



# OUR TOWN

*Sustaining Hailey's Community*

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## Message from the Mayor

### **WRHS Homecoming - Sept 25th**

One of my goals as Mayor of Hailey has been to integrate city government with one of the most important elements of our community- our schools. As an accomplishment in that regard, we have added a second School Resource Officer within the Hailey Police Department. HPD will have a law enforcement officer at both Wood River High School and Wood River Middle School.

On a more celebrative note, on Friday, September 25th Wood River High School will be celebrating Homecoming. Our football team will be facing off against the Kimberly Bulldogs. Help make this year's activities bigger and better in an effort to show students and schools full support from our town.

We are asking businesses to show Wood River spirit by displaying GREEN AND WHITE during the week.

Homecoming activities are comprised of week long dress up days and spirit activities for the students and staff. These all lead up to the PARADE on Hailey's Main Street on Friday. The parade will start at 3pm and run from Spruce to Elm Street.

If you have questions, ideas or need help decorating your business, let Wood River Student Council know. Contact by email [wrhsstudentunion@blaineschools.org](mailto:wrhsstudentunion@blaineschools.org) or call WRHS Student Council Advisor Chris Koch at 720-6608



2015

ADOPT A PARK



C-U Next Storm  
Landscaping



Award Winning Design, Installation, and Service

THANK YOU!

2015

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING  
FOXMOOR PARK GREAT!**

**Kiwanis Club**

**Seagraves Foundation**

**Girl Scouts**



## Hailey Public Library September Events

*As summer ends, fall ascends.*

HaileyPublicLibrary.org

### Library Hours Effective June 1, 2015

Monday: 10am-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-8pm

Wednesday: 10am-6pm

Thursday: 10am-8pm

Friday: 10am-6pm

Saturday: 10am-6pm

**Story Time-** Fridays at 10:30am

**TNT Thursdays-** Every Thursday 4-5pm

### Labor Day Closure – Monday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Hailey Public Library will be closed September 7<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Labor Day.

**The Phoenix Project** – As the needs of communities are changing, so are libraries. We're more about a community-driven experience that is user-friendly for anyone who walks in the door. A part of that includes providing a comfortable, welcoming environment that inspires participation. The Phoenix Project, a refurbishment project, is an evolving plan that will occur in phases to create this type of engaging, inspiring environment. It includes community feedback and our staff's professional contributions.

## Hailey City Election Absentee Voting and Write-In Candidates



This is an election year within the City of Hailey. Three offices are up for election, including the office of mayor and two council seats. Council members in Hailey are elected by seat, rather than open ballot.

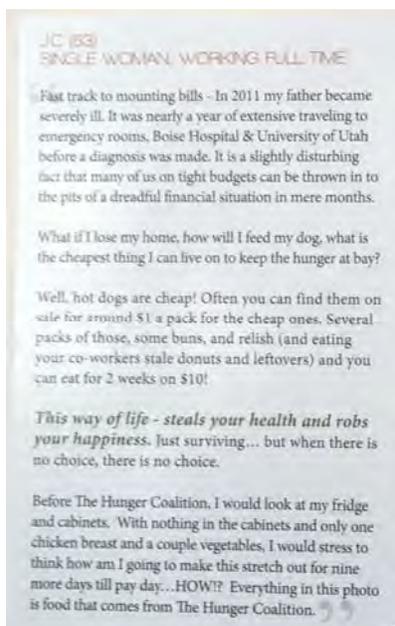
**Write-In Candidates** - Candidate filing period closes on September 4th at 5 pm. Candidates who miss the filing deadline may still run as write-in candidates. A declaration of intent must be filed with the City Clerk no later than Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

**Absentee Voting:** Ballots are being prepared, and absentee ballots can be requested from the Blaine County Clerk. All voter registration and voting activities for City elections are administered by the County Clerk. Absentee ballots can be requested in several ways:

- Any registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot. You may register at the same time that you vote absentee. You may also register by mail or online, but deadlines may apply. Check with the Blaine County Clerk for registration details.
- You may request an absentee ballot and vote by mail or at the Blaine County Election Office prior to Election Day.
- Requesting an absentee ballot can be done in several ways:
  - Online at: <http://www.co.blaine.id.us>. Complete the ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM and submit to the Blaine County Election Office, 206 1st Avenue South, Suite 200, Hailey, Idaho 83333
  - By Mail: Mail ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM to the Blaine County Election Office, 206 1st Avenue South, Suite 200, Hailey, Idaho 83333
  - In Person: Applications for absentee ballots may be requested in person at the Blaine County Election Office, 206 1st Avenue South, Suite 200, Hailey, Idaho 83333
  - By Fax: The fax number for the Blaine County Election Office is (208)788-5501.

## Library Supports the Hunger Coalition

The Hunger Coalition has hung the 'Food for Thought' photo display within the library. The six different components are hung in various locations within the library. Library Director LeAnn Gelskey says "These stories are very touching and I'm honored to support the Hunger Coalition's great work within our community." The display will be up through the end of October.



