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Water Conservaton

Thinking about a gravel parking area? Water Smarty has \$75,000 to help!

Water Smarty has \$75,000 available for lawn replacement rebate projects. In the last 30 days, \$25,000 in rebate funds has been reserved. Apply now to reserve your rebate before the funds are gone. Funding will expire this year.

Residential projects can receive up to a \$2,000 rebate. Multi-family and commercial projects can receive up to a \$7,500 rebate.



There are a number of eligibility requirements for both types of projects. To get started, go to www.watersmarty.org for the program details, application forms and resource information.

The program suits projects that plan to remove lawn and replace it with a permeable hardscape material, like crushed rock/gravel, pavers, or decomposed granite. Past projects have used these materials for extra parking, utility areas, patios, and walkways. Drought tolerant plants on a drip system can cover 25% of the project area.



Residential projects need not be large to qualify, which helps keep costs down. To be eligible, residential projects must remove a minimum of 500 square feet of lawn – that’s an area equal to 20 feet by 25 feet.

Residential rebate recipients must attend one water-wise workshop. On June 8 and 9, the Sawtooth Botanical Garden is

hosting workshops about native plants in the home landscape. Either workshop meets the Water Smarty education requirement for residential rebate projects. Please call the garden at 726-9358 or go to www.watersmarty.org for more details.

Public Works

Odd/Even Watering is in Effect

The Hailey Public Works Department reminds all citizens of the requirement to observe odd-even dates and watering time restrictions for irrigation. This law is upheld by using the following process when a violation occurs:

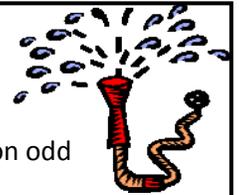
1st Violation - Door knob hanger with the violation marked

2nd Violation - Written violation letter from the City of Hailey

3rd Violation - Water turn off at the property with no further notice and a \$100 fee to reinstate water service.

When Can I Water?

- Even numbered addresses water on even numbered days.
- Odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days.
- Must water before 10 AM. and after 6 PM



Calendar

City Council	06/11/2018
City Council	06/25/2018
Planning & Zoning	06/04/2018
Planning & Zoning	06/18/2018
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	06/14/2018
Joint Fire Board Hailey WRFD.....	none
Parks & Lands Board	06/05/2018
Public Library Board.....	06/20/2018
Tree Committee	none
Urban Renewal Agency.....	06/14/2018
<i>*Independence Day Holiday ..</i>	<i>07/04/2018*</i>

** City Offices Closed **

A Student's View

Water Conservation—by Abbie Heaphy

The use and conservation of water should be of the utmost concern to the individuals residing in the Wood River Valley. It is important to understand the luxury water really is.

On the global scale the United States uses significantly more water than any other nation. But what is really important is how you, as an individual, can help reduce your water footprint and live a more sustainable life. In regards to lawn and garden maintenance, 60% of a person's household water footprint comes from lawn and garden maintenance. It is important to understand the climate that we live in, the dry and high elevation leads to the need for more water. Be aware of this when watering your lawn.

Here are some methods to sustainably use water:

Drip irrigation

The use of a drip irrigation system is one of the most efficient way to water plants with minimal waste of water. This method reduces water use by 30-70 percent, reduced evaporation, reduce of water use by weeds, and can be measured specifically to what you are growing.

Protect your soil

The soil in your yard/garden is a very important factor. Make sure to add organic matter such as compost (which can be easily made from kitchen trash such as fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, eggshells, grass/plant clippings, dry leaves, straw, shredded newspaper, ect) This will help the soil structure, helping it retain moisture at higher levels. Mulch your flower beds, base of shrubs and trees in order to prevent moisture for evaporating during dry spells (which are common within our community).

Reuse/recycle water

When it rains, collect the rainwater. It is as easy as putting a few buckets and watering cans on your porch when it is raining. You can also divert the water from your drainpipe into a water bucket, this water can then be used to irrigate your garden and yard.

Plant smart

As a viable option plant plants that need less water than others to grow. Some examples include lavender, palms, snow buckwheat, hot rock penstemon. This will allow for the conservation of water.

