



OUR TOWN

Where the High Desert Meets the Mountains

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Public Safety

Stop Theft Before It Happens

The Hailey Police Department would like to remind Hailey residents that the single greatest theft deterrent is simply locking doors and windows of your home and ensuring that your vehicle is always locked when unoccupied.

Other theft-prevention tips for when you leave your house unoccupied for several days or go on vacation:

- Don't leave exterior lights on; it signals that you are not home;
- Don't leave garbage cans out along the street;
- Leave window blinds in their normal position;
- If a vehicle is left parked outside, make sure your garage door opener is NOT in the vehicle;
- Stop mail and package deliveries or have a neighbor gather them up for you;
- Don't allow your lawn to grow long while you're away; arrange for the lawn to be mowed;
- Don't advertise your departure or vacation on social media. Wait until you're back home to post those fun photos!

With the advent of technology, there are many ways to monitor your home. In Hailey, you can let Hailey Police Department know that you will be gone, and we can do our part, within the normal course of public safety, to keep our eyes open in your neighborhoods.

Calendar	
City Council	04/02/2018
City Council	04/09/2018
City Council	04/23/2018
Planning & Zoning	04/16/2018
Arts & Historic Preservation...	04/12/2018
Joint Fire Board, Hailey WFRD	none
Parks & Lands Board	04/03/2018
Public Library Board	04/18/2018
Tree Committee	04/12/2018
Urban Renewal Agency.....	none

Emergency Preparedness

CITY OF HAILEY FLOOD PREPARATION

The best place to get current information about flooding or any other emergency is at the City of Hailey website.

At the top-right of Hailey homepage is an icon routing the viewer to Emergency Preparation Information, including current conditions and forecasts.



Hailey Parks

Give Your Ideas About Hailey's Parks

The Hailey Parks and Lands Board is looking for your ideas about Hailey's parks. We are conducting a survey to gather pertinent information on the parks within Hailey. Please follow the survey link and fill out the name of the park you are commenting on and provide as much information as you can. The survey can be taken more than just one time. It can be taken for each park you would like to comment on. Please find the survey at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F2373G6>

Long-term planning is the goal for this information gathering. Hailey will improve Balmoral Park this summer with \$156,000 in large grant funding and donated in-kind grant matches. The project was begun with a survey to find out what improvements park users most wanted. The results of the Balmoral survey will now be realized. We would like to hear your ideas about all of our parks through this survey.



Student Article

5-BEE Recycling

(by Rose Arandos and Britta Heaphy)

This Earth Day you are invited to join the Wood River High School W.A.T.E.R. Club (We Appreciate our Earth's Resources) in a showcase of environmental awareness art at the Hailey Library. From April 15-30, the library windows will display the W.A.T.E.R. Club's posters depicting recycling information for Wood River residents. These posters will later be placed in Mountain Rides' buses to inform and remind residents how and why to recycle here in the valley.

Additionally, the club's co-presidents will display the wrap they created that will cover the corrugated cardboard and glass recycling bins provided at the River Street Park and Ride lot and by the fire station on 3rd Street. The mission behind these wraps is to educate our community on the basic do's and don'ts of recycling corrugated cardboard and glass bottles at these sites.

The artwork used the design of the bee's honeycomb to create an eye-pleasing and simple visual aid that can help explain the limited items that can be put in the 'corrugated' or glass bins. We have divided both wraps into DO's and DON'Ts to show what can be recycled and what should not be left at the site. An early draft of this design can be seen below.



The W.A.T.E.R. Club's mascot, the Honeybee, was included on these informative art displays because of our club's previous work and dedication to conserving honeybees and other pollinators. We feel that recycling basic household materials and the conservation of pollinators are intertwined because, in their own ways, both of these seemingly small things are basic to conserving our environment. For this reason, we are introducing the honeybee (5 Bee) as our sustainability mascot.

WRHS Student Articles

We are pleased to continue a new feature of Our Town with local students contributing to the City's newsletter. The W.A.T.E.R. Club students were inspired by Tom Harned, owner of 5 Bee Hives who taught them about the importance of the honeybee life cycle to our environment.

Hailey Public Library April Events

Check out what's new in April. Complete details are at:
www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org and
www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary

Homebound Mail Delivery: A free service in which library materials are mailed to disabled or ill seniors unable to visit the library. Please call the library for an application. Scholarships are available for nonresident seniors.

In-between: Monday - Thursday 3:30 - 5:00 PM: an after school camp full of STEAM activities, games, crafts, and experiments!

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

First and Third Wednesday of the Month, Part two: April 4. New project April 18 & May 2, 5:30PM: *Hailey Sew & Sews*. Join us for sewing classes twice a month! All supplies are provided to create a unique craft each month. This month's craft is an apron. All experience levels welcome. 14 years old and up.

Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 PM: *Library Reads Book Club*. Each month, HPL hosts a book club with curated picks from library staff and special guests. This month's read is *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George.

Wednesday, April 11, 5:30 PM: *Friends of the Hailey Public Library meeting*.

Wednesday, April 18, 6:00 PM: *Board meeting*.

Tuesday, April 24, 5:30 PM: *Seeding the garden and indoor starts*. Learn with the Grange and the Hunger Coalition what seeds to choose, how to start them, and how to transplant.

Saturday, April 28, 2:00 PM: *Unveiling Jack the Ripper*. Lecture by Victorian Crime Scholar Frank Krone on the true story of the infamous serial killer of London.

April 17 Deadline -- - Property Tax Reduction Also Lowers City Utility Bills

Taxpayers who qualify for a property tax reduction with Blaine County, also known as "circuit breaker" reduction, will also benefit by a reduction in their City of Hailey utility bill, with no further paperwork. You must meet the County paperwork deadline of April 17, 2018.

