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Message from the Mayor

Make Comment on City Budget

We urge citizens to make comment on Hailey's proposed FY 2019 budget. The hearing for that purpose is at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018 in the Hailey City Council Chambers. The budget overview and details are available on the City's website www.haileycityhall.org. City services are delivered through the budget.

The theme of the FY19 Budget is to: (1) prevent employee turnover for targeted positions; and (2) provide the best possible living wage the City can afford for low paid employees. We have had some success with retention but attrition continues. The loss of critical employees has affected the City's ability to continue to provide our most essential functions.

To summarize, the increase in the budget from FY18 to FY19 is a 4.25% increase, up \$556,416.

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| FY 2018 Budget | <u>\$13,077,110</u> |
| FY 2019 Budget | <u>\$13,633,526</u> |

Just as the Council is tasked with the preparation of a budget, it is the duty of concerned citizens to appear at scheduled meeting on the budget to express any concerns. Idaho Code Section 50-1002 provides that "any interested person may appear and show cause, if any he has, why such proposed budget should not be adopted." The City encourages any and all public input on any aspect of the budget.

Hailey's Street Department Budget comprises 23% of the total General Fund Operations Budget. \$1,340,454 is budgeted for street operations including snow plowing and street maintenance such as pot-hole and shoulder repairs, chip sealing and crack-filling, striping, sidewalk repair, special events, Main Street tree lighting, flood control and repair of flood-damaged streets.

Street crewmen set the forms to pour a sidewalk replacement section in Old Hailey.

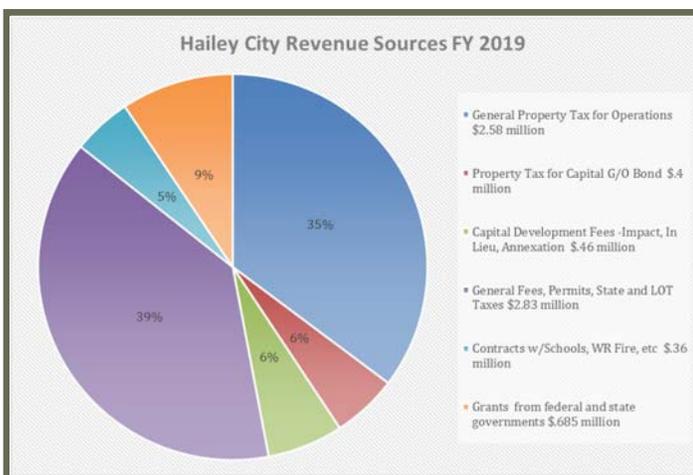


Hailey Arts and Historic Preservation Commission

The City of Hailey is seeking interested applicants to fill two vacancies on the Hailey Arts and Historic Preservation Commission. Applicants must be either a resident of the City of Hailey or its area of impact, or be employed/own a business devoted to the promotion of the arts or historic preservation. The Board meets monthly to discuss, support and provide leadership for the arts and history of the City of Hailey. Please submit letters of interest to lisa.horowitz@haileycityhall.org, or drop the letter off at Hailey City Hall, 115 South Main Street.

Calendar

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| City Council | 08/13/2018 |
| | 08/27/2018 |
| Planning & Zoning | 08/06/2018 |
| | 08/20/2018 |
| Arts & Historic Preservation..... | 08/09/2018 |
| Joint Fire Board Hailey WRFD..... | 08/08/2018 |
| Parks & Lands Board | 08/07/2018 |
| Public Library Board | 08/15/2018 |
| Tree Committee | none |
| Urban Renewal Agency | 08/09/2018 |



Hailey's Police Department Budget comprises 27% of the total General Fund Operations Budget. \$1,562,000 is budgeted for Hailey's 24 hour safety shifts, seven days per week. In addition to the officers, cars, and building space that are needed for police work, the budget also pays a portion of Blaine County dispatch services and records management services. HPD operates with 11 officers, 2 school resource officers and 1 administrative staff member. These 14 people share a fleet of 6 vehicles. Collectively, the people in this department have 127 years of service to the local public! They are proud of their crime "solve" rate.

