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City of Hailey

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Message from the Mayor

Cardboard Compactor Installed

Changes have finally come to the cardboard and glass collection sites in Hailey. Decisions were made last summer to clean up the cardboard recycling program in Hailey, exchanging the massive row of constantly overflowing cardboard



dumpsters with a single cardboard compactor. The compactor was installed last week, and was put into operation on February 1, 2022 at the Hailey Park & Ride Lot at the corner of River and Bullion Streets.

The compactor saves money and carbon emissions. Residential rates include \$2.00 per month for cardboard and glass hauling from Hailey to the Blaine County Recycling Center, a lower price than was in our old rates.



Speaking of rates, the Hailey City Council also changed the rate structure to reward recycling in other ways. When customers divert recyclable materials from their trash cart to their blue bins (paper, plastic, and tin) or reduce their trash by utilizing the cardboard compactor and glass dumpster, they may save enough space in their trash cart to be able to order a smaller cart.

These smaller carts are less expensive overall due to size, and the price per gallon is also less. But don't go too small: Clear Creek

reports that their largest increase in billing is due to overflow charges on trash carts stuffed too full.

Remember, if the trash cart lid is not fully closed, an overflow charge will be applied. Those add up, as does the debris pulled out by magpies, crows, raccoons, squirrels and dogs.

ONLY
CLEAN
CORRUGATED
CARDBOARD



NO
PACKAGING
MATERIALS



You can't live without it.

Oxygen

It is proposed that one large tree can:

- * provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to four people
- * absorb up to 48 pounds of carbon dioxide every year.

More than 20% of the world's oxygen is produced in the Amazon Rainforest.

One small act is never considered inconsequential so

Plant a tree.

City of Hailey Tree Committee



Low-cost Actions Can Reduce Carbon and Change our Footprint

Everyday choices have an impact on sustainability. Sustainable living involves practicing a lifestyle that uses as minimal natural resources as possible to slow climate change and reduce our footprint. How do we do this? It doesn't have to be massive life changing decisions; it's about being aware of your resource consumption.

A simple way to reduce your daily footprint is to identify and unplug idle, or always-on electronic devices and appliances in your home. Electronics are deeply embedded in our culture. On and off do not simply mean on and off anymore. Most plugged in electronics consume electricity around the clock, even when it looks like they're "off." Idle electronics come at a steep price, both financially and environmentally. The Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) found that:

- Inactive, turned-on electronics translates to \$19 billion a year in energy expenses, averaging \$165 annually per U.S. household – which is equivalent to the electricity generated by 50 large fossil fuel power plants
- A quarter of all residential energy consumption is used on electronics in idle mode
- If all homes in the U.S. reduced their idle electronic energy consumption, consumers would save \$8 billion annually on utility bills, avoid 64 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity use per year, and prevent 44 million metric tons of carbon dioxide pollution

Low-cost actions can change this! The NRDC has developed a step-by-step action guide to help consumers identify, measure, and reduce energy consumption. Achieving a more sustainable lifestyle is not reliant on one large action, it's the accumulation of small everyday actions. Consumers are unlikely to change their actions if they are uninformed of environmental consequences. Never underestimate the power of conversation and its ability to spark change.



As a Resiliency Planner, my job is to incorporate sustainability initiatives into the Hailey Municipal Code. Our Department has recently put forth code amendments requiring new residential developments of single-family homes and townhomes, as well as for substantial remodels, to be solar ready and electric vehicle ready by requiring infrastructure in place for cost effective future installations of solar panels and electric vehicle chargers.

We have also drafted a text amendment which focuses on the City's clean energy goals which encourage electric utilities and make natural gas optional.

With input and expertise from local green builders, we are updating the prescriptive list of energy conserving techniques which developers and property owners must utilize to be compliant with code. This new section of code is undergoing a complete transformation and will be much more expansive to allow for flexibility and innovation in code compliance.

