



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Mayor's Message

Spring Public Safety Improvements

The City of Hailey is working on several safety improvements within our town.

Speed Limits - the City Engineer has completed a 2013 Traffic Speed study, which recommends:

- 25 mph speed limit for Woodside Boulevard,
- 25 mph for Countryside Blvd,
- 25 mph for Aviation Drive,
- 15 mph speed limit by parks and schools, and
- 20 mph speed limit throughout the remainder of Hailey streets.
- 10 mph speed limits in alleys



Bicycle Safety

- a new ordinance is under consideration which would require bicyclists to dismount and walk their bicycles in crosswalks located on Main Street and other potentially dangerous crosswalks throughout the city. This requirement is in response to several bike/car



accidents over the years, including two last year where there were two minor injury accidents that involved middle school students that were riding their bicycles in a crosswalk. Walking bikes across the road allows motorists more time to stop and potentially avoid future accidents. The second change to the ordinance would make registering bicycles voluntary instead of mandatory.

March 4 City Council public hearings are planned for these topics.

Missing a Bicycle?

The Hailey Police Department has several dozen recovered bikes in storage, of a wide variety of sizes and types. HPD has been unable to match the bikes to stolen bike reports. If you are missing a bicycle and have not filed a stolen bike report, please call 788-3531.

Alley Clean-Up Project

Mayor Haemmerle has launched an alley clean-up effort, which will begin this spring. Obstructed and impassable alleys may limit the Fire Department's ability to protect property. With more traffic utilizing alleys, sufficient width for safe vehicle and pedestrian passage through alleys is necessary. The platted alley width is 26 feet, and in many areas the alleys have been narrowed by fences, sheds, landscaping, and debris. A block-by-block approach to alley reclamation will begin in March 2013.

Events

Arborfest Preparations Underway - Teams Forming Now!

Did you miss out on our first annual Arborfest celebration in Hailey's Hop Porter Park last May? Don't worry — the fun goes on.



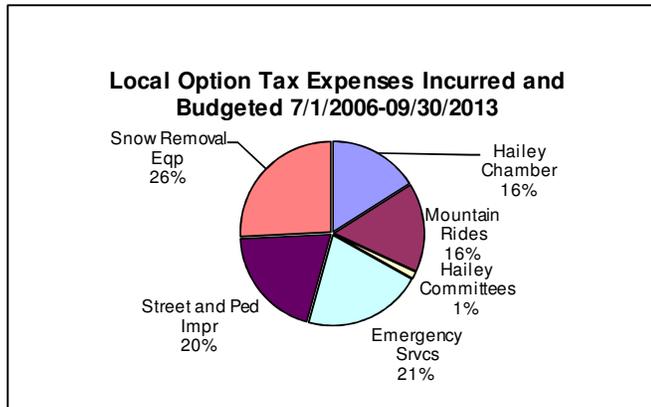
Preparations are underway for an even better second Arborfest on Saturday, May 4, 2013. More children's activities, including the bouncy-house & tree and environmental education programs for kids are planned. Free trees will be distributed, and more competitive categories in the now famous "mud run" obstacle course will be organized. Teams are forming — talk to co-workers and friends about costumes and teams. Check with your fitness facility for training programs to put you in shape for the event!



Annual Local Option Tax Report

The City of Hailey instituted a local option tax in July of 2006. The LOT tax, paid by folks renting cars, booking hotels or short-term lodging, drinking alcoholic beverages and eating at restaurants in Hailey has helped to keep Hailey’s property tax levy low during a time when other sources of revenue significantly declined. Diversified revenue sources are one of the key elements to a stable municipal government.

The local option tax funds key services, as shown above.



Short Term Home Rentals Are Taxable

Many homes in Hailey are being rented for short-term vacation use. All rentals are subject to state taxes, but short-term rentals, less than 30 days in duration, are also subject to Hailey Local Option Tax. Home rentals should register for a Hailey LOT Tax Permit at City Hall.

