



# OUR TOWN

*Where the High Desert Meets the Mountains*

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## Wildlife - Deer and Elk Habitat

### East Hillside and Ridges Are Closed

If you hike east of Cutters Park, you will see this informational sign posted there. The trails that go up the canyons and over the ridge are closed in the interest of protecting the winter habitat of deer and elk. Please restrict your hiking to the trail bordering the canal.

The northernmost winter range for mule deer in the Big Wood River drainage, the Quigley area is considered a contiguous block of important winter habitat. Red Devil, Hangman Gulch and neighboring gulches are home to some 400-500 deer in winter. This is the highest density of wintering deer in the valley. This year, the area is also full of elk.

Deep snow and cold temperatures make winter a stressful time for wildlife. Hikers may cause them to move, stop feeding or get up from their beds or away from thermal cover. All this makes them use precious energy in the form of vital fat stores.

In 2006, the City of Hailey annexed a planned private subdivision known as Old Cutter's. This subdivision adjoins the Red Devil drainage. As part of the process of review by various agencies, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and required that the City of Hailey post as closed the area behind the subdivision as Critical Winter Range from December 1-April 15th each year. Following that requirement, this sign was erected.

## Emergency Services

### High Snowbanks & Traffic Safety

Visibility at Hailey intersections is reduced significantly by snowbanks. Hailey Police Department cautions motorists approaching or driving through unsigned intersections. Slow down to make sure entering the intersection is safe. Nose into the intersection until you can see properly whether there are oncoming cars or pedestrians. Yield the right of way.

## Calendar

### Important Dates



City Council.....	02/08/16
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....	02/11/16
Hailey Parks & Lands Board .....	02/17/16
Hailey Public Library Board .....	02/17/16
Planning & Zoning Meetings.....	02/22/16
Tree Committee .....	02/11/16
Urban Renewal Agency .....	02/10/16
Presidents Day* .....	02/15/16

\* City Hall and Library Closed

**Grow. Eat. Save.**

**2016 Wood River Victory Garden Class**

Six classes and optional workshops prepare you for gardening in the Wood River Valley

February 18<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Blaine County Community Campus

Course materials fee: \$45 per individual or first family member, + \$5 for each additional family member enrolled  
Scholarships Available

To register or for more info, contact University of Idaho Extension  
302 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. Hailey, ID; (208)-788-5585

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## Emergency Services

### Hailey Fire Fighter of the Year

Congratulations to **Bill Freer** for earning the Hailey Fire Department's coveted **2015 Fire Fighter of the Year** designation. Bill started his paid-on-call work in 2012, and since that time has consistently stepped up and volunteered his time for special duties and projects. In 2015, Bill has recorded over 40 hours of training, responded to 61 emergency calls, and is presently studying for the department engineer position.



Congratulations also go out to **Josh Murphy** for the **2015 Rookie Firefighter of the Year**. Josh started his training in 2014 and graduated the fire academy in 2015. His enthusiasm for the work shows in how frequently he volunteered for special duties and projects. In 2015 Josh recorded over 98 hours of training and responded to 56 emergency calls.



These recognitions take the form of peer nominations and awards. In an environment where life-safety and success is built on trust in your training and trust of your peers, the designation is highly coveted by firefighters.

Assistant Fire Chief **Carl Hjelm** completed two years of service as Assistant Chief, after being voted to that position by peers. Carl now has assumed the role of Captain of Hailey Squad A. One of Hailey's long-term, tenacious fire service experts, Carl began his volunteer service to Hailey Fire Department in 1992. His tireless shouldering of many special duties and projects includes teaching his Squad & South Valley Fire Classes. He assisted in compiling the specifications for the department's new proposed fire apparatus. In 2015 Carl recorded over 60 hours of training and responded to over 91 emergency calls. **THANK YOU CARL HJELM!**



## Hailey Public Library February Events

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

**NEW Story Time** - Wednesdays at 10:30AM

**TNT Thursdays** - Thursdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM

**Time to Tinker - Every Wednesday beginning 02/10/16!** This self-directed program is geared toward 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Join us for some tinkering!

**Blind Date with a Book – All month long!** Join HPL for Blind Date with a Book. You might just fall in love... Pick any book from our display, check it out and take it home. Complete our survey and enter for your chance to win dinner on us!

**Gardening in the Wood River Valley – Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – The Hailey Public Library will be hosting an Information Meeting in collaboration with the Wood River Victory Garden Class. To learn more about gardening in the Wood River Valley, join us!

**Food for Fines – Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> through Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Love your library! Exchange your canned goods and other non-perishable food items for overdue fines to help local families in need. One food item = \$1 in overdue fines (up to \$10 per account).

**Libraries are diVine – Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Starting at 6:00PM** Join HPL at diVine Wine Bar for the screening of February's films: *Sabrina (1954)* and *Notting Hill*. Doors open at 6:00PM. Dinner and drinks are available for purchase. Movie starts at 6:30PM.

**Let's Talk About It Book Discussion – Thursday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – Starting at 6:00PM** HPL will be hosting the third book discussion for *Let's Talk About It*. Our third book, *Like Water for Chocolate*, supports this year's theme perfectly, "We Are What We Eat." For more information, please visit our website or swing on by!

**Hailey Public Library Board Meeting – Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Starting at 5:30PM**

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