



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Adopt-A-Park Feature

Kathy Noble & Associates

Kathy Noble is one of the Hailey Parks and Lands Board members who envisioned and crafted the Adopt-A-Park program and has since adopted the E.W. Fox Demonstration Garden. This small triangular park in east Hailey lies between Fox Acres Road and Foxmoor Drive, and provides a showcase of drought tolerant plantings with a handbook providing a guided tour.

Noble chose this particular park for adoption because of her innate belief that native landscape design is the best form of landscape design, providing a high level of beauty, with seasonal color at the lowest cost to the environment.

Noble's team has pulled weeds, mulched, adjusted and repaired the park's irrigation system, and replaced plantings when necessary. The park has been a showcase of various colors throughout the season.

The E.W. Fox Demonstration Garden was constructed with grant funds obtained in 2009. Then Parks and Lands Board members Dean Hernandez and Denise Jackson designed the park as an in-kind donation to the grant.



City Elections

City Council Seats & 1% LOT Measure

A ballot measure asking for a 1% increase in Hailey Local Option Tax is set for the November 5 election, along with voter consideration of two Hailey City Council seats. Martha Burke and Walt Denekas are running for Seat #1. Don Keirn and Geoffrey Moore are running for Seat #2.

What is the 1% LOT? A temporary (5 year) additional 1% Local Option Tax (LOT)

What is Taxed? If approved by voters, a 1% sales tax will be added to rental cars and lodging. The current 2% Hailey tax on alcohol by-the-drink and 1% restaurant food tax will NOT be increased.

Who is Taxed? People who rent cars or stay in Hailey hotels and short-term rentals (less than 30 days) will pay this additional 1% LOT.

How will it be used? Funds will be dedicated to improving and promoting commercial air service at Friedman Memorial Airport, specifically:

- a) maintaining and increasing commercial air service to Friedman Memorial Airport through the use of Minimum Revenue Guarantees or other inducement to providers;
- b) promoting and marketing the existing service and any future service to increase passengers;
- c) for all ancillary costs which are associated with the ongoing effort to maintain and increase commercial air service, including reasonable program management costs and busing due to flight diversion(s); and
- d) direct costs to collect and enforce the tax, including administrative and legal fees.

Calendar

Important dates

City Council.....10/07/13, 10/21/13
 Arts and History Preservation Commission.....10/03/13
 Hailey Library Board..... 10/16/13
 Hailey Tree Committee10/10/13
 Parks & Lands Board10/01/13
 P&Z Commission.....10/15/13
 Columbus Day*..... 10/14/13

* City Hall and Library Closed



Meeting Highlights

October 7 City Council Meeting —
Consideration of the Urban Renewal Gateway District Plan and Ordinance which, if adopted, will establish Hailey's first URA.

Friends of the Hailey Public Library

Book & Bake Sale Oct 24-26

Friends of the Hailey Public Library are gearing up for their 26th annual “USED BOOK AND BAKE SALE” starting October 24, 2013. The sale will be Thursday, October 24 from 9 – 7 pm, continue on Friday, October 25 from 9 – 6, and ending Saturday, October 26 from 9 – 2 with a fantastic bag sale. The sale will be held in the National Guard Armory.

If you would like to make book donations, drop them off on Tuesday, October 22 or Wednesday, October 23, or any time during the sale. We ask that donations be of good condition and text books be fairly current. DVD’s, Videos and Books on Tape or CD are welcome. No magazines are needed. Anyone wishing to have fun helping out with the book sale or bake delicious treats call 720 - 7395.

The funds raised are targeted to augment library services, technology upgrades and Adult and Kids programs throughout the year. This event is a great way to help support our library. Mark your calendars now for the Wood River Valley’s Best and Largest Book and Bake Sale. There will be something for everyone.



Hailey Public Library October Events

Our events are free and posted on our website at: www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 6pm-7:30pm:

Falconry: an Ancient Art in Modern Times. Falconry is the hunting of wild quarry by means of a trained bird of prey. Falconer and US Forest Service person David Skinner presents the ancient art tonight.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 6:00 – 7:30pm:

Paleo Presentation. Join Carrie Morgridge and Kyl Samway for a presentation of cooking paleo-style.