Hailey Public Library August Events

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

No Friends of the Hailey Public Library Meeting

June 11 – September 4: *Summer Reading 2018.* Get signed up for a summer of fun, prizes and reading where reading takes you everywhere!

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

Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30 PM: *Summer In-between.* Activities for kids 9 - 12 full of STEAM activities, games, crafts, and experiments!

Thursday, August 9, 5:30 PM: *Virtual Reality in the Library.* Join us for an immersive experience in VR. Explore new tech like the Oculus Rift and phone VR kits with the help of a VR expert. Adults only, please.

Friday, August 10, 2:00 PM: *Summer Reading Ice Cream Social.* Join us at Hope Garden for stories and an ice cream party to celebrate summer reading program!

Friday, August 14, 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.

Wednesday, August 15, 6:00 PM: *Board meeting.*

Thursday, August 16, 5:30 PM: *Class 1 of 3. Ferment Me!* Turn your kitchen into a science experiment! Learn to create fermented products, how to source your ingredients and bring home your completed creations. Contact Julie Johnson with Nourish Me at (208) 928-7601 to register.

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ADOPT A PARK







THANK YOU!

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Hailey's Library Budget comprises 10% of the total General Fund Operations Budget. \$580,000 is budgeted for library operations, programs, books, e-books and computers. Hailey Library issues library cards to Hailey residents for no cost, and to non-residents for a fee, which is scheduled to increase. A public hearing on this fee increase will be held along with the budget hearing on August 13, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers at Hailey City Hall.



Water Conservation

Want a new patio, walkway, or parking area? Reserve your \$2,000 Water Smarty rebate now!

Water Smarty has funding available for grass replacement rebate projects. Residential projects can receive a 50% rebate, up to \$2,000. Multi-family, commercial or institutional projects can receive up to a \$7,500 rebate. There's still time this summer and early fall to complete your project and receive a rebate.

There are eligibility requirements for both types of projects. To get started, go to watersmarty.org for all of 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.

Don't delay! Time is running out! Plan your project and reserve your rebate today. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and is available for a limited time. Visit watersmarty.org or call (208) 788-9830 x17 for more information.



Parks

2018 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 five adopters: Clearwater Landscaping, G&G, 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.

Clearwater (Keefer Park), Swenke (Hailey Skate Park) and Webb (Hop Porter) have been adopters since 2012. In the following years, G&G Landscaping adopted Balmoral Park and Sun Valley Services began caring for Jimmy's Garden. The city is grateful to all park adopters; the parks are looking their best ever, thanks to you!

