



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Message from the Mayor **Holiday Square Activities**

You've seen the lighted evergreen, fire-pit, and holiday lights at the "Farmer's Market" lot. It's Hailey's Holiday Square, designed to ring in the holidays in hometown community style. Activities scheduled for the square include:

- Nov 27: Turkey Trot!
- Dec 6: Saturday bazaar and events 12:00-4:00
- Dec 6: **Tree Lighting Ceremony 4:00-5:30**
- Dec 13: Saturday bazaar and events 12:00-4:00
- Dec 20: Saturday bazaar and events 12:00-4:00

Schedule of Saturday Events: December 6, 13, 20

- 11:00-3:00 Holiday Bazaar Vendors
- 11:00-12:00 Chamber of Commerce Raffle drawing
- 12:00-1:00 Santa Claus
- 12:00-1:00 Music and Concerts featuring local talent
- Dec 6 from 4:00 -5:30 pm Tree Lighting Ceremony

We encouraging all businesses in Hailey to participate in the Christmas season by decorating their storefronts and by getting involved in community events. It is our hope that this year's Holiday Square will be a gathering place for all our citizens and make Hailey the place to be this holiday season.



Message from the Mayor **Seeking Volunteer Board Members**

In January of each year, new terms for city boards, commissions, and committees start. We are currently seeking replacement of several board members whose terms have expired. We are very grateful to those who have served and are now retiring. A big thanks to:

Jay Cone, Hailey Planning & Zoning Commissioner
Kathy Noble, Hailey Parks & Lands Board member
Robin Crotty, Hailey Parks & Lands Board member
Matt Phillips, Hailey Tree Committee member

In addition to the openings created on the boards listed above by the retiring members, several boards have unfilled seats. If you have any interest in attending one meeting per month to contribute ideas and discussion in areas of importance to you, send a letter of interest to me. Below is a list of Hailey's boards and committees:

- Hailey Art & Historic Preservation Commission
- Hailey Parks & Lands Board
- Hailey Planning & Zoning Commission
- Hailey Public Library Board
- Hailey Tree Committee
- Hailey Urban Renewal Agency
- Hailey Park Foundation
- Friends of the Hailey Public Library
- Friends of Mountain Rides Transportation Authority

Calendar



Important Dates

City Council.....	12/15/14
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....	12/04/14
Parks & Lands Board	12/03/14
Planning & Zoning Meetings.....	12/08/14
Public Library Board	none
Tree Committee	12/11/14
Urban Renewal Agency	12/03/14
*Christmas Eve	12/24/14
*Christmas Day	12/25/14
* Friday following Christmas	12/26/14
* New Year's Day	01/01/15

** City Offices Closed*

Holiday Boxes and Tree Disposal

After the holiday season, there are many ways to dispose of waste responsibly. Corrugated cardboard boxes, collapsed, can be placed in the cardboard recycling bins at one of Hailey's cardboard recycling locations:



- River and Bullion Street Park & Ride lot, or
- Hailey Fire Station parking lot on Third Ave S.

Paperboard (non-corrugated cardboard) is considered mixed paper and is recyclable in the blue curbside bin with other paper products on your trash day.

Christmas trees are composted and are gladly accepted at the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station Monday through Saturday 8-5 or you can drop off your tree for composting at the Hailey Park and Ride from December 26-January 16. Please be sure to place them in the designated area, near the tree disposal banner.



Hailey Library's First Little Free Library

Hailey Public Library's first new Little Free Library can be found next to Mountain Rides' bus stop at the Community Campus at 1050 Fox Acres Road in Hailey.

A Little Free Library is a way to bring book-borrowing directly into neighborhoods. It is a tiny house with a glass door inside of which are books that can be borrowed and returned on the honor system. The Hailey Public Library will keep the little house stocked with new books.



Library Volunteer Mike Fehrenbacher built the box out of recycled materials. Assisting with the project were Bill Eittrheim, Mike Chase, Deborah Fountain, Deborah Sievers and Diane Clark.

A second Little Free Library will be installed next spring near Alturas Elementary School (formerly Woodside Elementary), and will be stocked with juvenile books and picture books.

Hailey Public Library December Events

Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland!
HaileyPublicLibrary.org

TNT Thursdays are every Thursday at 4pm, and include video games for teens and tweens, as well as crafts every other Thursday.
Story Time is Every Friday at 10am.

Falcons and Falconry- Tuesday, December 9th from 6pm-7:30pm: David Skinner and his gyrfalcon Gina will be at Hailey Public library to talk about falcon biology, modern falconry and hawking techniques, and their role in conservation.

The Recreation of the Voyage of Robert Limbert at Craters of the Moon, with Ted Stout-Tuesday, December 16th from 6pm-7:30pm: Ted Stout, Chief of Interpretation and Education at Craters of the Moon will show pictures and tell stories about the expedition through Idaho's unique Craters wilderness.

Wednesday, December 24th, Thursday, December 25th, and Friday, December 26th: Hailey Public Library will be closed for Christmas.