Protect Trees from Lawnmower and Weed Cutter Blight

The most common damage to young trees comes from lawnmowers and weed cutters scraping or cutting bark. Each time it happens, irreplaceable cells are killed just inside the bark. The tree needs this tissue to transport nutrients, put on diameter growth, and fend off disease and insect attacks. Use wood chips, compost or mulch to provide a protective circle around your young trees. This protective barrier also contributes to more rapid growth by retaining moisture, regulating soil temperature and eliminating competition from grass or weeds. The City of Hailey's arborist on staff, Stephanie Cook, can be reached at 208-788-9830 x 31.

Hailey Public Library

June Events

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

June is the start of Summer Reading!

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

Saturday, June 2, 2:00 PM: Thousands of tree carvings left behind by the Basques provide a glimpse into a segment of their lives. This presentation explores Basque arbor-glyphs and the insight they provide into this immigrant community.

Tuesday, June 12 & 26, 12:00 PM: *Lunch in the Park.* The Hunger Coalition, Blaine County School District and volunteers from the community are partnering to provide free, nourishing meals and activities for children 18 and under at Balmoral Park.

Tuesday, June 12, 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 Second Mrs. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers.

Summer In-beTween: Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30 PM starting June 13: activities for kids 9 - 12 full of STEAM activities, games, crafts, and experiments!

Wednesday, June 6, 5:30 PM: *Friends of the Hailey Public Library meeting.*

Tuesday, June 19, 2:00 PM: *Art in the Garden.* Join us at Hope Garden for stories and watercolor crafts a part of our summer reading program!

Wednesday, June 20, 6:00 PM: *Board meeting.*

Thursday, June 21, 5:30 PM: *Travel Tips w/Erin Rountree*

PATHWAYS FOR PEOPLE PROJECTS Work on Croy and 2nd Ave Begins

The City of Hailey is pleased to inform you we are commencing construction on one of the Pathways for People Levy projects.

The construction project will begin on Croy Street approximately June 4, 2018. This construction will require partial closing of the business portion of Croy Street, between Main and Second Avenue, during the first month of the project. Our intention is to have construction in this area cease the week of July 4 so that business can be conducted without obstruction during that important holiday. The remaining portion of the project on Croy Street from Second Avenue to the Wood River Trail Bike Path will be subject to construction and section closures from June through the end of August. This project is for the purpose of installing a bicycle-pedestrian track on the south side of Croy Street, from Main to the Wood River Trail Bike Path.



Additionally, Second Avenue will be treated with a chip-seal coating on about June 19, 2018. Thereafter, Second Avenue will have minor widening and will be striped to contain bicycle/pedestrian lanes on both sides of the street, with no center striping.

A preliminary construction schedule and the construction plan set showing the extents of the project can be found on the City of Hailey website located at: <https://www.haileycityhall.org>. An informational sign with portions of the construction plan set will also be placed within the impacted area during construction.

Idaho Materials & Construction is the general contractor on this project. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the City of Hailey, Public Works Director via email at brian.yeager@haileycityhall.org, or by phone at 208-727-7614.

Mayor's Remarks

Dedication of Jimmy's Garden The City of Hailey held a dedication at Jimmy's Garden, celebrating the Seagraves Foundation saving the park for public use last fall when it was put up for sale. The Seagraves Foundation contributed \$175,000 toward the City's \$200,000 purchase of the park. A grand splash was held on Saturday June 2, 2018 when the fountains were turned on, bands played, choruses sung, and a plaque was mounted in the park commemorating the Seagraves Foundation gift.



Myrtle Street Path Design Workshop June 12, 2018

The City of Hailey's Pathways for People levy will construct a separated, shared use path along the north side of Myrtle Street in east Hailey, connecting the Wood River Trails Bike Path to Main Street. The project is now under design and will be constructed in 2019.

The City of Hailey contracted with Galena Engineering to design the project. The engineers identified that the south side of Myrtle may be a better location for the path than the north side, as there are less underground utility conflicts and less driveways on the south side. Because the conceptual project envisioned a north side path, public dialogue about this issue is important. The City of Hailey and Galena Engineers will seek public input for the design. A public workshop for that purpose is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Hailey City Hall at 6 PM.