**We urge all qualified electors to exercise their right to vote. Thanks!**

## Irrigation Distribution Uniformity: What Is It and Why Do You Care?

Lawn irrigation is the largest outdoor use of residential water, nine billion gallons of water a day in the U.S. In Hailey, irrigation accounts for approximately 70% of the entire city’s water usage and is consumed during less than half of the year. The US EPA estimates approximately 50% of irrigation water is wasted and the largest contributor of that waste is poor **Distribution Uniformity** or *DU* (a measure of how uniformly water is applied to the area being watered, expressed as a percentage).

When the topic of lawn irrigation comes up with landscape professionals, the concept of DU will undoubtedly get a mention. That’s because it plays an important role as a measure of your irrigation system’s ability to apply water evenly, which ultimately determines how much water you’ll use to keep your lawn green. Although no irrigation system applies water perfectly uniform, the more you can improve the DU of your system, the more water you will save. For people concerned with using less water, while maintaining a healthy lawn, it makes sense to understand what DU is and to know what you can do to improve the DU of your sprinkler system. The best way to understand what is meant by distribution uniformity, and why it is important, is to look at a picture.



As seen in this picture, it is possible (and common) to over water and under water portions of your yard simultaneously. This is brought about by a combination of factors such as, poor sprinkler head spacing, overly

high or low system pressure, tilted sprinkler heads, and clogged sprinklers to name a few.

The hoped for result is to apply an even amount of water over the surface of your lawn, to the extent that it percolates down to the usable depth of the plant roots and no further. Hoped for because enough landscape irrigation audits have been done to imply that great DU is a rarity. If you have a spot in your lawn that gets stressed or turns brown while the larger balance remains green, you are likely witnessing this effect first hand. Most homeowners attempt to correct this brown spot by increasing the amount of time that they water,

which (at the cost of over watering the majority of the lawn) may eventually work. Stop here though, and give this some thought. If the majority of the lawn is healthy and green, then the amount of water in that area is sufficient—it is just the way it is being distributed that is causing the brown patches. Fixing the distribution problem is the better approach to eliminating the area of stress in the lawn, not adding more and more time to your irrigation controller.

(Information from City of Windsor, CA)

## Public Works

### Street Maintenance Principles

Hailey City officials are focused on always improving the product that is our City, and creating efficiencies and cost savings where we can. Within the work of the street department, public safety and worker safety are primary principles which we apply to each and every job.



These safety principles drive the volume of staff assigned to certain tasks. Work within an intersection, for example, requires correct intersection control through signage, flaggers, and traffic direction. This sometimes leaves the public wondering why crews are standing around; they are serving a safety function.

## Calendar



### Important Dates

City Council.....	09/09 and 09/21/15
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....	09/10/15
Hailey Parks & Lands Board.....	none
Hailey Public Library Board .....	09/19/15
Planning & Zoning Meetings .....	09/14/15
Tree Committee.....	09/10/15
Urban Renewal Agency.....	09/09/15
<b>Labor Day *</b> .....	09/07/15

\* City Hall and Library Closed

## Next Fiscal Year's Water and Wastewater Rates Discussed

Hailey City Council and Mayor will hold a public hearing to review rates at their September 21st meeting at 5:30pm at Hailey City Hall. Rates are evaluated each budget season to ensure that the amount of revenue collected meets, but does not exceed, the cost to maintain and operate the water and wastewater systems within the city. This year the Council and Mayor will be deciding on an increase in water rates, but no increase in wastewater rates are currently proposed.

This current year's total operating budget is looking at an approximate 28% increase. This increase can be attributed in part to the following increased expenses for new or continuing projects:

- ◆ Mobile generator for pump houses/wells as recommended by the Water System Master Plan - \$85,000.
- ◆ Engineering fees for improvements to Indian Springs collection system - \$30,000
- ◆ Consulting and legal fees to address water rights - \$200,000
- ◆ Truck fill card reader system - \$20,000

### ◆ Construction and Pump Upgrades - \$50,000

In order to cover the additional expenses listed in next fiscal year's budget we will need to raise rates accordingly.

25% of our expenses must be covered by the base rate and 75% by the user rate (amount per 1,000 gallons used). In addition, there is currently a bond fee that is added to the base and user rate. No change is proposed. This amount will stay at \$3.89/month for each user.

The base rate is currently \$8.24 and is proposed to increase to \$10.80. This is a \$2.56/month increase for every user.

The table below illustrates the proposed user rates, which if adopted, would go into affect on October 1st, the City's new fiscal year.

