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Message from the Mayor

Hailey City Council Calls Special Election

On March 7, 2016 the Hailey City Council voted to put a special levy election before Hailey residents. The May 17, 2016 ballot measure will ask voters whether or not to increase property taxes for a period of two years. The money gained from this temporary tax increase would bring in \$800,000 to be invested in Hailey sidewalks and bikepaths.

The measure 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.

We encourage voters to become informed on this issue.

Community Events - Save the Date

Arborfest Preparations Underway

Spring in Hop Porter Park. Fun activities for kids. And mud, good mud for kids and adults! The Arborfest fun goes on! Make plans now for Sat., May 14, 2016.

Preparations are underway for Hailey's 5th annual Arborfest. Even more children's activities, including the bouncy-house & tree and environmental education programs for kids are planned. Free trees will be distributed, and the now famous "mud run" obstacle course will be organized. Teams are now forming; make plans now for costumes and teams!



Questions about the Ballot

We have already been asked several questions about this ballot measure. Next month we will publish a full Q&A. Call us with your questions!

- Q.** What is the maintenance cost?
A. Maintenance of the new infrastructure and snow removal will cost an average of about \$3000 per year over a 20 year period.

Assessed Value	Homeowners Exemption	Taxable Value	Annual Cost	Total Paid In 2 Years
\$ 100,000	(\$50,000)	\$ 50,000	\$ 24	\$ 48
\$ 150,000	(\$75,000)	\$ 75,000	\$ 36	\$ 72
\$ 200,000	(\$94,745)	\$ 105,255	\$ 51	\$102
\$ 250,000	(\$94,745)	\$ 155,255	\$ 75	\$150
\$ 300,000	(\$94,745)	\$ 205,255	\$ 99	\$198
\$ 375,000	(\$94,745)	\$ 280,255	\$135	\$270
\$ 450,000	(\$94,745)	\$ 355,255	\$171	\$342
\$ 500,000	(\$94,745)	\$ 405,255	\$195	\$390

Missing a Bicycle?

The Hailey Police Department has several dozen recovered bikes in storage, of a wide variety of sizes and types. HPD

has been unable to match the bikes to stolen bike reports. If you are missing a bicycle and have not filed a stolen bike report, please call 788-3531.

Unclaimed bikes will be sold at auction this spring on Saturday, May 14, 2016.



Calendar

Important Dates

City Council.....	04/04/16 and 04/18/16
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....	04/14/16
Hailey Public Library Board.....	04/20/16
Parks & Lands Board.....	04/06/16
Planning & Zoning Meetings.....	04/11/16
Tree Committee.....	04/21/16
Urban Renewal Agency.....	04/13/16

Community Events - Save the Date



HAILEY GARDEN TOUR

OLD HAILEY TOWNSITE
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Hailey Public Library

The snow is settling, spring is here and the Friends of the Hailey Public Library are excited to bringing back the Hailey Garden Tour in summer 2016! This year's event will be held in Old Hailey on Saturday, July 9th, 2016. The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m.

One of the best ways to learn about gardening in our area is to visit local gardens. Drought tolerant gardening is of special interest these days. Information about water usage and plants will be available during the tour.

Put Your Garden on the Tour! The Friends of the Hailey Public Library are seeking homes in the Old Hailey Area for the tour. Contact us to get your lovely space on the tour!

Volunteer to Help! We are in need of volunteers to help before, during and after the event. We are seeking artists and musicians that would help compliment this fund raising effort.

If you or someone you know would like to help, please contact Robin Crotty at 721-2368 or email crotty@live.com for more information.

The Friends of the Hailey Public Library is a long-standing non-profit organization whose volunteer members raise money and advocate literary awareness on behalf of the Hailey Public Library.



