquids and inhalers as well as other recommendations visit: www.FDA.Gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseOfMedicine/SafeDisposalOfMedicines/ucm186187.htm.

Events

Skijoring Comes to Hailey

We are pleased to host the annual Wood River Extreme Skijoring Association’s annual event within Hailey this year. Skijoring consists of a team of a single horse, generally guided by a rider, pulling the person on skis who carries no poles and simply hangs onto a tow rope in a manner akin to water skiing. On Saturday and Sunday, February 9th and 10th, spectators will be able to watch this modern day western event take place in beautiful northeast Hailey, within the Cutters subdivision. Races start each day at noon, with a raffle, auction and dance planned for Saturday night and an awards celebration on Sunday night at McClain’s Pizza.



Please come out to watch, but DO NOT bring dogs!

Idaho Public Television aired a winter documentary last year entitled “True Grit”, with skijoring featured as one of the intermountain west’s gritty, winter fun activities.



SAVE THE DATE
Friday, March 1, 2013
Welcome Center Ribbon Cutting

Hosted by the City of Hailey
&
Hailey Chamber of Commerce

Plan on attending an event to welcome the Chamber to their new home and to enjoy the first public viewing of the interpretive exhibits that tell the story of Hailey through this downtown property that continues to reinvent itself.

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City Chooses to Save Paper and Printing Expenses

Many utility bill recipients are already taking advantage of the city's paper-saving payment options. For those who have not yet gone paperless, Hailey would like to remind citizens currently receiving bills in the mail and mailing the city a check, to consider these options:

- **Autopay** – Sign up to have the outstanding account balance automatically deducted from a checking or savings account on the 23rd (approximately) of each month. Return the Utility Bill Autopay form (haileycityhall.org/finance/applications/autodraft.pdf) and a voided check to City Hall to sign up for this option. The city will continue to send a monthly bill in the mail or the customer may request to go paperless (see below).

- **Go Paperless** – There are two ways to go paperless. 1) Notify the city in writing, via email or letter (no email notification of new bill). 2) Logon to Xpress Billpay (see below), set up an account, and choose not to receive a paper bill (receive email notification of new bill).

Choosing either of these paperless methods does not force the customer to pay the bill online.

Customers can set up an Xpress Billpay account and choose to use it to monitor their accounts.

Customers may call in or drop off payments (no paper bill required).

- **Xpress Billpay** – Use the link to the city's secure website for bill payment. In the upper right corner of the city's website, click on *Bill Payment*. (<http://www.haileycityhall.org/billPay/index.asp>). From here follow the easy steps. Acceptable payment methods include electronic check, Visa or MasterCard.

⇒ Automatic payment – Set up a preferred automatic monthly payment date. Customers have the option of receiving a paper statement or not; and will receive an email

notification that their new statements have been posted.

⇒ Periodic payment – On a monthly basis, customers may change the date, the type and/or the amount of payment.

