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City of Hailey

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Message from the Mayor

2nd Snow Carving Event A Success

The City doesn't enter into the business of event production often. We are proud of our charming, small-town quirky signature events. Our best known is our annual July 4th Independence Day parade, fireworks and community celebration. A few less well known have become community favorites through the years, such as the Arborfest Mud Run, and now another has walked onto the winter stage; 7 Nights of Snow & Lights Snow Carving Event!

Our goals for our events are to build community pride and well-being, to increase activity within Hailey's downtown core and to generally increase the economy for Hailey businesses within a festive setting.

Hailey's 2nd Annual Snow Carving event was fun and successful. We are pleased it met our goals and are grateful to all involved. The snow blocks were carved into artwork by nine talented teams:

- The Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence
- Boulder Mountain Clayworks & BACA
- Grocery Outlet
- Kiwanis Club
- Liberty Theatre Company
- Outdoor Hispanic Leaders & The Community Table
- NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Wood River Legacy Softball Association
- Blaine County First Responders monument



Above Photo by Carol Waller



The Chamber, otherwise known as Discover Wood River Valley, sponsored and promoted this event.

Other sponsors made the Snow Carving possible through their generosity, including:

**Atkinson's Market
Big Belly Deli
Black Owl Coffee
Grocery Outlet
Hailey Coffee Company
Karl Malone Ford
Men's Second Chance Living
Pioneer Federal Credit Union
& an anonymous donor.**

The City and Chamber would like to thank everyone who helped make Hailey's newest winter event a success with our community coming together to enjoy the public performing art of sculpting.

Congratulations to the 2022 winners:

- 1st: Kiwanis Club
- 2nd: Grocery Outlet
- 3rd: BACA/Boulder Mountain Clayworks
- 4th: Liberty Theatre Company

Trees.....not unlike us!

- *Trees share their food.
- *They defend their offspring
- *They communicate with each other, often over vast distances.
- **"Mothertrees" pass on their genes.

Get to know them.

Internet: TEDSummit: How trees talk to each other.

Read: The Hidden Life of Trees

Plant a tree.

City of Hailey Tree Committee



Hailey's Sunbeam Subdivision First in Nation to Achieve NGBS Four-Star Rating

Paige Nied, Resiliency Planner

DID YOU KNOW that the Sunbeam Subdivision in Hailey was the first in the state and country to achieve the highest rating of four-stars for the National Green Building Standards (NGBS) Land Development certification under the new 2020 guidelines? The rigorous rating system covers the design, planning and development of residential and mixed-use green communities and offers four levels of certification, one- to four-stars.

The NGBS Land Development certification is based on a point system with a minimum number of points needed for each



certification level which encompasses practices of Project Team, Lot Selection, Lot Design, Lot Construction and Innovative Practices sections. The Sunbeam Subdivision Phase 1 was awarded with a total of 191 points, exceeding the minimum requirement of 176 points to achieve the highest performance level rating of four-stars.

Sunbeam incorporates diverse lot sizes with 70 residential parcels varying from 0.13 to .75 acres. The range of lot sizes and configurations will offer options to a variety of income categories and greatly aid the ongoing housing shortage in the community. The conservation of energy and water were the guiding principles of Sunbeam. The developer's plan is to prewire each unit for the future installation of a solar energy system. Moreover, approximately 60-70% of the land area of each residential lot will be either hardscaped or drought tolerant to reduce watering needs and residents will be required to follow regulations that limit time of day watering, pesticides, and species of grass planted.

The subdivision features a generous 4.5-acre park which will feature passive play equipment, such as boulders and wooden structures, native and low-water use vegetation and a hill for sledding. The park will border Curtis Park and offer paved bike connections to Old Cutters Subdivision and Quigley Road, creating neighborhood connectivity and encouraging alternative forms of transportation. The four-star NGBS rating for the Sunbeam Subdivision is an incredible honor for all parties involved in the project's success. Sunbeam will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of Hailey, setting the City on an equitable and sustainable trajectory for current and future generations to come.

Green Tip of the Month: Skip rinsing your dishes before loading them into the dishwasher. By doing so, you'll save on average 55,000 gallons of water over the life of the appliance – that's equal to a lifetime supply of drinking water for a family of four! If you have a newer dishwasher, it has a sensor which detects how dirty the water is to determine how much water and time is needed to clean the dishes. Take a moment to think about the 1.7 to 6 gallons of water used every minute your kitchen faucet is running at full blast to rid plates of excess food waste. All the while, you're also paying for the energy used to heat that water. Try using just a sponge to clean off larger pieces of food debris and if your dishwasher isn't new, rinse with cold water to save you money and energy.