Fiddlers of Idaho Entertainment Night
Friday, May 6th
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Tickets
Adults (18 - 64) - \$10.00
Seniors (65 and above) - \$8.00
Youth (7-17) - \$7.00
6 and Under - No Charge
Community Campus Performing Arts Theater
1050 Fox Acres Road Hailey, Idaho

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May 7, 2016 Hailey, Idaho
Novice & Certified Competition
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
No Admission Charge for the Public
Download Contest Rules & Contestant's Application from our website
www.FiddlersofIdaho.org

Fiddlers of Idaho
State Championship Fiddle Contest

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 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Join us for some tinkering!

From Overwhelm to Order – Tuesday, April 5th

Join HPL and Tenaya Kolar to discuss ways to whip your space in order and gain insight on how to harness your energy for spring!

Reptiles up Close: Snakes and Lizards – Tuesday,

April 19th – Starting at 6:00pm - The Hailey Public Library and Laura Browarny of the College of Southern Idaho will be hosting a 'live with animals' workshop!

Adventures in Chemistry – Wednesday, April

27th – Starting at 5:00pm – The Hailey Public Library and Alana Jensen of the Idaho National Laboratory will be discussing Chemistry in great detail. Join us in April!

Libraries are diVine – Sunday, April 10th and

April 17th – Starting at 6:00PM - Join HPL at diVine Wine Bar for the screening of April's films: *A River Runs Through It* and *Town and Country*. 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,

April 21st – Starting at 6:00PM - HPL will be hosting the fifth and final book discussion for *Let's Talk About It*. Our fifth book, *The Language of Baklava*, 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, April 20th at 5:30PM

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Kiwanis Home & Garden Show

Kiwanis 2016 Home and Garden Show provides visitors the chance to shop retailers and manufactures exhibiting products, offering services and advice on your upcoming home improvement and gardening projects. Make your home and garden dreams a reality!



Kiwanis 2016 Home & Garden Show Campion Ice House – Hailey

**Saturday April 30th 10 am to 4 pm Sunday
May 1 10 am to 3 pm
COME AND BE INSPIRED**



ADMISSION IS FREE. As part of the event Wood River High School Key Club and the Hailey Police Department will be hosting their **2nd annual Kids Bike Rodeo**. Bring your children to learn bike safety. The first 50 children will get a free helmet.



Kiwanis Club of Hailey and the Wood River Valley have launched another Hailey City Park improvement project. They are raising funds to add play equipment at Heagle Park to serve younger children. More info: CONTACT LORNA@PEAK-SALES.COM.

**APRIL 16, 7 to 9 pm
CONTRA DANCE**
with live band: STRINGS ATTACHED



At the Grange, 609 South 3rd Ave in Hailey

Potluck dinner at 6:30: bring wholesome food to share, your plate, fork, water bottle
Tickets in advance: \$18 adults – at the door: \$20 adults, \$10 teens, free 12 and under

Sustainability Center, 308 S. River St. in Hailey
Bellevue General Store, 410 S. Main St. in Bellevue
NourishMe, 151 Main St. N., Ketchikan
Group Gift

Wood River Sustainability Center
nourishme
Contact - Megan: megan@wrc.net 788-3376 or Janna: jannamoore@gmail.com (206) 570-2449
www.grange.org/appertgivingcenter/192/events - PO Box 8430, Hailey ID 83333

Seed & Plant Swap
at the Grange
609 S 3rd Ave, Hailey
Saturday April 23
10 am to 12 noon
In collaboration with
Wood River Seed Library
a benefit for the
Hunger Coalition
Info: 788-3376, megan@wrc.net
www.grange.org/appertgivingcenter/192
or
www.seedforalliance.org

Hailey Spring Clean-Up Events

Annual Yard Waste Cleanup in Hailey

Each spring and fall Clear Creek Disposal offers an opportunity for Hailey residents to deliver clean yard waste to a Hailey location rather than having to haul it to the landfill or dispose of it in trash. Consider utilizing this opportunity!



**Saturday, April 30, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Hailey residents are invited to bring grass, yard trimmings and branches to the Park & Ride lot drop-off locations 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.



