Message from the Mayor

New Year Marks Accomplishments

Happy New Year to all! We use this milestone to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and to preview just a bit of what is to come in the new year. We anticipate so much fruitfulness!

In a list of accomplishments, our best work shows in the final moments of the year, in the projects and activities that come out of the long-view, from strategic plans slow in their ripening and highly dependent on partnerships.

I am most proud of the opening of the new ARCH Senior Housing complex on South Main Street. Two buildings have been under construction on land that was originally Hailey’s Werthheimer Race Track, in the very heart of Hailey’s century-old community center. The current project has grown from a half-century of collaboration, beginning with the City of Hailey’s donation of land for a local hospital which was built upon that site. In time, a long-term care facility was added, known as Blaine Manor. Blaine County became a government partner in subsidizing the care of residents.

When long term care activities shifted to the private sector, the property went dormant, buildings demolished, some ancient trees were lost. But in time, Blaine County turned the land over to ARCH Community Housing Trust along with $500,000 seed money to construct a 30-unit apartment building for independent senior living, as well as a 30-unit family apartment building.

The City of Hailey continued to contribute funds for site improvements through its Urban Renewal Agency and expertise through its professional staff. The senior apartment facility opened in mid-December, 2021, and I was grateful, along with County Commissioner Jacob Greenberg and other ARCH affiliates, to cut the ribbon on this lovely new community amenity. The cycle of development on the land, intended for community enrichment and senior citizens has come full circle.

There are many other accomplishments from the year 2021 not listed here. I am grateful to the community, our partners, elected officials and Hailey City staff for the collaboration, innovation and pursuit of excellence in these projects.

Hailey Tree Committee

Help Wildlife!

It can be pretty cold and snowy outside. Have you thought about the wildlife?

- Trees give shelter and cover for countless species
- Trees provide food year round for many creatures
- Trees can be excellent nesting sites, not only for birds.

Plant a tree.

City of Hailey Tree Committee
The City of Hailey, Blaine County and its cities have recognized that the climate is rapidly changing. The City of Hailey decided to take a bold step to combat climate change; form a Resilience Team. The team is comprised of two new positions: a Resiliency Planner/City Planner and Grant Writer/Resilience Implementation. Approved and budgeted by Hailey City Council, the new staff members will further develop, implement, and support sustainability initiatives for the community.

The creation of these positions is an investment in Hailey’s future, so that the community can become more resilient to changes in climate and attain a higher level of sustainability. Having a position that is equal parts city planning as it is resiliency planning will ensure sustainability is assimilated into the very components of the city’s development.

As Hailey continues to expand, infrastructure and innovation will be necessary to meet the various sustainability goals outlined by the city. By creating a built environment that strengthens the natural environment, the health of Hailey and its citizens will continue to prosper for generations.

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself, the person behind the text and Hailey’s new Resiliency Planner/City Planner. My name is Paige Nied. I moved to the valley in December of 2018 after finishing college at the University of Pittsburgh where I studied Political Science. I moved here to be a ski instructor with the intention of applying to graduate schools for the upcoming fall semester. I was accepted into the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs for the fall of 2019.

Upon deciding what to study, I felt an existential crisis due to climate change and made the decision to be part of the climate solution.

I majored in Energy and Environment, which has given me vast exposure to policies and trends surrounding sustainability across the country.

During my graduate program I worked alongside government agencies, nonprofits and tribes to further their resiliency goals through projects focused on environmental regulation enforcement, renewable energy development and the implementation of sustainability policies.

I am honored to take on the position of Resiliency Planner/City Planner for the City of Hailey and make substantial strides in creating a better community and world for us all. I feel a deep connection to this valley that welcomed me back in 2018, where I was able to build a home and life of my own. We are so lucky to live and work in a place as quirky and unique as Hailey, rich in natural resources with strong leadership and institutional capacity.

I am determined to create a more sustainable and resilient Hailey for current and future generations. I believe that change exists at the confluence of passion and collaboration, which there is no shortage of in this city. Hailey has an exciting future ahead and I’m thrilled to be a part of it.

The City of Hailey warmly welcomes Paige Nied, the new Resilience Planner/City Planner. Paige will be working and collaborating with individuals county-wide to grow the City of Hailey’s Resilience Program and further facilitate a green community vision. We are very excited to welcome Paige to this position and the City of Hailey.

City Meeting Calendar

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*City offices will be closed on January 17th to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
East Croy to Quigley *TAP Project
We Want To Hear From You!
On Wednesday, January 12th, 2022, the City will hold a public workshop on design options for the East Croy St. Pathway TAP Project. This workshop will take place in the Upstairs Meeting Room at City Hall at 5:30 pm.

Join us to review and comment on the design options for the East Croy Street Pathway. If you cannot attend the workshop, please email your questions or comments to Bran.Yeager@hailey.cityhall.org.

Date: Wednesday, January 12
Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Where: Hailey City Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room, 115 S. Main St.
For more information call 208-788-9830 x1

* Transportation Alternatives Program.

