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Message from the Mayor

Regional Projects

September is a busy month for the City of Hailey to have input on regional projects. Here are two that I hope will garner interest and input from Hailey Citizens:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Travel Plan.

Most of the public lands around the City of Hailey are managed by the BLM. The trails west of town were the result of a partnership between Blaine County and the BLM. The BLM estimated 2,000 annual users: the most recent counts show 20,000! The BLM Travel Plan will result in new trails around the City of Hailey. I believe this trail system is a key component of our quality of life, and I support thoughtful input into the type and location of trails. Please come to the City Council meeting on September 25th, 2017 at 5:30 pm, or send comments directly to the BLM at: blm_id_wrvtmp@blm.gov.

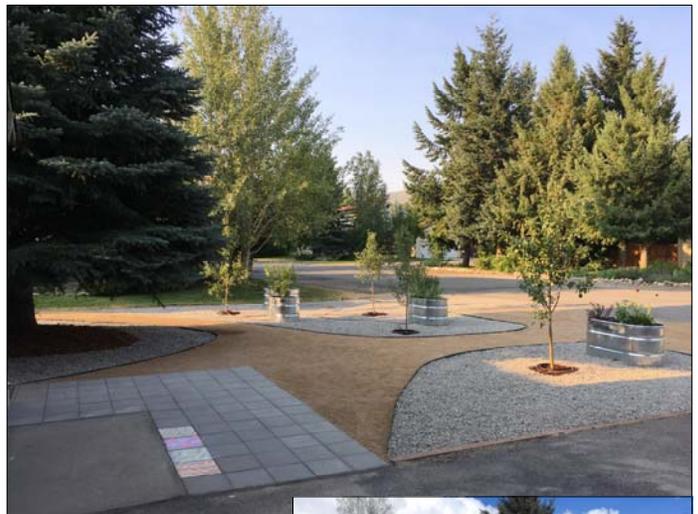
Hailey River Reach: Angela Drive to Colorado Gulch Bridge.

The City is working with a variety of project partners to plan for long-term health of the Big Wood River. A recent report from fluvial morphologist Ryan Colyer notes that, "Excessive sediment supply due to upstream erosion and channelization combined with insufficient sediment transport capacity through the Greenway [Hailey] reach caused sediment deposition and premature flooding through the Della View neighborhood in Hailey." We are working with the county, the Flood Control District, state and federal partners to develop long-term solutions that promote river health. Ryan Colyer will be in Hailey on October 10 and 11 to present his latest findings, and to outline short- and long-term project concepts. Stay tuned for meeting time and location.

Public Works

Water Smarty Rebate Program Has Funds, Plans Winter Workshop

This year's lawn replacement projects are wrapping up, but funds are still available for rebate projects in 2018. The project shown below removed nearly 2,000 square feet of lawn and replaced it with hardscape, fruit trees and drought tolerant plants. The project received a \$2,000 rebate from Water Smarty.



These homeowners removed their lawn, planted fruit trees, and installed a variety of hardscape materials.

To participate in the program, you must file a pre-application to reserve rebate funds. You can review the Water Smarty program guide on the City's website or call 788-9830 x20 for more information.

Rebate applicants must attend a water-wise workshop. A free workshop is planned for this winter, likely sometime in January. This will give participants time to plan their projects before spring. Watch this newsletter and the City's website for the exact date of the workshop.



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Calendar

City Council	9/7/17, 9/25/17
Planning & Zoning	9/11/17, second date as needed
Arts & Historic Preservation	9/14/17
Parks & Lands Board	9/13/17
Public Library Board	9/20/17
Tree Committee	9/14/17



2017 Park Adopters Keep Parks Looking Their Very Best

You may not know it, but there are 14 parks in the Hailey park system. That's a lot of green to maintain!

The Adopt a Park Program was founded in 2012. This year, there are seven adopters: C-U Next Storm, Clearwater Landscaping, G&G, Lily & Fern, Sun Valley Services, Swenke and Webb. These civic-minded companies provide a valuable service to the community by keeping your parks in tip-top shape. The condition of the parks adopted by these companies shows the quality of their work.

(cont'd) Clearwater (Keefer Park), Lily & Fern (Jimmy's Garden), Swenke (Hailey Skate Park) and Webb (Hop Porter) have been adopters since 2012. C-U Next Storm adopted Foxmoor Park in 2013. In 2015, G&G Landscaping adopted Balmoral Park and Sun Valley Services joined Lily & Fern in caring for Jimmy's Garden. The city is grateful to all park adopters; the parks are looking their best ever, thanks to you!

Half of Hailey's parks remain available for adoption. If your company is interested in adopting a park in 2018, or if you have questions, comments or ideas about the Adopt a Park Program, please contact Hailey Public Works at 788-9830, ext. 31.

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 dieback 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.

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THANK YOU!