Did You Know? Yard waste is second only to paper in municipal solid waste streams, per the Environmental Protection Agency. A free yard waste disposal program is offered to Blaine County households year round at Ohio Gulch Waste Transfer Station. Loads must qualify in order to be free and are limited to one pickup load or less of clean yard waste per week. Waste must be un-bagged grass, leaves and branches. It must contain no dirt, rock, root balls, construction waste, noxious weeds, trash, food waste, plastic or other inorganic materials. For more information, contact the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station at 788-2351.

Community Spring Cleanup Events

ERC Clean Sweep is May 7

During Clean Sweep the valley community turns out to clean up local towns. The Environmental Resource Center (ERC), organizer of this event for 22 years, hopes you'll put May 7 on your calendar and marshal your friends, family and co-workers. Join others at Hailey's Hop Porter Park at 9:00 a.m. to pick up materials and assignments for the clean-up effort!

The City of Hailey extends our appreciation to all who volunteer for this effort or work in advance of it to clean up Hailey. This spring appears particularly messy with debris and garbage near bus stops, parking lots and dumpsters. Clean up is appreciated, as is respectful behavior. We've even found spit on sidewalks.



Public Works

Damages in Public Rights of Way

Another winter is behind us, and we now see lots of debris and damage emerging from the snowbanks. The City appreciates all Hailey citizens' support of this past winter's snow removal efforts. Large, frequent amounts of snow test everyone's endurance, from snowplow operators to people shoveling berms from their driveways. Thank you for expressing your concerns and compliments throughout the winter, and for helping now to clean up Hailey!

The City at times receives calls about repairing snowplow damage in public rights of way. The calls are usually from homeowners with landscaping in the right of way – grass, sprinklers, etc. Property owners who choose to place improvements of *any kind* in the public right of way (even with a permit) do so at the risk of having those improvements damaged. Public rights of way exist, in part, for the City to carry out a variety of tasks, including snow removal. Damages can and do occur. The City is not responsible for repairing damages in public rights of way.

FREE Workshops

Tree and Pesticide Management

**Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
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. For the agenda, visit: <http://woodriverlandtrust.org/events> or call 208.788.3947.

Water-Wise Workshops

The Wood River Land Trust has partnered with the city to provide sessions on DIY landscapes for greater water conservation. The city was recently awarded a grant for the Water Smarty rebate program. In order to be eligible for this grass replacement rebate, applicants must attend one of the four Trout Friendly Water-Wise workshops offered this spring and summer. The 1st workshop will be held **May 7th: DIY: Steps to Saving Water, Hailey City Hall, 9 - 10:30 am.** Attendees will learn how to save 20-40% of water usage in their landscape from irrigation expert Travis McBride of Silver Creek Supply. Topics include: irrigation, uniformity, nozzles and smart technologies. Light refreshments will be served.

Tree Tip - Winter Damage to Trees

Winter's heavy snow and ice, frozen soil conditions, as well as displaced animals can cause considerable damage to trees. Plowing and other snow removal practices can also injure trees. Prompt repair of damaged trees is critical for their health and to limit disease and insect attacks. Before broken branches are removed they should be examined carefully. Depending upon the severity of the damage, the remedy could range from light pruning to removal of the entire tree. Only proper pruning methods should be used to avoid further damage to the tree. Do not top damaged trees. Topping creates serious hazards and dramatically shortens the lifespan of a tree. Paint or wound dressings are not recommended because they can interfere with the tree's natural wound sealing process. When dealing with large trees, contact a certified arborist to make safe, professional repairs. For more info on the benefits proper care of trees, visit

www.treesaregood.com.

Tree Tip Courtesy of Hailey Tree Committee!



A Grass Replacement Rebate Program

WATER LESS. SAVE MONEY. BE A WATER SMARTY.

Replace your grass and get a rebate up to \$2,000; water less and save money on your water bill.

Open on April 1 to Hailey property owners and their tenants (with owner permission).

Check www.haileycityhall.org for program requirements and limitations. More information: 788-9830, ext. 20