During the workshop, engineers and city staff will be present to show diagrams of a conceptual path layout on an aerial photograph, highlighting some key components and areas of the projects, such as a retaining wall area on the Myrtle Street slope between Fourth and Third Avenues, the area from Main Street to the first alley where the pathway will serve the business area, the Main Street pedestrian crossing, and a typical section of the path alignment, including roadside drainage and landscaping.

Within an informal workshop setting, engineers and city staff will present an overview of the project to be delivered to the entire group, with break-out groups taking comments at large whiteboards depicting areas of the project.

The public is invited to share their ideas to enable the City of Hailey to design the best project possible for our community needs, including the needs of business, residents, and students walking or biking to and from the Wood River Middle School.

Landscaping, Driveways, Drywells in the Right of Way

In many cases the public right of way is much wider than the paved surface of the street. Property owners who wish to place improvements in the right of way, (for example, landscaping, gardens, drywells or driveways), must first obtain an encroachment permit from the City. The permit is a means to ensure projects meet City requirements and do not impair traffic visibility, proper grade and drainage, or snow plowing operations. Without an approved encroachment permit, property owners risk the City requiring all the work performed in the right of way to be removed and the right of way returned to its prior condition. These permits can be revoked at anytime and the city is not responsible for any damage caused to work done in this area, from snow plowing or otherwise. However, with a permit at least the city has an opportunity to mitigate any risks or issues with property owners in advance versus requiring everything to be removed after the fact.

What is an encroachment?

An encroachment is any excavation, digging, paving, landscaping, or construction of an improvement or placement of personal property within an easement or right of way. Encroachments include, but are not limited to, fences, sidewalks, driveways, drywells, mailboxes, newspaper boxes, utility boxes and poles, trees (see tree article on page 3), shrubs, grass, sprinklers and other landscaping improvements.

What is a right of way?

Right of way means any property owned by or dedicated to the City for the purposes of providing city services and general circulation to the public. Such rights of way include, but are not limited to: public streets and the space between those streets and private property lines, alleys and sidewalks.

How do I locate my property line?

Several methods exist to locate property lines.

- The Blaine County GIS system (<http://maps.co.blaine.id.us/>) shows aerial views of properties with property lines.
- Locate the survey pins on your property.
- Determine the street width for your street (call the City at 788-9830 x20), and measure from the center of the roadway half the street width distance towards your house (less accurate, but can work for many purposes).

How do I obtain an Encroachment Permit?

File an Encroachment Permit application. An application fee is required at the time of submittal (\$50 for a residential application, \$75 for a commercial application). The city will review the application and prepare the permit. Inspection fees, if necessary, will be invoiced to the applicant, and are due when the permit is issued.

Emergency Services

Fireworks Restrictions

There are two restrictions on fireworks in Hailey City code. Aerial fireworks are **NOT** allowed at any time. The City of Hailey puts on a safe aerial display for our town. Nonaerial Common Fireworks may be used only during the restricted time periods below:

1. **Independence Days** - for the periods of time beginning at midnight July 1 and ending at midnight July 5.
2. **New Years** - beginning at midnight December 30 and ending at midnight January 1.

Safety Preparedness

Lightning Safety

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), there are about 25 million lightning strikes in the United States each year. While lightning mostly occurs during the summer months, it can happen at any time of the year. Talk with your family about staying safe during thunderstorms. Here are just a few lightning safety tips that the NWS offers if you are indoors:

- Stay off corded phones. You can use cellular or cordless phones;
- Don't touch electrical equipment such as computers, TVs, or cords. You can use the remote control safely;
- Stay away from windows and doors that might have small leaks around the sides to let in lightning;
- Stay off porches.

According to the NWS, if you are outside during a storm it is important to get inside a safe building or vehicle. You are NOT safe outdoors, but if you absolutely cannot get to safety, follow these tips to slightly lessen the threat of being struck by lightning:

- Avoid open fields, the top of a hill, or a ridge top;
- Stay away from tall, isolated trees or other tall objects. If you're in a forest, stay near a lower stand of trees;
- If you're in a group, spread out to avoid the current traveling between group members.