To calculate what a user may pay in a month, you would add the base rate (\$10.80), plus the bond fee (\$3.89), plus the user fee which would apply accordingly for the following examples:

⇒ 3,000 gallons would be \$1.02

⇒ 50,000 gallons would be \$51.00

⇒ 100,000 would be \$197.20

Proposed Rate Table		Current Year Rate	Difference
Gallons Used	Cost per 1,000 gallons	Cost per 1,000 gallons	Cost per 1,000 gallons
1,000-10,000	\$0.34	\$0.25	\$0.09
11,000-20,000	\$0.68	\$0.50	\$0.18
21,000-30,000	\$1.02	\$0.75	\$0.27
31,000-40,000	\$1.36	\$1.00	\$0.36
41,000-50,000	\$1.70	\$1.25	\$0.45
51,000-60,000	\$2.04	\$1.50	\$0.54
61,000-70,000	\$2.38	\$1.75	\$0.63
71,000-80,000	\$2.72	\$2.00	\$0.72
81,000-90,000	\$3.40	\$2.50	\$0.90
91,000-100,000	\$4.08	\$3.00	\$1.08
101,000-150,000	\$4.76	\$3.50	\$1.26
151,000 & above	\$5.44	\$4.00	\$1.44



### Many cities across the nation are embracing "brown is the new green."

Hailey has started turning down the irrigation water on most City Parks and will continue its efforts to conserve water throughout the remaining irrigation season. The city is striving to keep playing fields and park space healthy and attractive, but is open to browning things up just a bit to save water and money. Join us!

The following publication from Texas A&M is full of ideas on how to make your landscape more resilient to less water: <http://water.tamu.edu/drought-proofing-your-landscape>



# Grand Opening

## Foxmoor Park Play Structure

Sunday, Sept. 13

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Kiwanis Club of Hailey and the Wood River Valley is hosting a grand opening of the new play structure at Foxmoor Park. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is invited to attend the celebration!

The Kiwanis Club organized a very successful fundraising drive for the new playground equipment. In addition to the Kiwanis Club, major donors include the Foxmoor Homeowners Association, the Sun Valley Board of Realtors, Bob Wiederrick's aluminum can recycling program, Blaine County Title, Valley of Peace Lutheran Church and Marketron. The Kiwanis Club also received numerous – and much appreciated – smaller donations.

The Kiwanis Club is a global organization of volunteers whose mission is to change the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club meets at the Hailey Senior Center on Wednesdays from 11:30 to 12:30; all are welcome to attend.



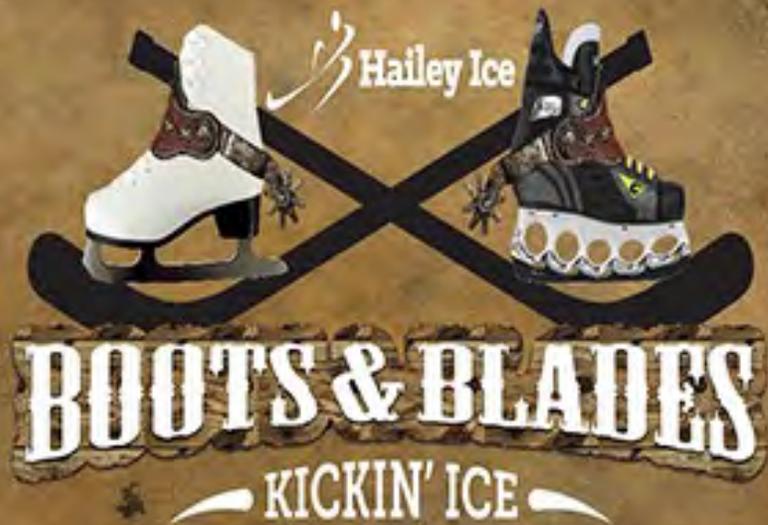
**DATE: 09.19.15**

**PLACE: Hailey  
Rodeo Grounds**

**TIME: 6 pm-dark**

**PRICE: \$50**

*Local Food & Entertainment*  
**\*No Host Bar\***



*Due to the fundraising nature of this event  
this ticket is non refundable.  
Save this ticket as your tax receipt.*



## **Contra & Square DANCING**

**September 12 - CONTRA DANCE - Strings Attached**

**October 24 - OLD TIME SQUARE DANCE - Hokum Hi-Flyers**

**November 21 - CONTRA DANCE - Strings Attached**

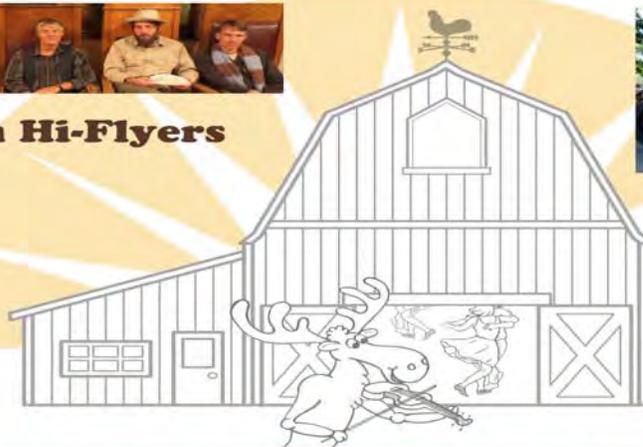
**December 12 - CONTRA DANCE - Strings Attached**



**Hokum Hi-Flyers**



**Strings  
Attached**



**With live band and caller at the GRANGE**

**Location: Grange, 609 South 3rd Avenue in Hailey**  
**Potluck dinner at 5:30: bring wholesome food to share, your plate, fork, water bottle**  
**Tickets \$15 per person (free 12 or under) - sold at:**

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