



# OUR TOWN

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## Message from the Mayor

### Hailey Leases Armory for Police Use

The City of Hailey has accepted an opportunity to enter into a 5-year lease of the Idaho Army National Guard Armory building for the cost of \$3,700 per year plus utilities. The building is a secure ground-floor facility. It will serve as ideal quarters for our police department.

The Hailey Police Department will be able to occupy the facility with few modifications. A conditional use permit is required in the GR zoning district for public service facilities. Hailey will engage the neighborhood and the public in the conditional use permit process. A public hearing on the Conditional Use Permit is scheduled for October 24, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Hailey City Hall.

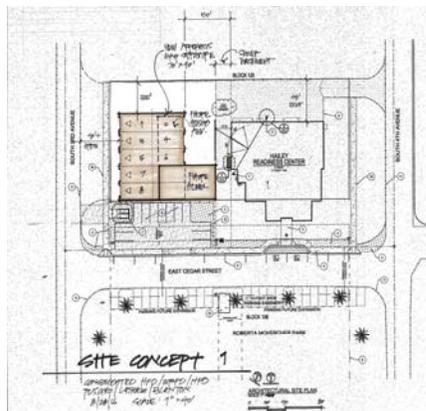
The front offices of the Armory are smaller than HPD's existing administrative offices in city hall. Office space can be supplemented by adding movable partitions to one of the training rooms for patrol officer work stations. There exists a secure area for evidence storage and interrogation. The facility provides for safe transport of arrested individuals through an area separate from the public entrance. An electronic gate is planned for the west fence to allow police cars to enter that area. The gymnasium can be used as an interagency training center, a meeting room or other assembly space. Policies for community use will be developed.

The primary benefits of the Armory lease are increased public safety and safety of city staff. Our second-floor police station, within the Fox/Brown building, creates risk for police officers who bring suspects upstairs for questioning, the public at large and the other city staff who work within the building. Secondary benefits include increased parking at Hailey City Hall and potential long term cost avoidance. Hailey's capital

improvement plan estimates the need for a new police station at \$2 million. Hailey has \$60,000 for facility design of a new police station. This budgeted amount will be used for installation of a sign, gate, security cameras and any minor modifications required for this change of occupancy.

The grounds are of sufficient size for the site to be used to house both a police department and fire departments through the addition of a separate building for fire engine bays, additional administrative space, and sleeping quarters for fire personnel. This longer-term solution would retain the current gymnasium as a training room and assembly space, and allow for constructed bays designed specifically for all equipment, including fire apparatus, fire service vehicles and police cars. Conversations with Wood River Fire Protection district could continue, with the goal of determining if consolidated fire departments are a shared goal and then designing space on the site to accommodate consolidated fire and police department facilities.

Before these uses can be pursued, a long-term occupancy period would need to be established, and plans and costs considered. Although there are many benefits to the fire station use, its consideration is premature at this time.



*The site concept at left shows police and fire facilities on site. The opportunity to refine and implement such a concept may arise when the Idaho Army National Guard decides if it can sell or enter a long-term lease of this facility. Our current lease is for only five years.*

## Emergency Preparedness

### Family Preparedness

Specific actions can be taken to prepare your family for emergencies. America's PrepareAthon! and the Ready Campaign highlight several ways you can prepare for the unexpected.

Some of these actions include:

- Creating a family emergency communication plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it's important to plan ahead about how you will connect with each other;
- Building a disaster supply kit. A disaster supply kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. You may need to survive on your own after a disaster. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days; and
- Practicing your emergency response plan. Making emergency plans is great, but practicing your plan by conducting drills will help your family's response time when seconds count.

Disasters can be stressful for kids. Try to make emergency planning fun for children in your family! Visit [ready.gov/kids](https://www.ready.gov/kids) for exciting games, quizzes, and other resources to help young children and teens understand the importance of being prepared.

### Preparedness for Aging Adults

Disasters also impact older adults. Visit [ready.gov/seniors](https://www.ready.gov/seniors) to learn more about preparing older Americans for the unexpected.

### Preparedness for those with Disabilities

If you or someone you know has a disability or access or functional needs, be sure to take additional steps to stay safe, healthy, mobile, and independent during a disaster.

Find out about assistance programs that may be available in your community and register in advance with your local office of emergency services, non-profit groups, and health departments. *(Continued next column)*

Did you know that a FLOOD or FIRE can impact the safety of FOOD in your home? Be sure to check out the FAQs on the USDA website about keeping food safe after these emergencies. [www.fsis.usda.gov](https://www.fsis.usda.gov)

### Preparedness, *Continued*

Stay mobile and independent by including items in your disaster supply kit that meet your needs such as:

- Extra eyeglasses and hearing aids;
- Medical prescriptions;
- Batteries and chargers for assistance devices;
- Written descriptions of service needs.