A Frozen Party- Tuesday, December 30th at 1pm: Enjoy snacks and fun activities before a movie showing, and dress up as your favorite character. Call or visit the library for more details. All ages are welcome.

Thursday, January 1st: Hailey Public Library will be closed for New Year's Day.

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FRIENDS of the HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY Seeks New Members

Join a group that is active in their approach to community building and fundraising. The Friends of the Hailey Public Library are known best for their annual Book and Bake Sale, conducted each year in October. Other fundraising efforts, such as a Hailey Garden Tour or keeping the Little Free Libraries stocked, are examples of the types of activities in which volunteers participate.



Smoke Alarms - Thanks to Hailey Fire Department and the Red Cross

As part of a national American Red Cross campaign to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires by as much as 25 percent over the next five years, firefighters from the Hailey Fire Department will install free smoke alarms in homes across Hailey in an effort to improve fire safety in many of our homes.

65 percent of all fire-related deaths occur in homes that have no functioning smoke alarms. In spite of that sobering statistic, a recent Red Cross survey found that 40 percent of people have lived in homes with no smoke alarm and 20 percent have disabled a smoke alarm because of nuisance beeping or flashing lights.

“We know smoke alarms cut the risk of death from a fire in half,” says Wade Gayler, Senior Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross of Idaho and Montana. “That is why the Red Cross is working with the local fire department to make smoke alarms available to some of Hailey’s most vulnerable residents.”

Many Americans also have a false sense of security about surviving a fire. While fire experts agree that people may have as little as two minutes to escape a burning home before it’s too late to get out, most Americans (62 percent, according the Red Cross survey) think they have at a lot more time to escape a burning home safely.

“We can’t stress enough the importance of having a home safety plan. Families need to develop a plan regarding home evacuation in order to ensure all are accounted for in the event of a house fire,” instructs Craig Aberbach, Hailey Fire Chief.



For more Red Cross fire safety and preparedness information, visit redcross.org/homefires, or download a free Red Cross First Aid app with life-saving information on what to do for common, everyday emergencies including burns. The app can be downloaded at redcross.org/apps. The American Red Cross operates on donations, Your donation enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters. To make a donation, go to www.redcross.org/idaho.



About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

To help people affected by disasters like home fires, as well as countless other crises at home and around the world, consider supporting the American Red Cross. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters. To make a donation, go to www.redcross.org/idaho.

Public Works

Snow Removal ABC's

BEFORE WINTER BEGINS – Remove personal belongings from the city right-of-way; items not removed may be damaged during plowing operations. The city is not responsible for any damage that may occur.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS – No overnight parking (midnight to 7:00 a.m.) of any kind within any city right-of-way. Where there is no improved curb and gutter, vehicles must be *at least* 6' off edge of asphalt. Illegally parked vehicles may be towed without notice and at the owner's expense.

CLEARING THE BERM IN YOUR DRIVEWAY – When clearing the berm from your driveway, do not push, shovel or plow snow back into the roadway.

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS – Keep rubbish and recycling containers back from the roadway during snowstorms.



THINK

SNOW REMOVAL FACT - A 6 inch snow event costs about \$16,000 for snow removal activity. Since we never know how much snow to expect in a given winter and the city's budget is limited to just a few snow events, the city strives to meet two main goals: 1) keep the roads safe and 2) keep the main roads and sidewalks open for traffic.

City Infrastructure in Need of Repair

On December 15th, the Mayor will discuss infrastructure repairs and upgrades at the Hailey City Council meeting at 5:30 pm at Hailey City Hall.

The city has minimal capital funds available to spend on major upgrades, repairs and maintenance. As a result, the majority of the identified infrastructure needs remain unfunded. The following describes some of the needs:

- ◆ With 46.73 miles of streets (not including paved alleyways) and only 6 full-time em-



ployees in the parks and street division, the city is challenged with maintenance and repairs to all park, sidewalk and street infrastructure.

- ◆ Some streets and sidewalks in the city have already started to fail and need more than basic or preventative maintenance; they need to be replaced.
- ◆ The average remaining service life of Hailey roads is currently 10.97 years. This means, on average all Hailey roads should be repaved or maintained within approx. 11 years.
- ◆ Besides reconstructing Woodside Blvd. the last major improvement project was done in



the 1990s (Old Hailey residential area).

- ◆ Most street repair issues and degradation occurs due to poor drainage. Correcting drainage is costly. It involves correcting driveway approaches, reconstructing and correcting barrow pits and installing or replacing culverts drywells.



The city's budget alone cannot pay for these large replacement costs.

OTHER NEEDS –

- ◆ The city needs additional water supplies to meet the peak water usage demand of Hailey residents and businesses. Irrigation conservation can help, but may not reduce the demand enough. This may require a new well, which is estimated to cost \$1.3 million.
- ◆ Increase supply and distribution at Indian Creek. The initial estimate is between \$200,000 - \$500,000.
- ◆ Hailey's water and wastewater main lines are aging and some segments will reach their expected life span within a few years.
- ◆ There are 3,313 water meters in the city's water system; Almost all were installed between 2003-2006. These have a 20 year life and will need to be replaced in the next 10 years.