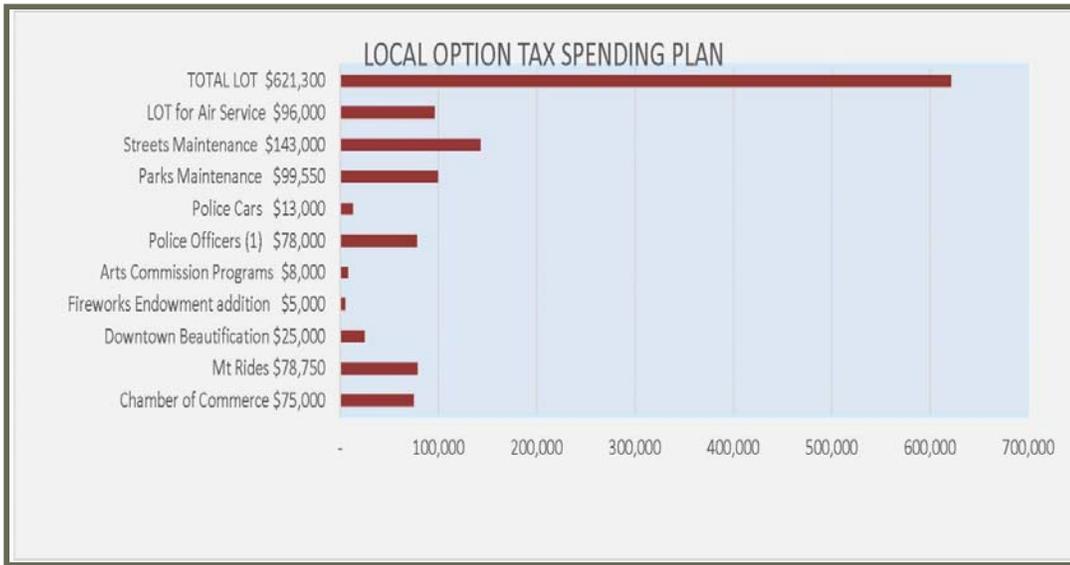


Clearwater Landscaping has adopted Keefer Park every year since 2012. Thank you, Clearwater!

Hailey's four largest parks fall into the Gold Leaf adoption category. This month we are featuring Clearwater Landscaping in our insert. The City of Hailey relies frequently on Clearwater's services, not only for Keefer Park adoption but for contracted services such as hanging our holiday lights on Main Street and weeding the Woodside roundabout flower bed.

Half of Hailey's parks remain available for adoption. If your company is interested in adopting a park in 2019 or if you have questions, comments or ideas about the Adopt a Park Program, please contact Hailey Public Works at 788-9830, ext. 20.





Hailey's LOT (Local Option Tax) serves to add diversity to Hailey's revenue. Most of the LOT is paid by people renting cars or hotel rooms. This revenue source comprises 11% of the total General Operations Budget allowing for \$621,300 in expenses designed to keep Hailey interesting, accessible, vibrant and safe for Hailey's residents and tourists.

Thanks to Chamber's Success with Fireworks Fundraising

The Hailey Chamber's Executive Director Mary Austin Crofts and Chamber Board raised the funds to pay for Hailey's annual fireworks show through several special events:

- Fundraising letter and personal contact campaign.
- A chili feed with Hailey Firefighters Association. Thanks to BOD members Todd Hunter and Patrick Buchanan who donated the prize money and Todd and Chris Roebuck for great raffle prizes. And, to Craig Aberbach and staff for an awesome partnership.
- A motoped raffle. Thanks to Christopher & Company and Sun Valley Auto.
- Wicked Spud fundraiser with lots of raffle prizes. Once again thanks to many Chamber Board members and businesses.
- Hailey Days of the Old West asks on the parade route.
- RiverFest celebration thanks to Stefany Mahoney, Michele Schwartz and Kelli Young from DL Evans. All organized by Board member, Mike McKenna of the Wood River Land Trust.

Hailey's Fire Department Budget comprises 11% of the total General Fund Operations Budget. \$634,742 is budgeted for Hailey's Fire Operations. The department is comprised of 3.5 full time employees and a volunteer staff who are paid per call to respond to emergencies of various kinds. Hailey Fire Department is highly focused on prevention. Trained staff review commercial building permits for proper installation of fire sprinkler systems. Trained staff and volunteers conduct the popular Fire Prevention Training each year in local schools. In addition to all their work within Hailey, staff respond to mutual aid calls, and support Wood River Fire under a contract by which Hailey's Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, and Inspectors conduct their work for both Hailey and Wood River Fire District.

Hailey's Community Development Department Budget comprises 7% of the total General Fund Operations Budget. \$424,437 is budgeted for all the planning, building, development and business licensing activity within the City of Hailey. In addition to regulatory work, this department supports the Hailey Art and Historic Preservation Commission, whose mission it is to support and develop public art within our town, and to review plans for historical buildings. Three staff members prepare materials for the Planning & Zoning Commission, and bring development applications to decision at both P&Z and Hailey City Council meetings.



Hailey Parks Division Manager Stephanie Cook (above) helps with the mowing of Woodside Boulevard.

Hailey's Park Budget comprises 7% of the total General Fund Operations Budget. \$449,000 is budgeted for parks operations to keep parks and public areas green, clean and full of vibrant activity. The Werthheimer Arena is considered one of our parks.