Paige Nied, Resiliency Planner



City Meeting Calendar

City Council.....	02/14/2022
City Council	02/28/2022
Planning & Zoning	02/07/2022
Planning & Zoning.....	02/22/2022
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	02/08/2022
Library Board.....	02/15/2022
Parks & Lands Board.....	02/23/2022
Tree Committee	02/10/2022
Urban Renewal Agency.....	02/08/2022

*All City offices will be closed on February 21st
in honor of President's Day*

Boards and Commissions

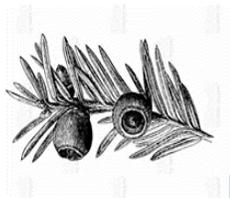
Leadership Positions Appointed

- Kaz Thea and Heidi Husbands took oaths of office in January, to serve 4-year term
- Thea was reelected City Council president
- Nate Hart will continue to represent the City of Hailey on the Blaine County Housing Authority Board and Councilman Sam Linnet will serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member to the board
- Mayor Martha Burke has replaced Hailey City Councilman Juan Martinez as a member of the Mountain Rides Transportation Authority Board
- Two eTree Committee positions have been filled by incumbent member Katie Van Hess and new appointee Kelsey Paxon.
- Susan Giannettino and Frank Rowland were reappointed to 3-year terms on the Hailey Arts and Historic Preservation Commission; Gwen Mesce was reappointed to a 1-year term

Hailey Tree Committee

Just say NO to yew!!

By now you have heard the sad news about the death of elk north of Hailey due to ingestion of yew leaves and branches. Winter is tough enough on wildlife as it is, without the threat of highly toxic yew plants in our landscapes. Yews have soft, evergreen, dark green, flat needles and female plants may have red berries. Just a small amount of leaves, stems, roots or seeds are toxic to elk, deer, horses, cattle, antelope, dogs and people!



In 2016 a Blaine County ordinance was passed **banning the planting, possession or sale of ANY yew plants**, and it also illegal in City of Hailey. Covering a yew tree or shrub with burlap for the winter IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. Only careful removal of all parts of the yew and its roots is ACCEPTABLE. All plant parts must be put in the trash – no composting!

Help us prevent more needless risk to wildlife, children and pets!

Winter Trail Restrictions

No Dogs on Uphill Trails in East Hailey

A No-Dog's on Uphill Trails restriction was put into effect last month, prohibiting dog-walkers from engaging in uphill activities in East Hailey, specifically at Red Devil/Hangman/Quigley/Cutter hillsides and Olympia Gulch immediately East of the Woodside neighborhood. The City of Hailey worked in conjunction with the BLM Shoshone Field Office and Wood River Land Trust to institute this ruling. Dog walkers can continue to use Quigley Road, the northern section of the Quigley loop trail, the flat trails at the base of the hills in Cutter's and the Woodside Toe-Of-The-Hill trail. The restriction will remain in effect until further notice. Signs have been posted at all main access points.

In addition to the no-dog restriction, user etiquette signs have also been posted reminding people to look before you go. If you see deer or elk in the area you intend to go, you should not continue. Even human presence without dogs can startle wildlife. All recreationists need to consider their potential impacts to deer and elk and adjust their plans accordingly to minimize impacts which may displace or prevent wildlife from using critical winter range habitats, which are typically south-facing slopes throughout the Wood River Valley.

Deer and elk must minimize expending their stored energy reserves in winter because of reduced available habitat, especially high-quality food. Therefore, the Cities and County encourage residents to keep dogs on a leash. There are many deer and elk within neighborhoods, subdivisions and along the bike path. Keeping dogs leashed will reduce the chances of wildlife being chased through neighborhoods and parks.

For additional information see the wildlife smart communities website, <https://wrwildlifesmart.org/seasonal-restrictions-for-wildlife/> or contact BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner John Kurtz at 208-732-7296, City of Hailey Community Development Director Lisa Horowitz at 208-788-9815 or Wood River Land Trust Lands Program Manager Keri York at 208-788-3947.

Hailey Public Library

Hispanic Offerings Strengthened

The Hailey Public Library is wrapping up a yearlong, grant-funded initiative to strengthen its relationship with the Hispanic community and expand offerings to better reflect their needs and aspirations. HPL was one of 300 libraries nationwide to receive a competitive American Library Association's Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries grant which came with \$3,000 to support follow up actions based on what staff learned.