Business Owners - Thank your local business owner for assistance in the collection of LOT by billing the tax to customers and forwarding the revenue on to the City of Hailey.

HAILEY COMMUNITY \$2,000 Giveaway for Renewable Energy Systems!!!

The Hailey Community Climate Challenge includes 9, \$2000 rebate awards for Hailey citizens to install small scale renewable energy systems at their homes or businesses. This includes, solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, solar hot air collectors, geothermal heat pumps, and wind systems.



The rebate award amount typically covers about half of the total cost to purchase and install a small system; although, system expenses vary based

on the type and size. Existing and new homes can stack this funding source with a federal tax credit of 30% of the cost, with no upper limit. The State offers a tax deduction for qualifying systems as well. For information on requirements and qualifications of the federal tax credit visit:

www.energy.gov/savings/residential-renewable-energy-tax-credit

If you want a shot at receiving the award, please visit www.SaveAWatt.org and fill out an entry form and return it before March 31, 2013. Winners will be announced on April 1st. Winners must purchase and install a qualifying system by June 15th.

Fiscal Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
LOT Receipts	\$123,232	\$373,663	\$371,828	\$306,683	\$311,253	\$315,604	\$334,604
LOT Budget	-0-	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Total General Fund Revenue		4,668,701	4,890,114	4,309,353	4,234,311	4,197,938	4,538,349

March at the Hailey Library

Hot off the press. The most current information about our events, programs and added special events is online at: www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Changes during Spring Break: *Story Mania* story hour takes a short Spring Break at the end of this month. No services occur on Saturday, March 23; Wednesday, March 27; or Saturday, March 30.

Tuesday, Mar. 5 at 6 pm: *Author Julie Weston Visits.* In her book “The Good Times are All Gone Now,” Weston combines oral history, journalistic investigation, and memoir to take a fond but hard look at life in Kellogg, Idaho, during the “good times.” Come hear this local author discuss the life, death and rebirth of an Idaho mining town.

Wednesday, March 6 at 10:30 am and Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 pm: *St. Thomas Playhouse presents Stone Soup at the library.* In this folk story, travelers carrying an empty cooking pot entice stingy villagers to share food. Space is limited. Sign-up is mandatory. To sign up, call the library at 208-788-2036.

Thursday, March 21 at 6 pm: *Let’s Talk about It* adult book club group and scholar Matthew Haynes investigate the book “Alone Together.” All are welcome to discuss why we expect more from technology and less from each other. Books are available now. This is the last book in the series—all the more reason to participate.

Each Thursday, 4 - 5 pm: *TNT Thursdays!* Youth ages 10 – 18, what are you waiting for? This program is just for you and all your friends. Bring a buddy to our alternating weeks of craft activities and gaming on Xbox and Wii. We are celebrating Teen Technology Week all month this March.

LIBRARY EVENTS

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Calendar

Important dates

City Council.....	3/04/13, 3/18/13
Hailey Arts Commission.....	3/07/13
Historic Preservation Commission.....	3/07/13
Hailey Library Board.....	3/20/13
Hailey Urban Renewal Agency	3/13/13
Parks & Lands Board	3/04/13
P&Z Commission.....	3/11/13
Tree Committee.....	3/14/13

Permits

Landscaping, Fences and Tree Guide

Trees within city right-of-ways are considered public trees. Trimming or removing them is allowed only with a permit. Any landscaping projects in the right-of-way must be approved through a city encroachment permit.



The permit is designed to guide landscaping projects with safety in mind; traffic visibility, proper grade and drainage for longer lasting asphalt, and placement so that snow plowing doesn’t destroy your finished product.

