



# OUR TOWN

*Where the High Desert Meets the Mountains*

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## Message from the Mayor

### Thanks to Partners and City Staff

I am proud of the community of Hailey, all our partners and city staff. A lot of work has been done so far this summer. We have many to thank:

**Hailey Fire Department and Wood River Fire Protection District**, who have trained together and worked to improve safety for all. Their efforts have achieved a functional consolidation. Obstacles exist which prevent them from moving further into consolidation, but they remain dauntless and optimistic.

**Blaine County School District**, who recognized that partnering with the City brings results. Main St. and Cobblestone Lane will be far safer by the end of this month when our traffic signal and sidewalk construction is done. Additionally, BCSD and Hailey are working on a more cost-effective way to irrigate 9 acres at the middle school, saving money for both jurisdictions.

**Hailey Chamber of Commerce and City Staff**, who put on a nearly perfect July 4th parade in Hailey. The business community rose to the occasion; residents and visitors were spending money and having fun in our town.

**Sawtooth Rangers**, who increased attendance at the Days of the Old West Rodeos. They've been doing that since 1948. That's a long winning streak.

**Kiwanis**, who have donated their third play structure. First Deerfield, then Foxmoor, and now Heagle park have received play structures through the efforts of Kiwanis, at a combined value of over \$60,000.

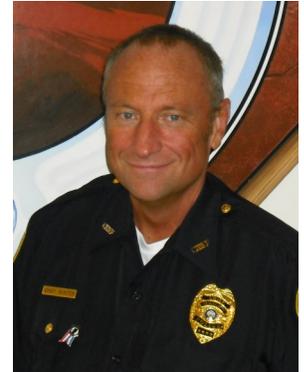
**Friends of the Hailey Public Library and Library Board and Staff**, who have made the Library a modern, comfortable place. They've started raising money for future projects with a very successful Hailey Garden Tour that netted \$3,500. The library continues to receive donations from patrons.

**Hailey City Staff**, who continue to improve operations and increase the quality of service we deliver to our constituents. They continue to seek more systematic processes and achieve better training on very tight budgets. We thank you, Hailey City Staff!

## Emergency Services

### Police Chief Receives Training in Exploited Children Cases

Hailey Police Chief Jeff Gunter just returned from the prestigious Exploited Children Seminar for Chief Executive Officers, held just outside of the nation's capital, at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) located in Alexandria, VA.



The training seminar is designed for law enforcement executives. Chief Gunter attended the program July 28-29, as a guest of the NCMEC, joining 48 other Chiefs and Sheriffs who were also in attendance. The program is designed to provide attendees a better understanding of the issues related to exploited children cases.

"This has been a highly valuable experience for me as a law enforcement officer," said Chief Gunter. "To have been selected in itself was an honor, but to be able to bring this knowledge home and put it into practice is a plus for the citizens of Hailey."

Funded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency (OJJDP), NCMEC has trained over 31,200 law enforcement, criminal/juvenile justice and healthcare professionals on various missing and exploited children issues.

Once candidates are selected to attend, travel and lodging expenses during training are covered by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children through a grant by OJJDP.

## Calendar

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| City Council.....                | 8/15/16 & 8/29/16 |
| Planning & Zoning Commission ... | 8/01/16 & 8/22/16 |
| Parks and Lands Board.....       | 8/03/16           |
| Urban Renewal Agency.....        | 8/25/16           |
| Public Library Board.....        | 8/17/16           |
| *Labor Day Holiday.....          | 9/05/16           |



\* City Hall and Library Closed

## Safety and Health

### Summer Heat Safety

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year from heat stroke and even more instances of heat-related illnesses such as heat cramps and heat exhaustion.

Heat stroke is potentially fatal and requires immediate medical attention. Symptoms include extremely high body temperature, red, hot, dry skin, without sweat; rapid, strong pulse; throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, and unconsciousness. If you believe someone may have heat stroke, call 911. Familiarize yourself with the signs and symptoms of heat stroke, other heat related illnesses and treatment with the CDC Extreme Heat Prevention Guide.

Heat kills by pushing the human body beyond its limits. In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.

Most heat disorders occur because the victim has been overexposed to heat or has over-exercised for his or her age and physical condition. Older adults, young children and those who are sick or overweight are more likely to succumb to extreme heat.

The best line of defense is prevention. The Ready Campaign offers the following tips to stay safe when the mercury rises:

- Stay indoors, ideally in a location with air conditioning. If your home does not have air conditioning or if it fails, go to a public building with air conditioning such as a shopping mall or public library.
- Avoid strenuous work or physical activity during the hottest part of the day (typically 12 to 4 p.m.).
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings, or louvers.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible.
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals.

When necessary, NWS issues heat-related alerts to help you prepare for extreme weather conditions. To learn more about these alerts, visit: [www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/ww.shtml](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/ww.shtml).

Remember, pets need preventative care during the heat as well. Good hydration and shade are important, and never leave pets in a car!

## Hailey Public Library

*Summer is wrapping up!*  
HaileyPublicLibrary.org

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

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

**Hailey Garden Tour Success:** On July 9, 2016 after a three-year hiatus, the Friends of the Hailey Public Library brought back the Hailey Garden Tour. It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon in Old Hailey when the talented gardeners proudly displayed their gardens with pride to assist the "Friends" with our fund raising effort. The gardens were accented by local musicians and artists and citizens who stepped forward to welcome the visitors.