Library staff and Hispanic Advisors group hosted 2 informal listening conversations this summer at Balmoral Park. Participants brainstormed dozens of suggestions for new and improved programs, collections and services for all ages. The Advisors then reviewed and prioritized participant's ideas for implementation in the next 4-6 months.

Project Director and HPL Program Manager Kristin Fletcher commented, "Hailey's richly diverse population is over 30% Hispanic but we realized only a fraction uses the library's services. Through this initiative we learned a lot about what barriers exist and ways to create a more welcoming environment and expand our collections, programs and services.

HPL used funds to purchase almost 200 Spanish/bilingual books, about 2/3's for children, and rearranged the Children's Library to prominently feature them. New programs include a free, 6-week Conversacion de Ingles for native Spanish speakers taught by tutor Leonardo Padilla Sacha starting January 21.

In February, HPL will host a monthly Spanish language movie night featuring well known Latinx actors and directors, including special movies for kids. A monthly bilingual StoryTime read by Hispanic community leaders will also launch in February. This spring, HPL will offer a monthly Tertulia, a Peruvian word meaning an informal gathering with the purpose of sharing conversation and cultural experiences, often about books, movies or current affairs.

"One of our library's most cherished values is to provide equal access to resources for the entire community in a safe and welcoming environment," stated Library Director Lyn Drewien, "We were honored to be chosen for this amazing opportunity and have learned so much from our Hispanic neighbors over the past year."

For more information visit www.haileypubliclibrary.org



Open invitation to the
Friends of the Hailey Public Library
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday February 9th
5:45PM – On-Line Social. Visit with old and new Friends
6:00PM – Sort and Sweet Meeting via ZOOM
[CLICK HERE TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637824891)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637824891>
Learn what fabulous things we did this year and
what excitement we have planned for the
upcoming year.
Contact haileylibraryfriends@gmail.com or
208-309-1774 for more info.

Hailey's Police Chief Joins the UASI

Hailey's Chief of Police, Steve England, has accepted an invitation from *Unity Alliance of Southern Idaho* and is now 1 of 4 Law Enforcement representatives on its Board. This non-profit corporation was formed to promote understanding of the value of all immigrants and their contributions to the region's competitive economy, workforce, and communities.

Unity Alliance of Southern Idaho supports understanding of how all immigrants contribute to our region's economy, way of life, and values. The board and staff act in ways that bring people together to support immigrants. Through leadership, advocacy, and educational programs, its aim is to create a regional identity based on unity, diversity, & mutual respect.



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Hailey Public Library Newsletter



Hailey Public Library Assembles a Teen Advisory Board

The Hailey Public Library is looking for community-minded individuals, ages 12-18, to serve on our Teen Advisory Board. The members will make recommendations for the design of the teen area, including the selection of furnishings and tech equipment. Teen advisory members also provide input to staff on library collections, programming, and services. If you would like to take an active role in defining the library space for our community youth today and in the future, please visit the Careers tab at haileypubliclibrary.org to complete a short application.

HPL Also Seeks Teen Interns

HPL is looking to hire two motivated teen interns passionate about their community. This position will be teen-driven, adult-guided, and paid! Serve on the teen advisory board, create engaging initiatives that connect, and foster a fun environment. Applications can be found under the Careers tab at haileypubliclibrary.org and are due by February 11, 2022.



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Upcoming Events

For more information visit our Programs page on our website.

Conversational English

Fridays, January 21-February 25, 4:00-5:30 PM

Conversacion de Ingles

Viernes, Enero 21 a Febrero 25, 4:00-5:30 PM

Winter Read - "A River Runs Through It"

January 31 - March 11

Amnesty International Teen Book Club

Thursday, February 3 & March 3, 5:00 PM

Library Reads Book Club

Nomadland - Online
Tuesday, February 8, 5:30 PM

Stream Ecology Today - Online

Thursday, February 10, 5:30 PM

Presidents' Day Closure

Monday, February 21

StoryWalk®

on the Bike Path

February 18 - March 4

The Art of Fruit Tree Pruning - Online

Thursday, February 24, 5:30 PM



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Hailey Public Library Brings Back Blind Date with a Book

Pick a book, win a prize!

