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Message from the Mayor

Flood Preparation a High Priority

Preparation for spring run-off flooding from the Big Wood River remains a high priority for the City of Hailey and many Hailey residents. A well-attended informational meeting was held in March. City officials and residents used that meeting to communicate preparation strategies and priorities during a flood. Together they did what every household should do: plan in advance how to communicate during an emergency, and make preparations for emergencies well before they occur. The primary communication strategy used by government during an emergency is the distribution of emergency information through the Blaine County Communication Center's alert system known as Code Red. For this to be effective, residents need to be signed up. Use the link provided here to sign up now.

www.blaineemergency.org/flood/



Recycle During Spring Clean Up

Dates are set for cleaning up our town after it was buried in snow banks for months! In your clean up efforts, remember to **recycle whenever possible**. There is no charge to any resident or business within Hailey for recycling, so fill up those recycle bins and look for im-

Hailey Snow Removal Crew Appreciated

Mayor Fritz Haemmerle and the Hailey City Council thanked Public Works snow removal crew for their work this past winter. Pictured from left: Mike Parker, Kelly Schwarz, Tim Green, Brian Vincent, Terry Turner, Mayor Fritz Haemmerle, Kurt Holtzen, Jim Savage, King West and Luis Gomez. (not pictured: Bryson Ellsworth). Crews worked 16 nights, including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, for a total of 2000 hours of snow removal work!



Environment

Water-Wise Landscape Series

The Wood River Land Trust will present the fourth annual Water-Wise landscaping series. The workshops host industry experts who share tips, tools and design ideas that will help you create beautiful landscapes that save water. This series works in partnership with the City of Hailey's Water Smarty Rebate program, excluding the April 13th workshop advertised on Page 2. That workshop will not fulfill Water Smarty's workshop attendance requirement.

Come to one or all of the FREE classes at Hailey City Library. The series is part of the Trout Friendly program which promotes landscapes that conserve water, use natives or drought tolerant plants and build the soil.

Series Topics in April:

Thursday, April 20 is **7 Steps of Xeriscape Design** with Sharon Browder (xeriscape designer) at Hailey City Library from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Learn how to design an attractive landscape that embraces xeriscape ideas for all types of plants and garden styles. Let Sharon

walk you through a step by step planning and design process for the small or large landscape.

Series Topics coming in May and June:

- **Save Water & Attract Pollinators to your Landscape**, with Kelley Weston at Hailey City Library on Thursday, May 18 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Do-It Yourself Steps to Saving Water** with irrigation expert Travis McBride at Hailey City Library on Saturday, June 10 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Call the Wood River Land Trust at 788.3947 to save a seat or come that day.

Hailey Spring Yard Waste Clean-Up Saturday, April 29, 2017

City of Hailey residents are invited to participate in the annual spring yard waste clean-up hosted by Clear Creek Disposal. Bring grass, yard trimmings, and branches to the Hailey Park & Ride lot at the corner of Bullion St and River St between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Clear Creek Disposal will have dumpsters to collect yard waste. Branches must be no more than 8 ft long and 18 inches diameter. No treated lumber or food waste will be accepted.

Public Works

Landscape & Weed Management Workshop Thursday April 13, 2017

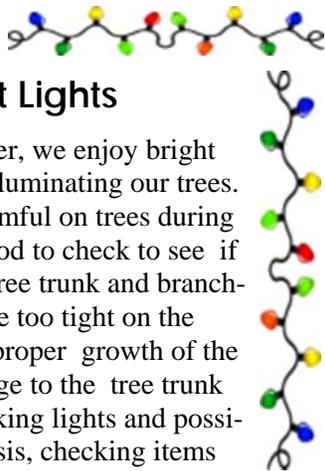
Join the Environmental Resource Center (ERC), Wood River Land Trust and Blaine County Noxious Weed Department for a free Landscape and Weed Management Workshop on Thursday, April 13, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Community Campus in Hailey. This workshop is open to and designed for landscapers, property managers, and interested community members. Participants will learn about practical lawn care and weed management; noxious weed biology and control methods; and sustainable soils and composting.

Pesticide credits are available. Join us as we explore proactive, reactive and alternative methods of weed control while still creating beautiful landscapes and protecting natural resources. Call 208.788.3947 for more information or get an agenda at : <http://woodriverlandtrust.org/events>.

