



# OUR TOWN

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## Message from the Mayor **Educate Yourself on Poisonous Plants**

Since late December, when area elk died from ingesting portions of the poisonous Japanese Yew plant, consideration of how to better protect wildlife has been given by many local organizations. Some governments have chosen to adopt ordinances prohibiting the planting of Japanese Yew.

Education may be a better remedy in this matter than legislation. Hailey Mayor Fritz Haemmerle does not believe that anyone intends to harm elk in their landscape designs and choice of plantings. Legislation implies that enforcement is required. And, with the emphasis on Japanese Yew, error could again be made if another type of poisonous plant is selected for local landscapes. We encourage broad education be undertaken on poisonous plants in general.

There are a variety of toxic plants around us, the danger of which we may not be aware. Community members are encouraged to seek out more information about plants before deciding to put them in their yard or garden. Make the effort to learn about poisonous plants, their effect on wildlife, dogs, and children. Inquire with landscapers as to their professional knowledge about the plants you are considering purchasing.

**University of Idaho Blaine County Extension** is a great source of information for homeowners and homeowner associations, especially when it comes to plant identification and information. We have obtained three resources from that office on poisonous plants:

Plants Poisonous to Livestock in the Western States

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/PoisonousPlants/PoisonousPlants.pdf>

Poisonous Plants of Southern Idaho

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5182430.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5182430.pdf)

Equines & Toxic Plants

[http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/range/toxicplants\\_horses/index.html](http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/range/toxicplants_horses/index.html)



## Message from the Mayor **Investing in Safe Pathways for People**

On March 7, 2016 the Hailey City Council will consider whether to put a special levy election before Hailey City voters. The ballot measure pertains to investing in the City of Hailey's Pathways for People initiative. The additional levy under consideration by the Hailey City Council would put a special levy in place for two years. Hailey would collect \$400,000 each year, for a total of \$800,000 over the two-year period. These funds would be used to repair, design and construct sidewalks, bike paths, trails and bike-pedestrian infrastructure to more safely move pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles on key streets through Hailey.



### **What will it cost?**

Assessed Value	Homeowners Exemption	Annual Cost	Total Paid In 2 Years
\$ 100,000	(\$50,000)	\$24	\$ 48
\$ 150,000	(\$75,000)	\$36	\$ 72
\$ 200,000	(\$94,745)	\$51	\$102
\$ 250,000	(\$94,745)	\$75	\$150
\$ 300,000	(\$94,745)	\$99	\$198
\$ 375,000	(\$94,745)	\$135	\$270
\$450,000	(\$94,745)	\$171	\$342
\$500,000	(\$94,745)	\$195	\$390

We encourage you to participate in the public hearing on March 7, 2016, when the city council will consider a Resolution Calling a Special Election for a May ballot.

## Calendar

### **Important Dates**

City Council.....	03/07/16
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....	03/10/16
Hailey Public Library Board.....	03/16/16
Parks & Lands Board.....	03/02/16
Planning & Zoning Meetings.....	03/14/16
Tree Committee.....	03/10/16
Urban Renewal Agency.....	03/10/16



## Public Works

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### City to Provide Rebates for Turf Removal

Thanks to a grant from the Idaho Water Resource Board, the City of Hailey will offer rebates for turf removal beginning this spring. Rebates will be based on the square footage of turf removed. Applicants can choose to replace the turf with either drought tolerant plant material (for a standard rebate) or with hardscape (for a premium rebate).



The Wood River Land Trust is a partner in the program, and will provide workshops throughout the summer on drought

tolerant landscaping and irrigation techniques.

Applicants must attend one workshop to be eligible for a rebate. Patti Lousen, Land Trust Project Coordinator, said, "The need for strategies and education with landscape water conservation and irrigation efficiencies has been growing ever since the Land Trust started the Trout Friendly program ten years ago. It's a great example of partnership to support the City of Hailey's rebate program with our goals to keep more water in our aquifer and in the Big Wood River. We greatly value the ability to work together to maintain clean water for drinking, healthy fisheries, and aesthetic landscapes."

Rebate applications will be available in April via the City of Hailey website and at Hailey City Hall. More information will be provided in this newsletter in April.

## FREE Workshop

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### Tree and Pesticide Management

Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Community Campus in Hailey.

This workshop is open to all - homeowners, landscapers, property managers, arborists and community members. Participants will learn about Integrated Pest Management and how it is being implemented in the Wood River Valley through the lens of tree disease and best control practices, soil health, composting and bio-control alternatives for noxious weed control. Speakers include: Carl Hjelm of Alpine Tree Service, Inc.; Jeff Beacham of ArborCare Resources, Inc.; and Joey Milan, Biological Control Specialist for the Bureau of Land Management. For the agenda, visit: <http://woodriverlandtrust.org/events> or call 208.788.3947.

## 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!**

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!

**Fizzy Drinks: Learn About the Benefits –  
Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Join HPL and Julie Johnson, NTP, to discuss the benefits of fizzy drinks, how to make them, and why they're important for our health.

**Living With Mortality in Mind – Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Starting at 6:00pm**

The Hailey Public Library and Lisa Wild, RN, Executive Director of Hospice and Palliative Care in the Wood River Valley will be hosting a two-part series relating to dying and end-of-life issues.

**Libraries are diVine – Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> – Starting at 6:00PM**

Join HPL at diVine Wine Bar for the screening of March's films: *West Side Story* and *Moulin Rouge*. 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, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Starting at 6:00PM**

HPL will be hosting the fourth book discussion for *Let's Talk About It*. Our fourth book, *Chocolat*, 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, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Starting at 5:30PM**

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