<u>City Meeting Calendar</u>	
City Council.....	03/14/2022
City Council	03/28/2022
Planning & Zoning	03/07/2022
Planning & Zoning.....	03/21/2022
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	03/08/2022
Library Board.....	03/15/2022
Parks & Lands Board.....	03/23/2022
Tree Committee	03/10/2022
Urban Renewal Agency.....	03/01/2022
SV Air Service.....	03/08/2022



Hailey Expands its Sustainability Team

Meet Emily Williams

Born and raised in Hailey, Emily is excited to join the City of Hailey team as the new Sustainability and Grants Coordinator. She grew up chasing her family as they were kayaking rivers, climbing peaks and skiing the powder of Central Idaho. Her passion for the environment grew as she did, deepening with every new adventure. Emily attended Tufts University where she earned a dual degree in Environmental Studies and Peace and Justice Studies in 2015.



After graduating, Emily returned to the Wood River Valley to continue working on sustainability and conservation in the place that inspired her to pursue a career path in the environmental field. She has worked as a Conservation Associate with the Idaho Conservation League, as the Communications and Development Associate for the Sun Valley Institute for Resilience and is the head ski coach of the SVSEF cross-country Devo South and Striders teams.

Emily is committed to building a more sustainable future for the place she grew up in, a place that we all are so lucky to call home.

Parks & Trails

Pet Owners - Please Help Keep Our Special Places Special

One of our favorite parts about the Wood River Valley is how dog friendly it is. There's nothing we love more than seeing furry friends out on the trails and in our parks! City parks and the Draper and Colorado Gulch Preserves all have convenient pet waste stations with doggy bags and trash cans that make it easy to pick up after your pet.

Pet waste doesn't just simply decompose and is actually classified by the EPA as an environmental pollutant. Pet waste contains nutrients like phosphorus that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds, in addition to containing bacteria, viruses and parasites that threaten the health of humans and wildlife. Plus, stepping in dog poop is no fun for anyone!

Thank you for being a responsible dog owner and doing your part to keep our waterways and trails clean and our community healthy by picking up after your pet!



PUP is a collaborative program that promotes a healthier community by reducing the negative environmental, health & aesthetic impacts of unattended dog waste on our local trails.





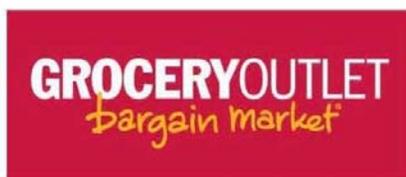
Snow Carving Event Sponsors



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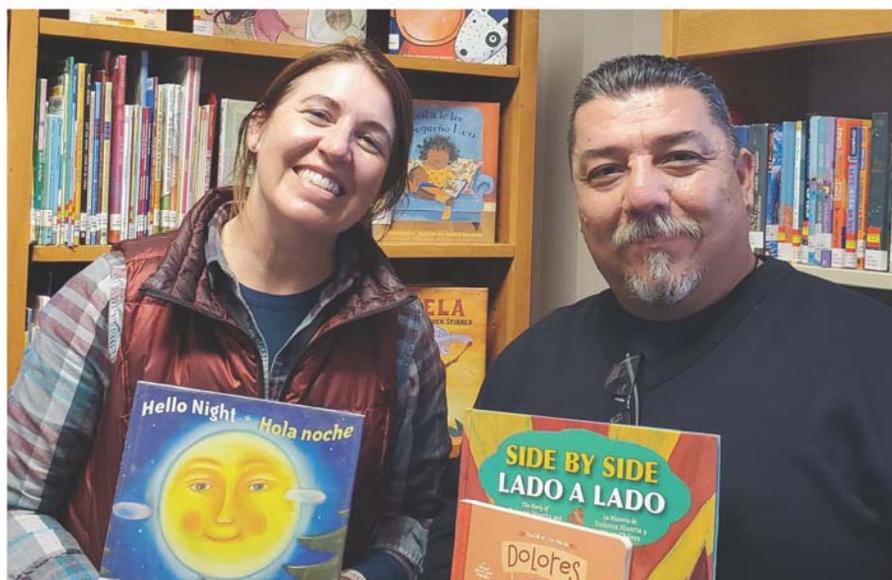
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Hailey Public Library Newsletter



HPL Expands Spanish Language Programming

Library staff has added two monthly programs to better serve our Spanish-speaking neighbors. At 4:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, Spanish Story Time will invite local Hispanic community leaders to read books in Spanish. The program launches on March 8 when local organizer Herbert Romero shares a story about American labor leader Dolores Huerta who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Huerta will speak in the Valley on March 14 to celebrate National Farm Workers Day and Women's History Month.

