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Hailey Parks Undergoing Renovation

Hop Porter Park Community Day Scheduled for Saturday June 30

(Hailey, Idaho) – Hailey Mayor Fritz Haemmerle is set on bringing the City of Hailey public spaces to a higher standard. After helping to beautify the downtown with holiday lights last winter, and flower baskets and new flags this summer, he launched the park system renovation program.

Weed control through spraying will begin in Hailey's parks on Wednesday, June 13 and continue for approximately one week, until completed. A weekly mowing schedule has been established for all parks. Dog control measures have been increased; dog owners will be expected to follow Hailey's leash laws in the parks and to pick up after their dogs using doggie bags. Trash will be removed frequently from the parks.

A Community Park Clean-Up day is scheduled for Saturday, June 30 2012 at Hop Porter Park. The community is invited to participate in trash pick-up, painting or staining of the pavilion, play structure, and picnic tables, repair and tightening of bolts and screws in benches and play equipment, cleaning up the mud pit area, and other general maintenance activities. Webb Landscaping has adopted the Hop Porter Park to perform weekly mowing and maintenance activities.

A Community Park Clean-Up day was held at the Skatepark in April, and City Parks Department personnel have been refining the care and beauty of that park since then in preparation of the June 23 grand re-opening event. A drinking fountain has been installed, a restroom ordered, and pavers put in over the worn grassy areas where skaters tend to access the park. A picnic area and more landscaping features, as well as frequent trash maintenance, have improved the quality of the park. Additionally, a group of volunteers have established a monitoring and mentoring adult group for the skaters. Swenke Landscaping has adopted the park to help with maintenance needs.

Keefer park soccer fields were the focus during May, when Mayor Haemmerle met with city staff and Sawtooth United Soccer to improve the playing fields at Keefer Park and to recondition that area. City crews are working on thatching and aerating the fields to better stimulate the growth of grass, and to apply weed control and fertilizer to the fields and park.

In early June Mike Beall of Hailey Co-Ed Softball League volunteered time at Lion's Park to repair fencing, bleachers, and manage weeds. A gazebo was added to the park by the Wood River Land Trust, and a footbridge to the wetlands area is under construction.



Other parks which have been adopted by local community members or businesses include

- Clearwater Landscaping's adoption of McKercher Park,
- Whitehead Landscaping's adoption of Balmoral Park, and
- Lily & Fern's adoption of specialty landscape features at Jimmy's Garden.
- Mountain Lifestyles Property Service's adoption of the Park & Ride Lot.

Mayor Haemmerle has encouraged residents and businesses within Hailey to use and own their parks, even if it means getting their hands dirty.

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