Hailey’s Christmas “Tree-Cycling”
Send your dying Christmas tree off for a new life as mulch. Clear Creek Disposal will have collection locations at Lion’s Park on west Bullion Street. Please do NOT use the Park & Ride lot, that is for cardboard and glass recycling only.

Trees with all the decorations removed can be left at Lion’s Park through January 15. Trees are chipped into mulch or compost at the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station after being hauled there.

The Blaine County Transfer Station on Ohio Gulch Road accepts wood less than 18” in diameter and 8’ in length, Christmas trees (WITHOUT decorations, tinsel, lights, or stands), grass clippings, leaves, and untreated scrap wood. These items are ground into compost, which can be purchased by the public.

The Hailey Tree Committee Classes
Mark Your Calendars!

The City of Hailey and the Hailey Tree Committee are proud to announce fruit tree pruning classes this winter. A Zoom presentation will be hosted by the Hailey Library on February 24th, 5:30 PM to 7PM.

Fruit trees need pruning for two primary purposes: to establish a strong structure to support fruit production and to provide more light throughout the tree so that larger, better quality fruit can develop.

A well pruned tree is easier to maintain and to harvest, and adds aesthetic value to the home garden as well, but the primary reason for pruning is to ensure good access to sunlight. In general, the best time for pruning fruit trees is in late winter and early spring before buds break and trees are still dormant.

The History of New Year’s Resolutions
New Year’s resolutions weren’t always about losing weight or giving up smoking or exercising more. The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year’s resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year. A massive 12-day religious festival when the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises could be considered the forerunners of our New Year’s resolutions. If the Babylonians kept to their word, their gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of the gods’ favor—a place no one wanted to be.
Smart Recycling of Cardboard
The City of Hailey and Clear Creek Hauling have been providing convenient recycling services to our community for decades. We want to support the smart recycling of products that can be remade into new goods. At the same time we want our recycling programs to be efficient and Blaine County Recycling works constantly to make the sale of these goods of a superior quality that helps pay for the processes of pick up, processing and transportation.

Why do we want to recycle corrugated cardboard?
- Corrugated cardboard is the second most financially beneficial recycling element in our waste stream (aluminum cans get the highest payback for recycled materials. It is the most efficient to recycle, easy to find a buyer, and can be recycled indefinitely!)
- Corrugated cardboard is made of long, strong wood pulp that can be recycled about 7 times when mixed with new pulp material.
- Residents and local businesses get a lot of material shipped in corrugated cardboard so it is a huge part of our potential waste stream – which costs us money, fills our landfills, and requires more trees to be cut down to make new boxes.

What is Corrugated cardboard?
- Corrugated cardboard is the cardboard that is most often used for heavy duty shipping or storage type boxes but can also be found in some shoe boxes, toy boxes etc.
- All corrugated cardboard has the same structure – a wavy, waffle of brown paper sandwiched between two strong layers of cardboard paper.
- Corrugated cardboard is made of long, strong pieces of wood pulp to make it strong. Cereal boxes, egg cartons, paper and some packaging materials are made with glues and something more like sawdust pulp. These can not be used when recycling corrugated and should be thrown in your landfill trash cans.

How should we be recycling our corrugated Cardboard?
- Flatten your corrugated boxes before putting them in your vehicle and taking to the site! Tear-down boxes is easier to do in the comfort of your home and sometimes requires cutting tools. It will also save time at the recycling site and will guarantee that you are not bringing unwanted trash to the recycling site.
- Tip, greasy pizza boxes gum up recycling equipment and should just be put in your trash. (Sorry)
- Only drop off your corrugated cardboard if the site is open and has room for your materials. Cardboard should not be dropped off outside of the recycling receptacles when they are full or locked. Come back when the receptacle is open for more cardboard.

The City of Hailey has purchased a compacter to recycle all corrugated cardboard at the Park and Ride Recycling Site. If everyone uses this compacter correctly, it will save a lot of the trouble and costs of our current system and will hopefully guarantee a better product for selling at a better price into our future. Make sure to read through the steps for recycling corrugated to make sure you’re doing your best to make our corrugated recycling program work! The City is currently considering the hours the compacter will be open and available.
Meet Libby
Who's afraid of eBooks? Not you!
Because you signed up for a FREE 15-minute, one-on-one session, to learn how to access over 30,000 eBooks, 12,000 audiobooks, and 3,800 magazines from our Libby app! We will be offering one-on-one 15-minute sessions FOR FREE in January to learn how to download these products. Bring in your phone, tablet, or Kindle (we can show you how on our computer too.) Once you see how easy it is to download digital items, you can go back to being afraid of other things—like doing your own taxes!

Contact Laura at 208-788-2036 or email laura.primrose@haileypubliclibrary.org for more information.

Why are libraries the tallest buildings in the world?
Because they have so many stories!