Noche de Cine en Español begins in March

National Farm Workers Day is March 31 but you can celebrate early when HPL offers its first monthly movie night featuring Spanish-language movies, directors and actors. On Tuesday, March 22 at 5:00 PM watch the PG-13 rated, 2014 biographical film "Cesar Chavez: History is Made One Step at a Time." Chavez cofounded the United Farm Workers with Huerta and led boycotts which brought national attention to poor work conditions. After the film Romero will lead a discussion.



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Upcoming Events

For more information visit our Programs page on our website.

Conversacion de Ingles

Viernes, Enero a Abril,
4:00-5:30 PM

Conversational English

Fridays through April,
4:00-5:30 PM

StoryWalk®

on the Bike Path

February 18 - March 4

Winter Read - "A River Runs Through It"

January 31 - March 11

Amnesty International Teen Book Club

Thursday, March 3 & 31,
5:00 PM

Pick Your Poison: Tetrodotoxin!

Thursday, March 3, 5:30 PM

High Altitude Gardening: Seeds & Soil

Thursday, March 10, 5:30 PM

Work: A Living Stories Workshop with Tony

Tekaroniake Evans

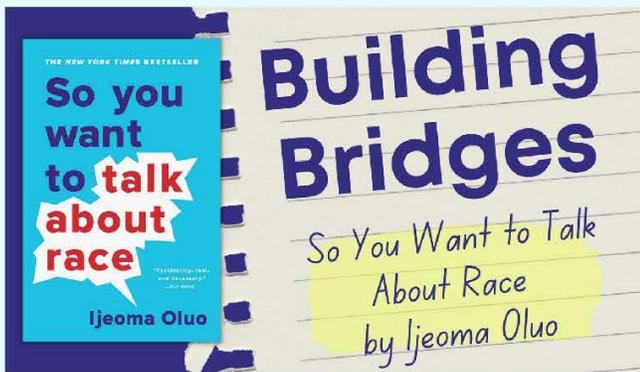
Thursday, March 17, 5:30 PM

Noche de Cine en Español

Tuesday, March 22, 5:00 PM



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So You Want to Talk About Race Book Club

Blaine County Amnesty International invites you to a community-wide book read of Ijeoma Oluo's *So You Want to Talk About Race*.

Wood River High School students will lead each discussion focusing on a different chapter of the book. All members of the community interested in building bridges and forming stronger relationships within our community and across ages and experience are invited to join.

Free copies of Ijeoma Oluo's book are still available and can be picked up at The Community Library or at the Hailey Public Library, or by contacting the club directly at wrhsamnestyinternational@gmail.com.

Upcoming discussions:

- Thursday, March 3 in Hailey
- Monday, March 14 in Ketchum
- Thursday, March 31 Hailey
- Monday, April 11 in Ketchum

The Building Bridges community read has been generously sponsored by the Youth Generosity Project.

How do libraries make sure novels stay warm?

They give them book jackets.

Now that you're thinking about your taxes, come to YOUR library and see what YOUR tax dollar is doing for YOU!

Bet you didn't know that the Hailey Public Library offers:

- Online access to 5,000 magazines including *The New Yorker* and *People*
- The Libby App for eBooks and eAudiobooks
- *The Wall Street Journal*
- Computers, hotspots, printing and scanning
- Tech help
- Story time in English and Spanish
- Exam proctoring
- Meeting rooms
- Conversational English classes
- Puzzles, board games, and cornhole
- Tennis rackets, sewing machines, and tool kits
- Book returns to the Community Library

All this and much more!

"Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them."

— Lemony Snicket

HIGH WATER BILLS: WHAT CAN YOU



Have you recently found yourself staring at your water bill in disbelief, thinking, “How could I have used that much water?” An unusually high water bill is most often caused by a leak or change in water use.

Water Leak Check Service

Customers with unusually high water use can call the City for a leak check. It is best if the customer is present during the leak check. The Hailey Water Division will observe your water meter while all water sources are turned off at your home. If the meter dial is turning during this initial check, you have a leak.

To help isolate where the leak is in the system, you can turn off the main shut off valve inside your home and the Hailey Water Division can again observe the water meter. If the meter dial is still turning, you have a leak underground in the service line and may have to contact a professional for repairs. If the meter dial is not turning, you know that the leak is in the household plumbing.

The irrigation system can be checked in a similar manner. If you are present during the leak check, you can turn off the main irrigation shut off valve and the Hailey Water Division can determine if the leak is in the irrigation system.