Stop by the library during the month of February to pick up a gift wrapped book chosen by the HPL librarians. Read as much as you want of your Blind Date book, and fill out a quick survey to be entered to win a \$50 gift card to daVinci's in Hailey! The winner will be announced in March. Will you discover true love in the pages? Or leave before the check arrives?

How do librarians flirt?
They ask for your call number.

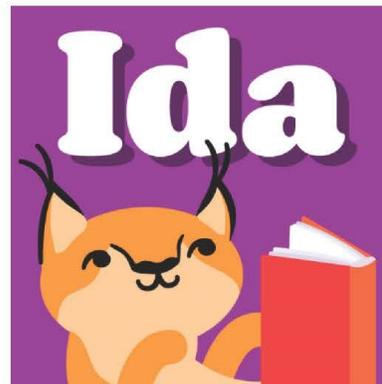
"Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life." -Mark Twain

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- Place holds
- Check out books from your phone when you're inside the library
- Manage your account

View our events and eBranch resources



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Yep, your library card gives you access to CR articles back to 1985! And CR Buying Guides articles back to 1999, so you can party like it's, well, you know.

"How do I access this amazing information?" Simply go to our website: haileypubliclibrary.org, click on the eBranch tab, then Libraries Linking Idaho, and click on the letter "C". Scroll down until you see the link for Consumer Reports and click on Access Resource. Viola! (I learn French from the Pronunciator database.)

Now, you have access to thousands of CR articles. If you get "stuck/lost", just give us a call, and we will be happy to get you back on track.

See how smart you are! But you already knew that, 'cause you've got a library card.



➤ Do not walk or drive through flood waters. A car can easily be carried away in just two feet of water, and 6 inches of moving water can knock you off your feet! Do not attempt to drive or wade through deep pockets of water or running washes. Unstable banks should be avoided.

- Develop an evacuation plan for your family.
- Avoid low-lying areas. Seek shelter in the highest areas possible.

What should you do after a flood?

- Listen to the radio for emergency instructions.
- Avoid driving if possible.



2017 Flooding in Hailey

- Follow established permitting procedures for property damage repairs:
 - Select a contractor who is licensed in his trade.
 - Require your contractors to obtain the proper permits for work being performed. Permits are required for any permanent improvement (including roofing, siding, additions, alterations, etc.) to a structure and for site work such as grading, filling, etc.
- Questions about permits or contractor licensing may be addressed to the City of Hailey Building Department at (208) 788-9815

➤ **Recognize the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains to help reduce flooding:** Floodplains are a natural component of the environment. Understanding and protecting the natural functions of floodplains helps reduce flood damage and protect resources. When flooding spreads out across the floodplain, its energy is dissipated, which results in lower flood flows downstream, reduced erosion of the streambank and channel, deposition of sediments higher in the watershed and improved groundwater recharge. Floodplains are scenic, valued wildlife habitat, and suitable for farming. Don't pour oil, grease, pesticides or other pollutants down storm drains or into ditches or streams, so that they and the habitat they provide can continue to serve their beneficial functions.

For more information about flood safety or the NFIP, please note the following: <http://www.haileycityhall.org/www.ready.gov/floods>

www.floodsmart.gov
NFIP: 1-888-FLOOD29

This information is provided by the City of Hailey and is applicable to properties within the limits of the City. If you reside in a jurisdiction other than the City of Hailey, contact your regulatory authority for information. Please contact the City Floodplain Administrator with questions at (208) 788-9815 or via U.S. mail.



2017 Flooding in Hailey



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A FLOOD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



MANY AREAS IN HAILEY ARE IN OR NEAR A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA.

History of Flooding in the City of Hailey. The City is susceptible to flooding associated with spring runoff of the Big Wood River, and with sheet flooding during unusual weather events.



2017 Flooding in Hailey

Each year as the water rises during the spring there is a potential for flooding in many areas including the Della View Subdivision area near Heagle Park, as was seen in 2006 and 2017. Quigley Creek experienced flashfloods event associated with heavy rain on frozen ground during the winters of 1963 and, more recently, in 2018.

Did you know?

In a high-risk area, your home is more likely to be damaged by flood than by fire. Floods are the #1 natural disaster in the United States.

What is considered a flood?