April Tree Tip

Don't Forget About Lights

Throughout the snowy winter, we enjoy bright and festive holiday lights illuminating our trees. While lights may not be harmful on trees during the summer months, it is good to check to see if the strands are tight on the tree trunk and branches. If the strands of lights are too tight on the tree, this will not allow for proper growth of the tree and may result in damage to the tree trunk or branches. Not only checking lights and possibly adjusting on a yearly basis, checking items such as ropes on swings and bird feeders may also keep trees healthier longer so that we can enjoy them for many years. Call the City's arborist, Stephanie Cook, with questions at 788-9830 x 31.



Calendar

Important Dates

City Council.....	04/03/17 and 04/17/17
Arts & Historic Preservation Commission...	04/13/17
Hailey Public Library Board.....	04/19/17
Joint Meeting of P&Z and URA	04/06/17
Parks & Lands Board	04/12/17
Planning & Zoning.....	04/10/17 and 04/24/17
Tree Committee	04/13/17
Urban Renewal Agency	04/06/17



Hailey Public Library

APRIL Events

We packed the calendar this month!

Find complete details at:

www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org &
www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary/

Thursdays at 4:30 PM: *TNT Thursdays* are for tweens and teens to enjoy an hour of gaming.

Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:30 AM: *Story Time* is an interactive story hour made especially for preschool aged children.

April 7-May 12: *Music Matters with Mitzi Mecham.* Do you love music and want to help support young musicians? You're in luck! This summer, HPL hosts Music Matters with Mitzi Mecham. Kids grades 3rd-7th will have the opportunity to learn how to play the ukulele.

Monday, April 10 at 6:00 PM: *Lines Between the Wines: The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu.* This grown-up book club pairs literature and gourmet samplings of wine and appetizers. Please preregister with the Wood River Sustainability Center with a \$25 payment.

Wednesday, April 12 5:30 PM: *Friends of the Hailey Public Library Meeting.*

Thursday, April 13 at 4:00 PM: *Pushing the Limits: Clan of the Cave Bears.* Join us for an adventure in STEM! Group discussions will be held once per month on the cutting-edge topics: nature, connection, survival, and knowledge.

Wednesday, April 19 5:30 PM: *Board Meeting - Hailey Public Library Trustees.*

Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 PM: *Home Improvement Class.* Join us at the library for another free workshop to improve your home with Tenaya Plowman Kolar.

Friday, April 28: HPL will be closed for staff training.



LIBRARY EVENTS

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Bicycle-Pedestrian Improvements

There is a lot of talk lately about bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements in and around the City of Hailey. What is the plan?

2014 Blaine County Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan

In late 2014, local governments within Blaine County adopted the Blaine County Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan. This plan was described by the Idaho Mountain Express as “a visionary document linking countywide transportation infrastructure.” Specifically, IME states that “the plan offers suggestions for bike lanes, shared lanes, bike boxes and separate pathway options for cities to implement.” In 2016, the plan won a Smart Growth Citizen Advocacy Award, with Mountain Rides Transportation Authority receiving the award as the project manager.

2016 Pathways for People Tax Levy Ballot

The City of Hailey, in an effort to implement some of the ideas of the Blaine County Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan, brought a 2-year tax increase request to Hailey voters with some projects outlined to show what Hailey planned to do with the requested \$800,000.

2017 Pathways for People Projects Implementation

After voters passed the tax increase, Hailey began to design the projects it had envisioned. The first year’s levy money is intended to construct a two-way separated bike facility on Croy Street from the Wood River Trail to Hailey’s Main Street. A smaller associated project will serve to stripe bicycle/pedestrian lanes onto Second Avenue, using a new concept called “advisory lanes.” These lanes will extend from the WR Middle School to Hailey Elementary School along 2nd Avenue.

2018-2019 Pathways for People Implementation

The second year’s levy money will be used to design and construct a separated shared use path on the north side of Myrtle Street. This separated path will extend from the Wood River Trail to and across Main St. In addition to the tax levy, the City of Hailey secured \$500,000 in grant funding for the project. The grant requires that the project be designed in 2018 and constructed in 2019. Other Pathways for People projects in this time frame are the Wertheimer Park connection path and sidewalk maintenance.

2020-2021 River Street Project

The City of Hailey also received a transportation grant of \$1.9 million to install bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the central blocks of River Street. This grant project is funded for construction in 2022. Meanwhile, as River Street continues to add infill development, a design for the entire River Street bicycle-pedestrian infrastructure is being developed. (See April 6, 2017 URA/P&Z meeting.)