When allowed by law, the City makes adjustments to utility bills for customers who repair leaks promptly. Please see the reverse side for more information.

If No Leak Is Detected

If you do not have a water leak but still have concerns about your utility bill, you may request an on-site meter inspection. The Hailey Water Division will visit the location and:

- ◆ Confirm meter and transponder number matches customer’s account number
- ◆ Perform these inspection steps in the meter box:
 1. Is low-flow indicator turning?
 2. Is there water in the box? If yes, does it impact the bill?
 3. Take visual reading on register.
 4. Use handheld to confirm transponder reading matches register reading.
 5. Flow water through meter.
 6. Use handheld to again confirm transponder reading matches register reading.
 7. Discuss results with the customer, or leave a door hanger with results.

Potential Causes of High Water Bills

- ◆ Leaking toilet, or a toilet that continues to run after being flushed
- ◆ Dripping faucet (indoor or out) or leaking hot water heater
- ◆ Leak in the automatic irrigation system
- ◆ Leak in the water service line between the meter and your home
- ◆ Watering the lawn, new grass, or trees; or open hose bib
- ◆ Change in the number of people in the household (guests, etc.)
- ◆ Caretaker watering the property or changing the irrigation system settings
- ◆ Automatic devices such as irrigation controllers and water softening systems working improperly
- ◆ Seasonal change in water use habits

The City’s *Low Water Use Action Plan* publication can help homeowners find ways to lower their water bills.

If No Meter Problems Are Found

If no leak is found and the on-site meter inspection does not uncover any problems, the customer is responsible to pay the water bill. The City of Hailey does not require full payment of the bill for properties with unusually high water use until the leak check service and on-site meter inspection are complete. Customers are required to pay their average bill amount to keep in good standing during the leak check and inspection process.

Utility Bill Credits for Leak Repairs

If a leak was identified and repaired by you, you may be eligible for a credit on your utility bill. In general, the following process and criteria are used to determine if a customer will receive a credit.

- ◆ The City must be notified of the leak for the user to be eligible for a credit (or the City notifies the water user of the leak).
- ◆ The credit period begins 30 days prior to notification until 60 days following notification.
- ◆ The leak must be repaired during the 90 days following notification.
- ◆ If the leak is not repaired during the 90 days following notification, you are not eligible for a credit.
- ◆ If the leak is repaired during the first 30 days following notification, the credit is based on your water usage during the same period the previous year, or the actual metered quantity, whichever is less.
- ◆ If the leak is repaired between 30 and 60 days following notification, the credit is calculated in the same manner, minus 50% (it pays to repair leaks promptly).
- ◆ You must notify the City of any leak repair and requested bill adjustment within 180 days of the repair.
- ◆ Receipts documenting the repair must be provided.
- ◆ A maximum of 2 credits will be given within a 12 month period.

This is a summary only. For the full text of the ordinance, go to www.haileycityhall.org and navigate to *Water Service Concerns* on the Water Division page.

	Leak Size	Gallons Per Day	Gallons Per Month
◆◆◆	A dripping leak consumes:	15 gallons	450 gallons
•	A 1/32 in. leak consumes:	264 gallons	7,920 gallons
•	A 1/16 in. leak consumes:	943 gallons	28,300 gallons
●	A 1/8 in. leak consumes:	3,806 gallons	114,200 gallons
●	A 1/4 in. leak consumes:	15,226 gallons	456,800 gallons
●	A 1/2 in. leak consumes:	60,900 gallons	1,827,000 gallons

Can I Have My Meter Tested?

The City does not have the resources in-house to test meters, and it would be very costly to incur charges for third-party testing. Please note that **it is extremely rare for a meter to over-read consumption**, as meters tend to slow down as they age.

Because of the normal slowdown of meters over long periods of time, the City spot tests the oldest cohort of meters every 3 to 5 years. When meters are replaced, water use readings, the sewer bill and the water bill may go up because of increased meter accuracy.

Do-It-Yourself Toilet Assessment
Toilets are one of the most common sources of leaks. Follow these procedures to locate a toilet leak:

1. Wait 5-10 minutes after the last flush.
2. Remove tank cover. Is the water level in the tank too high and spilling into the overflow tube? If it is you have an improperly adjusted or broken fill (ball cock) valve.
3. While you have the tank cover off, put food coloring, laundry bluing or a leak detector tablet in the toilet tank. Wait at least 30 minutes. If the colored water appears in the bowl, you have a silent leak. This type of leak (the most common type of toilet leak) can often be repaired by changing the flapper.