



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Message from the Mayor

Hailey Ballot Measures in May 2014

Two ballot measures affecting Hailey will be presented to voters during the May 20, 2014 election. We encourage voters to begin gathering information about the topics, as they are complex. The two measures include:

1. the Hailey Sewer Facility Solids Treatment Project Revenue Bond, and
2. the Blaine County/Cities Streets, Roads, & Bridge Two-Year Property Tax Levy Measure.

The first will allow Hailey to rebuild the oldest portion of its treatment plant. The second is a two-year property tax measure which, if passed, would bring an additional \$282,000 in property tax over the next two years specifically for street maintenance and repair. Please review the articles, the enclosed fact sheet, and information provided here and on Hailey's website about these two topics. Stop by city hall to see photos of the corrosion and wear in the 40 year-old treatment plant.

Hailey Sewer Facility Solids Treatment Project Revenue Bond

Three years ago, a Wastewater Master Plan identified that the sewer dome, built in 1974, has become structurally unsafe and that the solids handling equipment beneath the dome is antiquated and inefficient.

Following that finding, Hailey began work with an

The dome is made of fiberglass, which is delaminating from age and ultraviolet sun energy.



engineering firm specializing in wastewater treatment to assess and design a new facility. The engineering work is complete; the project is estimated to cost \$6.5 million. The project will be paid for by sewer rate payers. **Hailey sewer rates are estimated to go up less than \$3.50 per month for the average 6000 gal/month user, if a revenue bond is passed by voters.**

The Hailey City Council called for a revenue bond election to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, with the bond amount set at \$6.5 million. The bond, if approved by voters, will allow the city to borrow the full project cost, so that construction can occur in 2014/ 2015. Starting construction sooner rather than later will likely provide lower construction costs and will eradicate the safety hazards and begin more efficient operations.



Many parts of the sewer dome, including this door, are corroding and rusted.

For more information regarding the sewer facility solids treatment project, associated bond and project costs, please contact the city at 788-4221.

THANK YOU! KEEFER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Ed Uhrig and his crew at Uhrig Fencing donated dugout enclosures and the outfield fence.



Mike Walsh and his Construction Academy at WRHS constructed and donated an equipment storage box.

Calendar

Important Dates

- City Council 04/07/14 and 04/21/14
- Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....04/10/14
- Hailey Public Library Board04/16/14
- Parks & Lands Board04/02/14
- Planning & Zoning Meetings 04/14/14
- Tree Committee.....04/10/14
- Urban Renewal Agency.....04/09/14

Hailey Public Library April Events

Happy spring everyone.
HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Thursdays from 4-5pm: *TNT Thursdays* allow our tweens and teens, ages 10 – 18, to enjoy an hour of crafts and gaming. Drop in.

Fridays from 10-11AM: *Story Time* is an interactive story hour for young children and their guardians. All are welcome.

Tuesday, April 1 at 6PM: *Introduction to Essential Oils.* We can use essential oils for cleaning, cooking, physical and emotional wellbeing, and so much more. Join Joyce Valenzano to learn about responsible harvesting, and 101 uses for 7 different essential oils.

Tuesday, April 15 at 6PM: *Sage Grouse Hawking 101.* David Skinner discusses how falconers hunt sage grouse. This includes a view of the method's impact on the grouse population, and ways to support the conservation of grouse.

Thursday, April 17 at 4PM: *Upcycle with Jen Biondi.* Ages 10 – 18 can celebrate Earth Day by upcycling bicycle parts into wearable accessories with Jennifer Biondi of Biondi Brand Upcycle. Take your creation home with you.

Tuesday, April 29 at 6 PM: *Silver Creek Restored.* Dayna Gross of the Nature Conservancy offers a talk about the efforts to restore the preserve's Kilpatrick pond area to ensure the long-term health of the creek.

Hailey Tree Committee Seeks Members

Consider joining the Hailey Tree Committee. This vibrant group won the 2013 Committee Effort and Vision Award for creating the Wood River Valley Tree Guide, and ArbroFest!



The committee currently meets the second Thursday of each month from September through May to plan and manage Hailey's urban forest (no meetings in summer). Call 788-4221 x 18 with questions. Submit a letter of interest to heather.dawson@haileycityhall.org.

Public Works

War on Weeds in Hailey

Hailey Mayor Haemmerle has set the eradication and control of noxious weeds in Hailey as one of city public works department's top priorities this year. The workshop below may assist homeowners in identifying and controlling weeds.

April 10th, 2014
9:00am-11:30am
Sawtooth Botanical Garden

Home Owners, Property Managers, & Landscapers:
Weeds Out of Control?



Spotted Knapweed





- Noxious weed identification
- Practices to reduce herbicide use
- Biocontrol strategies
- Building a community insectuary
- Utilizing Integrated Pest Management

Free!

Doors open at 8:30am for coffee & treats

Questions? 788-5516 or blainecounty.org

2 Pesticide Credits Available!

SPRING YARD WASTE CLEAN UP

CLEAR CREEK DISPOSAL

SATURDAY, MAY 3 9 am-3 pm

Resident are invited to bring grass, yard trimmings and branches to the Park and Ride Lot drop-off location at the corner of Bullion and River Streets in Hailey. Limit branches to a maximum of 8 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter. The clean yard waste will be chipped into mulch.



PARK RESERVATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

www.haileycityhall.org/publicworks/parks_trails