Looking for more ways to plan for people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs? The Ready Campaign and the Ad Council provide a video on the [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov) website that has equal access for people with disabilities, including vision or audio impairments. That video can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/107805>



FEMA

### Food Safety Before & After Disasters

Power outages can jeopardize the safety of the food stored in your home refrigerator or freezer. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers tips to follow before and after a power outage to minimize loss of food and lower the risk of foodborne illness:

- Gather an emergency food supply of shelf-stable food, boxed or canned milk, bottled water, and canned goods;
- Have coolers and frozen gel packs on hand to keep refrigerated food cold if the power goes out longer than four hours;
- Buy an appliance thermometer for the refrigerator and freezer and a food thermometer to help you know if the food has stayed at a safe temperature during an outage;
- Throw out any perishable food items such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers that have been exposed to temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for more than two hours;
- Use a food thermometer to test the temperature of food – never taste it! You can't rely on appearance and odor to determine whether food is safe; and
- Discard any items in the refrigerator that have come into contact with raw meat juices.

A refrigerator will keep food cold safely for about four hours if it is unopened. A full freezer will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.

## Water Smarty Helps 21 Yards Remove Turf and Use Less Water

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



Before

After



There is currently a waiting list to participate in the program next year. To be placed on the waiting list, visit the Water Smarty web page to download a pre-application. Go to [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org) and click on the Water Smarty logo.

## Kiwanis Holds Grand Opening for Heagle Park Play Structure

Thank you to Kiwanis for providing another play structure for a city park. Heagle Park is the third park to receive a play structure, behind Foxmoor and Deerfield Parks. This play structure includes swings and climbing challenges for young children. The park was celebrated with a barbeque and much community support at a ribbon cutting ceremony in September.



## Hailey Public Library



### October Events

*Everybody ready for Halloween?*  
HaileyPublicLibrary.org

**Story Time-** Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30am  
**TNT Thursdays-** Every Thursday 4-5pm

#### **Solid Finance\$ Webinar Series—**

join us and bring your lunch! Webinars begin at 12pm and end by 1pm. A onetime registration at [msuextension.org/solidfinances](http://msuextension.org/solidfinances) will register you for all events. This webinar series offers unbiased financial information absolutely free. Hailey Public Library and University Extension educators are partnering on this project to help you successfully navigate in today's economy without investing a lot of time researching individual financial topics.

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Credit Scores**

**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Car Loans**

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Debt Reduction**

Watch for more financial topics in November and December!

#### **National Friends of Libraries Week -**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Many thanks to all of our Friends! The library is more robust because of the efforts of these phenomenal volunteers. Our library would not be able to function without them! Fundraising efforts include the annual Book and Bake Sale and the Garden Tour. Funds raised by the Friends support events, programs and projects at the library. Consider becoming a 'Friend' today.

#### **Let's Talk about It! –**

**Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm** is a scholar-led book club for adults. All are welcome to join in a discussion of Humor & Satire in literature. The first title is *Catch-22*. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 6PM, with the first meeting happening on October 18.

#### **Water: The Ebb & Flow –**

**Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, starting 6:15pm at the Mini Moore Room at the Community Campus.**

Join featured speakers: 1) Fritz Haemmerle, water law attorney and Hailey Mayor, and 2) noted historian Tom Blanchard as they discuss water rights as they pertain to local and state laws. A showing of the documentary 'The Conquest of the Snake' will be featured. This program is organized by the Blaine County Historical Museum, the City of Hailey and the Hailey Public Library.

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Public Works

Fall Needle Drop

Everyone knows that deciduous trees, like Aspen or Maples, lose their leaves in the fall. Fewer people learn that evergreen trees also lose their old needles sometime in the late summer or fall.



Fall needle drop is alarming and can come on fairly quickly. Typically, needle drop is most prominent on shaded sides or parts of the tree. This can include, but is not limited to, northern sides, the lower branches and the interior of the tree. Residents have noticed a sudden onset of yellowing needles on the interior of Spruce, Fir, and Pine trees. If evergreen needles turn brown from the interior of the tree, and the outer needles stay green, then there is likely no cause for alarm. The age of the needles at which needle drop occurs varies between conifer species, and is generally 4-6 years for Spruce trees, and less for Pines.

Needle drop is generally associated with the needles of the tree becoming less productive for that tree. Older needles are found on the interior of the tree and less light, and therefore less photosynthesis, is captured by those needles. Needle drop can be pronounced in those trees that are crowded with other trees.

There are various environmental factors other than shade that can contribute to an increase in the number of needles lost. Long, hot, dry periods can create stress on the trees that may increase the annual loss. Recent transplant can also increase the stress on trees. It is very common for newly transplanted trees that are still in recovery to experience a more dramatic needle drop.

There may be a problem if there is yellowing or die-back on the tips of branches. The Valley has seen insect, disease, and herbicide problems with conifers and dieback of new growth can be an indicator of one or more of these problems. Please do not hesitate to contact a local arborist if you have concerns.

**Annual Book and Bake Sale**

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**Friends of the Hailey Public Library  
Fall Book and Bake Sale in October**

Local never miss this fabulous annual event, one of the events that makes Hailey great!

**Thursday October 20  
Friday October 21  
Saturday October 22**  
At a location to be determined.

THANK YOU!

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ADOPT A PARK

Calendar

**Important Dates**

City Council.....	10/03/16 and 10/17/16
Arts & Historic Preservation Commission...	10/13/16
Hailey Public Library Board .....	10/19/16
Parks & Lands Board.....	10/05/16
Planning & Zoning .....	10/11/16 and 10/24/16
Tree Committee .....	10/13/16
Urban Renewal Agency.....	10/12/16
*Columbus Day Holiday ..... 10/10/16	

\* City Hall and Library Closed