The Hailey Tree Committee recently wrote a brochure entitled *Wood River Valley Tree Guide*. This document can be found at www.haileycityhall.org with detailed information about all of the items below:

- Introduction
 - Benefits and Value of Trees
 - Property Line Considerations
 - Permit Considerations
- Site Selection
 - General Site Selection Guidelines
 - Local Plant Hardiness Zones
- Tree Selection
 - General Tree Selection Guidelines
 - Purchasing High Quality Trees
 - Suggested Species for the Wood River Valley
- Planting
 - General Planting Guidelines
 - Planting a Tree and Staking Guidelines
- Maintenance
 - Proper Watering Practices
 - Proper Fertilization/Soil Health
 - Pest and Disease Management
 - Benefits of Mulching Trees
 - Proper Pruning Techniques
 - Why Topping Hurts Trees
- Identifying Tree Hazards
 - Avoiding Construction Damage to Trees
 - Hiring an Arborist
- Other Sources for Quality Tree Care Information

Fence Permits are easily obtained from the Community Development Department. A simple description of the fence, showing materials, height, and placement on the property is required, along with a \$30 fee.

Sustainability



Recycling Results in for Luke's Family Pharmacy

During the fall, K&M Construction took on the challenge of recycling and diverting construction waste during the remodel of what was to be the new

location of Luke's Family Pharmacy on the corner of Bullion and Main Street. This was the 6th project to be completed under the Hailey Community Climate Challenge's Construction Waste Recycling Pilot Program.



Grand Opening at Luke's Family Pharmacy. Pictured: Owner, Luke Snell and Construction Recycling Pilot Program leader, Elizabeth Jeffrey.

K&M Construction and pharmacy owner Luke Snell, diverted 56% of construction waste by weight, saved 23% on their waste disposal budget (\$140 savings) and reduced their carbon footprint by 2 metric tons of carbon emissions. Erik Nilson, the owner of K&M Construction said he has recycled more at home as a result of focusing on recycling on the project. He mentioned it takes more time, but it is worth it both financially and environmentally.



Cardboard is a common construction waste material that can be picked up by Clear Creek Disposal as commercial service, for no charge in Hailey.

Parks

Events at City Parks

City Park users have already begun to reserve parks for events and private parties this summer. Below is the fee schedule for such use.

Organized Private event up to 24 people	\$25.00
Organized Private Event / Rental for 25 – 99 people.....	\$50.00
Organized Private Event / Rental for 100 – 249 people.....	\$75.00
Seasonal Event (seasonal fee)	\$100.00

Events that draw 250 people require a special event application.

Public Safety

Hailey Dogs-at-Large

The Hailey Police are responding to more and more dog-at-large calls recently. Complaints have been received about dogs chasing children and cars, defecating in neighbors' yards, fighting with other dogs, and causing traffic problems.

If an at-large dog is impounded, the dog owner will be subject to a possible citation, which is a misdemeanor under Idaho Code and subject to a possible fine up to \$300.00, along with any fees incurred at the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley.

License your dog and use a good collar and ID tags. Many times police officers can unite a lost dog with an owner before the animal needs impounded.

Boards and Commissions

Art and History

The Historic Preservation Commission was established to promote the historic, architectural, archeological, and cultural heritage of Hailey. The HPC reviews options concerning historic properties that are proposed for demolition, alteration, removal, or some other action that would permanently alter the historic character of the structure. Without a significant amount of development work during the past few years, the HHPC has been able to focus on many cultural projects, including:

- Review of several demolition projects;
- Development of a comprehensive list of the historic properties in Hailey;
- Assisted several property owners and the Idaho State Historic Society to place Hailey properties on the National Registry of Historic Places;
- Brought history to the forefront by identifying historic structures in Hailey with informational signs;
- Teamed with the Hailey Public Library to digitize and catalogue the Mallory Photo Collection.

The HHPC and the Hailey Arts Commission have considered their overlap of mission in promoting public welfare and quality of life for the community. A merger of the Historic Preservation Commission with the Arts Commission is under consideration, thereby preserving the regulatory function of the HHPC, expanding the role of the Hailey Arts Commission, and focusing the synergy of both groups onto projects.

The Hailey City Council will consider this matter on March 18, 2013.