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Broadford Road is Public’s Top Priority The Blaine County Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan identifies Broadford Road bicycle safety improvements as the larger public’s top priority. The City of Hailey has not yet identified a funding source for these improvements. The cost of the improvements will be considered in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan, and as development applications are considered for subdivisions along Broadford Road, each developer will be asked to consider funding a share of the Broadford Road improvements. When grant opportunities arise, the City will actively pursue them.

Quigley Road Improvements

Improvements to Quigley Road are a natural extension of the Croy Street Pathways for People project, which will construct bicycle and pedestrian lanes along Croy Street from downtown to the Wood River Trail. Eventually, the community will want an extension of bicycle and pedestrian improvements eastward from the Wood River Trail toward east Hailey neighborhoods, the high school and Quigley area recreation. As development applications are considered for subdivisions along Quigley Road, each developer will be asked to consider funding a share of the Quigley Road improvements, with strong connections to Eastridge Drive and the Wood River Trail. As always, Hailey city staff will pursue any grant opportunities that arise.

Bullion Street Improvements to Croy Canyon

Improvements to West Bullion Street began last summer with repair of the bridge which lies between Hop Porter Park and Lions Park. The Blaine County Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan identifies improvements westward toward Croy Canyon area recreation and subdivisions as one of its mid-priority projects. The City of Hailey will pursue grant and funding opportunities for improvements on West Bullion Street to better connect Hop Porter Park and Lions Park to the city’s connected paths and trails system.



Environment

Clean Sweep Crowns Spring Cleanup

In 2017, **Clean Sweep** falls on **Saturday, May 6**. Participation is free and easy. Meet at one of the following locations starting at 9 a.m. to register and pick up garbage bags and gloves. Complimentary breakfast snacks and coffee will be available.

- ERC Office in Ketchum (471 Washington Ave, N)
- KB's in Hailey (121 N Main St)
- Memorial Park in Bellevue (between Cedar and Elm)

Fan out to pick up trash in your chosen area until 11:30 a.m. and then come back together with fellow participants to celebrate your good work with a free lunch provided by KB's. During lunch, there will be raffle drawings as well as team and individual prizes. If you've filled multiple bags and kept your eye out for any "Weirdest Items," you or your team might win an award (costumes count too)! Youth groups and businesses are encouraged to participate.

In 2016, the ERC incorporated a dog waste pick up effort at ERC-sponsored trailheads as well as a Croy Road clean up effort with the local NICA (National Interscholastic Cycling Association) Team and the Wood River Bike Coalition.

In addition to the ERC's Clean Sweep event, on **Friday, May 5, 2017 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Cox Communications** will again provide a **free recycling event** where community members can drop off small electronics (no TVs) and confidential documents for shredding at the Cox Solutions Store (340 Lewis Street, Ketchum).

2017 marks Clean Sweep's 23rd year and is slated to be our best yet. Come celebrate the ERC's longest running program while making a difference in making our community even more beautiful.

300 volunteers participate in our 2016 Clean Sweep event. This year let's set a new record.

Free Recycling Event at Cox Document Shredding & Electronics

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Grass Replacement Rebates

Replace your grass and get a 50% rebate up to \$2,000. Either an EPA WaterSense labeled irrigation controller or eligible soil moisture sensor kit rebated at 50% when purchased and installed as part of a grass replacement project.



Irrigation Upgrade Rebates

Either purchase and install an EPA WaterSense labeled irrigation controller or an eligible soil moisture sensor kit (as a standalone project; no grass replacement necessary), and get a 25% rebate up to \$125.

Open on April 1 to Hailey property owners; funds are limited.

WATER LESS. SAVE MONEY. BE A WATER SMARTY.

Check www.haileycityhall.org for program requirements and limitations. More information: 788-9830, x20



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Library Celebrates Earth Day

New Student Art Exhibit in April

Have you enjoyed the "Political Prisoners" student art exhibit at the Hailey Public Library? Prepare for more! New art from the Blaine County School students with an Earth Day theme will be put on display at the Hailey Public Library in mid-April. This is one of the ways that local students are working with our town to raise awareness of how important protection of the environment and the earth's natural resources are to them.



W.A.T.E.R.
Environmental Club members came to a recent Hailey City Council meeting to announce forthcoming grassroots initiatives to spur protection of our environment.