Thursday, Oct. 17 from 6-7:30pm: Adult

Book Club. Everyone is welcome to join in on a discussion of Jack Schaefer’s *Shane*, which opens this season’s theme of Western Fiction. Books are available at the library. New folks are welcome.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 6pm-7:30 pm:

Sushi 101. Hailey Elementary School’s art and math teacher Bob Dix presents a basic course in sushi-making. Bob grew up watching his Japanese mother prepare sushi and has studied techniques in Japan.

Thursdays from 4-5pm: TNT Thursdays

allow our tweens and teens, ages 10 – 18, to enjoy an hour of crafts and gaming. Drop in.

Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30am: Story

Mania is a book-loving hour of stories and a craft. Help your young children build those early literacy skills by participating weekly.

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Fall Needle Drop—Why Evergreen Needles Turn Yellow in Fall

Fall needle drop is a natural condition and is not a sign of disease in evergreen trees. Evergreens shed their oldest needles each year, before winter. Natural needle drop occurs only on the inner needles; if entire branches, new growth or needles at tips of branches are dying, then something else is happening. If you want to rule out any disease it’s always a good idea to get an inspection done by an ISA Certified Arborist.

Evergreen needles do not live forever. Different types of evergreens drop their needles at different rates. For instance, most pines will shed every 2-5 years, while spruce trees hang on to them for 5-7 years. There are also a few types of conifers that shed all their needles EVERY year. These deciduous conifers include larch, bald cypress and dawn redwood. Such trees are unusual enough that more than one story has been told about people that removed such trees after they were mistakenly determined to be dead!

Why Topping Hurts Trees

Topping is perhaps the most harmful tree pruning practice known. Yet, despite more than 25 years of literature and seminars explaining its harmful effects, topping remains a common practice.

Topping is the indiscriminate cutting of tree branches to stubs or lateral branches that are not large enough to assume the terminal role. Other names for topping include “heading,” “tipping,” “hat-racking,” and “rounding over.”



The most common reason given for topping is to reduce the size of a tree. Home owners often feel that their trees have become too large for their property. People fear that tall trees may pose a hazard. The severity of topping triggers a sort of survival mechanism. The tree activates latent buds, forcing the rapid growth of multiple shoots below each cut. These shoots develop from buds near the surface of the old branches. Unfortunately, the shoots are prone to breaking, especially during windy or winter conditions. The irony is that while the goal was to reduce the tree’s height to make it safer, it has been made more hazardous than before.

Topping cuts made along a limb between lateral branches create stubs with wounds that the tree may not be able to close. The exposed wood tissues begin to decay. The decay organisms are given a free path to move down through the branches.

Topping is a high-maintenance pruning practice, with some hidden costs. One is the reduction in property value. Healthy, well-maintained trees can add 10 to 20 percent to the value of a property. Disfigured, topped trees are considered an impending expense.

Another cost of topped trees is potential liability. Because topping is considered an unacceptable pruning practice, any damage caused by branch failure of a topped tree may lead to a finding of negligence in a court of law. (Entire Tree Guide www.haileycityhall.org)

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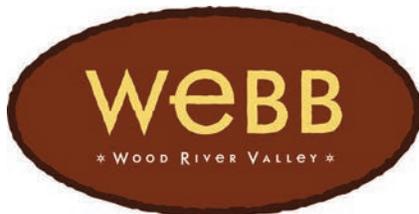
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GREEN YOUR HOME WITH THE 2013

Sustainable Building Series

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 6 - 7 PM

**The Energy Audit: The First Step
to Wise Energy Savings**

at The Community Library in Ketchum

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 10 - 2 PM

Sustainable Home Tour

throughout Ketchum

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 6 - 8 PM

**Renewable Energy and Efficiency
Workshop**

Community Campus Room 301 in Hailey

Refreshments provided.

For more information contact: the ERC
726-4333 or The City of Hailey 788-9815 ext.24



**City Works to Achieve Trout
Friendly Certification at Parks**

The City of Hailey is working with the Wood River Land Trust (WRLT) to certify two parks as Trout Friendly. In its seventh year, The Trout Friendly Lawn (TFL) program brings awareness to the impacts that lawn care practices can have on our aquifer and the Big Wood River. It gives homeowners practical recommendations and strategies for conserving water, reducing pesticides and including native species.

The program and three levels of certification options are free.



Look for Trout Friendly Lawn signs to be posted

soon at the Fox Acre Garden and Jimmy's Garden. As a partner with WRLT, we see this program as supportive of our own water conservation efforts and a benefit to the community. To certify or learn more about the Trout Friendly Lawns call WRLT at 208-788-3947 or check online at www.troutfriendly.org