Many of the tour participants started in Hope Garden and weaved their way thru old Hailey on foot or bikes and visited 11 other unique gardens and ended their tour at Webb Nursery on Main Street in Hailey. For many months the "Friends" sold raffle tickets for a red cruiser that was raffled off at the conclusion of the tour. The tour was a great success and earned \$4,000.

The "Friends of the Hailey Public Library" group was established in 1987 to mount the campaign to build our current library. The funding needs of our Library continue to grow and the "Friends" are in need of new members and fresh ideas to help fulfill these needs. Please consider being a Friend.

Thank you to all of you who assisted in making the Garden Tour a huge success.

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## Public Works

### Cobblestone Lane Sidewalks and Main St. Crossing to Improve Safety

The Cobblestone Lane project adds sidewalks from the Wood River Middle School to Main St. and pedestrian-activated flashing beacons at the Main St. crossing. The project will improve safety for middle school students and other pedestrians accessing the north end of town.



The project is funded through the Idaho Transportation Department's Transportation Alternatives Program, with supplemental funding from the

City of Hailey and the Blaine County School District. In addition to the funding partners, the project team includes Galena Engineering, Conrad Brothers, Sluder Construction, JS Custom Crete, Valley Paving, Road Work Ahead, Idaho Traffic Safety, and Materials Testing and Inspection. The project is scheduled for completion in mid August.

### Water Smarty Program Yields Appealing Landscapes

Fourteen participants have completed their Water Smarty projects, replacing turf with hardscape materials, drought tolerant plants, or a combination of both.



*Gravel and stepping stones replaced the turf in this side yard.*



*This yard uses two kinds of rock and drought-tolerant plants instead of lawn.*



The City hopes to continue the program next year, as outdoor irrigation accounts for the majority of water use in the city. This year's projects show that appealing landscapes don't have to break the water bank.

### City Chip Seal Project

The Street Division is wrapping up the last of its chip seal projects this year. 2016 included many streets in northeast Woodside Subdivision area and the northern portion of Broadford Road (the portion that is in the city limits). We evaluated the streets in these areas and determined them to be in the worst condition compared to other city streets. The estimated cost to replace these roads is in excess of \$2 million. The Street Division decided on a solution to improve the streets that is around \$100,000 and will delay this expense for another 5 to 10 years. The fix is a double chip seal, followed by a fog seal. This adds more structure to a street and bonds the surface, while also fixing potholes, cracking and crumbling asphalt. The dates for final street work in these areas are:

**2nd Chip Seal: Week of August 8th**

**Fog Seal Coating: Week of August 22nd**

*Please use caution while loose chips are on the roadway and follow instructions given by work crews for your own safety and the safety of the workers.*

**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT  
CITY OF HAILEY'S 2015 DRINKING WATER**

**NO COMPLIANCE ISSUES!**

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### Woodside Blvd Grasses

Every fall the City mows the long grasses along Woodside Blvd. right of way. This year, the City has elected to mow early, finding that much of the tall grasses have already dropped their seeds and that the uniformity of the grass height and growth patterns are inconsistent due to irrigation problems that were experienced earlier in the season. The City asks that residents and adjacent property owners, not mow these grasses. This is due to the grasses propagating via a seed head, not through the root system. Routine mowing, beyond once or twice a year causes damage. The City has contemplated fining those that mow this area and hope that this early clean up effort by the City will keep others from mowing again later in the season and in subsequent years.

### Old Hailey Alley Maintenance

A few years ago, the City paved the commercial alleys, but according to the City's records, it has been over 20 years since we did any comprehensive alley maintenance to the residential/unpaved alleys in the Hailey Townsite area. The alleys between blocks 1st -2nd and 2nd -3rd Avenues will be completed the first part of August. The City plans to address the remaining alleys in September, if funds allow. Otherwise, the work will be prioritized for 2017.



### Finance

#### Public Invited to Comment on City Budget

**The Public Hearing for Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2017 (FYE 17) budget will be held at 5:30pm on August 15th in the City Council Chambers.** This year's budget proposal is \$12,017,542 which represents a decrease of 10.33% when compared to the FYE 16 budget.

The General Fund, which provides essential government services such as fire, police, streets, parks and library, has a budgeted increase of 7.34% or \$351,923. The increased revenue is primarily from the 3% allowed increase in property taxes, projected building permit increases, an optimistic increase in local option tax (LOT) revenue and shared state taxes. Labor and

benefits represent over 60% of the General Fund budget. A 3% increase in salaries is budgeted, with an increase of 18% anticipated in insurance premiums. It is too early to know what the actual premiums will be. Departments have diligently worked to control expenses throughout the recession. It is time to address some of the maintenance concerns which have been postponed.

The Water and Wastewater Divisions are funded by user fees and connection fees. The budget of the Wastewater fund has a decrease of 4%. The Water fund has some capital needs which have increased that budget by 15%. It is our hope to keep user fees/rates the same as FYE 16. Grants are actively pursued to help facilitate capital projects. The voters approved a 2-year levy, which will be collected and assigned to maintenance of sidewalks and design and construction of Pathways for People projects. Please join us with your questions, concerns and/or encouragement at our budget public hearing August 15.

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**ADOPT A PARK**






**C-U Next Storm Landscaping** 




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**THANK YOU!**