For more information, please call Blaine County Assessors office at 208-788-5535 or visit their website:
<http://www.co.blaine.id.us/>

Events

ArborFest is Hailey's Prime Spring Event

Mark your calendars for ArborFest 2018! The event will be Saturday, May 12th at Hop Porter Park. Be prepared for good food, good music and good fun. And don't forget about the MUD RUN!!

Arborfest is an all-weather event designed for a great community, a community that wants to celebrate the outdoors, Arbor Day and all things trees. The event began in 2012 through the efforts of the Hailey Tree Committee and has flourished in Hop Porter Park as a day filled with fun, information, free tree seedlings, a tree planting, and a proclamation that Hailey continues to be a TREE CITY USA. And of course, there's the MUD RUN!



Tree Tip

Use Diverse Species in Tree Planting

As you plan your spring tree planting, there is much to think through; diversity of species is one of the most important elements. A diverse urban forest is the key to a healthy urban forest. The Hailey Tree Committee has created a Wood River Valley Tree Guide to help you select a diverse mix of trees for your property. Urban trees are less resistant to disease, and too many of the same type of species can result in a large population of the urban forest being wiped out by disease or blight. The focus of the WRV Tree Guide is to give information about the types of trees that will flourish beautifully and have a long and healthy life. Aspen, spruce and ash are NOT species that have a good chance of survival, as they are unable to withstand the spread of disease.

Ash is particularly susceptible to disease, with The **Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis* or EAB)** responsible for the destruction of tens of millions of ash trees in 30 states. There is an outbreak of EAB in Colorado and it is only a matter of time before it reaches Idaho and the Wood River Valley. One of the challenges in managing EAB is that infested trees typically do not display visual stress signs until they have been infested for 1-3 years. Ash trees lose most of their canopy within 2 years of infestation and die within 3-4 years. The beetle is very hearty and can survive temperatures between -22 degrees and 127 degrees Fahrenheit.

All 16 species of ash trees and White Fringetree are at risk from firewood, ash wood products, infested ash plantings and trees, ash wood packing material, ash wood debris and trimmings, including chips. These materials can spread the infestation even if no beetles are visible. Mature beetles can fly tree to tree but it is human activities that have greatly speeded up its spread.

Areas with infestations have a quarantine that prohibits the movement of all untreated plants and plant parts of the genus *Fraxinus* (all ash trees) out of the quarantined area and includes, but is not limited to:

- Logs and green lumber
- Ash nursery stock
- Chips and mulch, either composted or uncomposted
- Stumps, roots and branches
- Firewood of any non-coniferous (hardwood) species

You can call your neighborhood arborist with questions. The City's arborist, Stephanie Cook, can be reached at 788-9830 x 31. The WRV Tree Guide is on our website.



A Lawn Replacement Rebate Program

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

WATER LESS. SAVE MONEY. BE A WATER SMARTY.

Qualified Hailey residential properties: REPLACE YOUR LAWN AND RECEIVE A REBATE UP TO \$2,000.

Qualified Hailey commercial properties: REPLACE YOUR LAWN AND RECEIVE A REBATE UP TO \$7,500.

~ Program Rules and Limitations Apply ~

For more information:
www.watersmarty.org
788-9830 x17





Emergency Services

East Hailey Flooding

Portions of east Hailey, from Indian Creek, Quigley, and the Woodside hills, incurred flooding on March 22, 2018, when a significant rainfall onto snow and frozen ground brought run-off water streaming from the hillsides and canyons and onto City streets. The Hiawatha canal system carried most of the Indian Creek water. Hailey crews had set sandbags to divert water from Quigley into the Woodside canal systems. The canals worked as designed, carrying the water from Quigley safely past Woodside homes.

The streets of Woodside are also designed to channel flood waters away from homes. Fast flowing water deposited mud and rock onto Woodside streets, and cut deeply eroded trenches along the sides of streets and through some residential properties. Water flowed down Woodside Boulevard as designed in the 100-year flood plan, but even with improved drainage facilities the boulevard could not hold all the water, and it flowed from the streets into yards. The photo above shows the water that was carried on Winterhaven Drive.

Many residents tried to protect their homes with sandbags. Hailey provided a sand bagging station, closed roads as necessary, offered public information and monitored life safety during the flooding.

Public Works

Cleaning Up After the Flood

A deep layer of mud was left on city streets, after the flood waters subsided. On Friday, the day after the flooding, the blue skies were dressed with large clouds which threatened to gather into more rain. Hailey remained on flood watch, but began its cleanup efforts. Equipment was dispatched to clean the mud from the streets and barrow ditches, and a plan to repair the eroded trenches was begun. With the local asphalt plant closed until May, full restoration of the street erosion and potholes can not occur immediately.

Clean up work will include system repair & preliminary operation restoration, in which the City removes impediments from the drainage infrastructure in preparation for the next pending event. This work is mostly completed, with some barrow ditch and drainage structures still being cleaned up.

The City will also work to stabilize and protect City infrastructure in an effort to protect existing components, such as catch basins or drywells, from further sediment damage, or protecting street shoulders from additional erosion damage so they can survive the next pending event. Repairs which return the road to its original operating condition will occur in May or June, when conditions allow.

Resilient Landscapes for Resilient Communities Workshop Series



Thursday, April 26
DIY Steps for Irrigation Efficiency

Learn from an expert in irrigation about uniformity, soil, pressure, drip installation, and smart technologies. Travis McBride (Silver Creek Supply) can help you save 20-40% water in your existing or new landscape. Travis has trained industry professionals and is an expert on Hunter, Rainbird, Baseline and other systems. Come with your questions!

Cost: FREE
Register: No registration required; walk-ins welcome.
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Place:** Hailey City Hall