- A Flood is a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of 2 or more acres of normally dry land area or of 2 or more properties from:
 - *Overflow of inland waters; or*
 - *Unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source; or*
 - *Mudflow*

What should you do before a flood?

- **Determine if your property is located in an area subject to flooding.** The following areas have a known potential for flooding in the City of Hailey:

Della View — **Cedar Bend**
Birdwood — **Broadford Estates**

This is not a complete list of areas that are within flood zones, but rather a list of areas with documented flooding problems. If your neighborhood is not listed, your property may still be within a flood zone, as designated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps. Upon request, the Floodplain Administrator at (208) 788-9815, will make free flood zone determinations for properties within the City. The building department maintains elevation certificates for many properties within the city which are also available for review.

- **Purchase flood insurance on your property.** Flooding is not covered by a standard homeowner's insurance policy and must be purchased through a separate flood insurance policy. Coverage is available for the building itself as well as for the contents of the building. The City of Hailey participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which allows all homeowners, whether in a floodplain or not, to purchase federally backed flood insurance for all structures. Note that there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect. More than 25 percent of NFIP claims are filed by properties located outside the floodplain, also known as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Contact your insurance agency

for more information and visit floodsmart.gov, the official site of the NFIP.

- **Maintain drainage channels and pipes free of obstruction and debris.** The City of Hailey performs cleaning and maintenance activities on the drainage channels and pipes in City easements & rights-of-way in accordance with an established schedule and other standard operating procedures. Residents are encouraged to assist in maintaining the drainage in their areas by removing or reporting obstructions (such as shopping carts, leaves, debris, trash, etc.). Keeping drainage channels free of obstructions reduces flooding in the event of heavy rains. By way of City ordinance, it is illegal to dump trash, leaves, landscape debris, paint, grease, or any other material into any portion of the City's drainage system. Such dumping can have devastating impacts on water quality in addition to causing flooding. To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding drainage system maintenance, please contact the Public Works Department at (208) 788-9830

- **Protect your property from the hazards of flooding and wind.** Various methods may be used to minimize flooding. If the floor level of your property is lower than the "Base Flood Elevation" (elevation of the 100-year flood, based on the FEMA maps), consider elevating your structure to the Flood Protection Elevation, if possible. Brochures discussing flood proofing and other mitigation measures are available in Hailey City Hall and Hailey Public Library. If a flood is imminent, property can be protected by sandbagging areas subject to the entry of water into living spaces. The City of Hailey will make site visits to provide one-on-one advice to a property owner regarding flooding and drainage issues on private property. We also have site specific information for some parcels within Hailey. For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at (208) 788-9815
- **Meet improvement requirements.** The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that if the cost of reconstruction, additions, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must also

be brought up to the same standards. For example, a residence damaged so that the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the building's value before it was damaged must be elevated to the Flood Protection Elevation (2 feet above the base flood elevation). Please contact the Building Department at (208) 788-9815 for more information.

- **Meet permitting requirements.** All development within the SFHA requires a Floodplain Development Permit in addition to any required building permit. Always check and fulfill permitting requirements with the Building Department at (208) 788-9815 and/or the Floodplain Administrator at (208) 788-9815 before you build on, alter, fill, or re-grade on any portion of your property and/or within any easement or right-of-way. Also, contact either of the numbers above to report any suspected permitting violations.

- **Keep an emergency**

supply.

Non-perishable food, water, batteries, flashlights, a manual can opener, and a battery-operated radio should be kept available.



What should you do during a flood?

- If your property is in imminent danger of flooding, please contact Idaho Power at (800) 488-6151 and/or Intermountain Gas at (877) 777-7474 to request that your power and natural gas be shut off, or for guidance on how to do it yourself. Call either organization regarding any other electrical or natural gas emergencies.
- Move all valuables, furniture, and HVAC equipment to higher areas of the dwelling to minimize damages.
- Visit www.blainceemergency.org or tune-in to local commercial radio or television stations (KECH – 95.3 FM or KSKI – 94.5 FM), or NOAA Weather Radio (frequency 162.450) for Watch and Warning Bulletins and any corresponding emergency instructions. If evacuations are called for, it is imperative that you follow instructions in the time frame noted.