“I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.”
— Jorge Luis Borges

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And in case you were curious...
“Quoi de plus punk que la bibliothèque publique?”
Hailey Public Library Fills Two Key Positions

Hailey Public Library recently filled two key positions, with Lee Dabney coming aboard as Youth Services Coordinator and Erin Yturri taking the helm as Collection Management Librarian. Dabney is a long-time Hailey resident, and Yturri recently relocated from the Boise area. Dabney has been involved with the Hailey Public Library for over a decade. First, as a volunteer, and most recently serving as the Library Board of Trustees President before stepping down at the end of a five-year term in September. Dabney has also worked at the Community Library in Ketchum since 2017 and will continue her storytime responsibilities. She received a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Vermont, Burlington.

Yturri comes from the Meridian District Library, where she was the Collection Development Librarian for over seven years. In 2010 she successfully opened the fourth branch of the Ada Community Libraries (ACL) and served as branch manager for three years. Yturri holds a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington.
**Hailey Snow Cube Event**

Plans are underway for Hailey’s 2nd Annual Snow Cube Event on Saturday, February 5th 2022. The event will take place on West Croy St. by the new Hailey Town building. Come join us! There will be music, a fire pit, and food. This year’s addition is a snowman building contest for kids 10 and under. The Hailey Public Library will hold a used book sale. Returning this year are last year’s champions Michelle and Bob Wiedderick of the Kiwanis Club. You can vote for your favorite snow cube carving at the Hailey Public Library from February 7th through February 13th during the Library’s open hours. Many thanks to 2021’s participants: Mountain Humane and the Barkin’ Basement, the Kiwanis Club, Hailey Fire Dept., Hailey Chamber of Commerce and the Campion Ice House, and ProjectToolSuccess and Idaho Basecamp!

**Hailey Workshop**

**When:** Wednesday, January 19th
**And Thursday, January 20th at 5:30 pm-7:30pm**
**Where:** 116 S. River St (the old Copy and Print Building)

**What:** You’re cordially invited to a workshop to assist in developing concepts and a program for the Town Center Master Plan. This includes the recently acquired Copy & Print Building at 116 S. River Street and the open space between it and the current Town Center Building (by City Hall and Hailey Public Library) on Main Street. This area will serve as a Community hub and event space, a model for sustainable Redevelopment, and encourage community connection.
Snow Removal and No Parking

Snow Reminders:

Winter Parking
Restrictions Began
November 1st

Winter Is Here – Please remove personal belongings from the City right of way; items not removed may be damaged during plowing operations. The city is not responsible for any damage that may occur.

Parking Restrictions Reminder – No overnight parking (12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.) of any kind within any City right of way between Nov. 1 and May 1. Where there is no improved curb and gutter, vehicles must be at least 6 feet off edge of asphalt. Illegally parked vehicles may be towed without notice and at the owner’s expense.

Snow on Car Roofs Reminder- Please take time and remove all the snow from your vehicle so it doesn’t slide onto the road or hit other vehicles.

PRIORITY OF STREETS
- Main arterials that provide a minimum network connecting hospitals, police and fire stations.
- Arterials and traffic collector streets, bus routes, around schools, and Main St. and school connection sidewalks
- All other significant traffic volume streets, known problem spots (intersections, hills, etc.), and east Woodside Blvd. sidewalks
- All remaining streets, including residential streets.

If a snow event is large or if storms come back-to-back, it takes the entire crew to keep priority 1, 2, and 3 routes open.

DRIVEWAYS
Clearing driveway openings is the responsibility of the property owner. During snowstorm plowing operations, plow blades cannot be lifted as they pass by a driveway, so snow will be plowed into driveways as we come down your street. You may wish to clear your driveway several times during the storm or wait until the storm and plowing activities have ended.

It is unlawful to plow, blow, shovel or throw snow onto the street (or any public way), or to bury traffic regulatory signs, when clearing driveways.

When the City grades, or “peels,” the street during maintenance operations, we clear driveways of peeled material. This type of maintenance occurs long after snowstorm plowing operations. As loaders clear the peeled material, operators typically (though not always) push the pile to the downstream side of your driveway (the right side of your driveway as you face the street).

SIDEWALKS
The city clears sidewalks with improved curb and gutter in the downtown commercial district and on the east side of Woodside Blvd. As resources permit, the City clears sidewalks on the west side of Woodside. In a big storm, the west side may never be cleared.

We live in snow country. Please prepare for snow removal operations. Thank you for your patience.

We’re all in this together
We know it has been a challenge for all of us to deal with icy roads, blocked driveways, and cold temperatures and so we thought this would be a good time to remind us all that there is a rhyme and reason to the snow removal process and ask for your patience as our workers try to keep up with the demand this past month’s snow events have presented.

We appreciate your support and assistance. We rely on citizens to do their part when it snows. We recognize it’s a big job and thank you for your efforts. Let’s all have a safe and happy winter!

WHEN IT SNOWS:
Less than 3”, we sand, de-ice and clear sidewalks as needed.
More than 3”, we plow, typically at nighttime for maximum efficiency. The timing of the start and duration of snow removal operations is dependent on the timing and severity of the storm.