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Message from the Mayor

Hailey Promotes Staff to Key Positions

The City of Hailey is always pleased when we have an opportunity to welcome new staff members to our team. I am particularly thrilled to announce that two positions have been filled from among our talented current staff. These two well-qualified and highly deserving individuals have been promoted.

Lisa Horowitz will take the reins from current City Administrator, Heather Dawson, who announced her retirement on March 1st. Horowitz has served the City of Hailey in the role of Community Development Director since January 2015. With Lisa's experience and talent, we had the perfect candidate for the job.



Horowitz is well-experienced in local government and carries a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois. She has worked for three decades in a variety of progressively responsible positions spanning city, county and state government. Nineteen years of her career have been spent in local governments in Blaine County, including the City of Hailey.

Highlights:

- Steering Hailey over the last eight years of the great recession and into a period of high development activity
- Navigating complex annexations for Hailey with substantial open space protection and great strides in workforce housing

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Robyn Davis has been chosen to fill the vacancy left by Horowitz as Hailey's new Community Development Director, with the promotion becoming effective April 1, 2022.

Davis has worked in various capacities at the City of Hailey for the last seven years, including the last four as City Planner. Davis is highly qualified to move into the Director position and we look forward to working with Davis in her new capacity.



Before joining the Hailey Community Development Department, Davis was employed with the Hailey Public Library. She has worked on a large variety of planning projects, code amendments, fee schedule changes, special events, grants and special projects. She is known for her clear communication, always listening first and then speaking with depth, warmth and accuracy. Davis holds a Masters Degree in Education, Health and Human Development.

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Take A Spring Walk Through Hailey's

ARBORETUM: (established in 1996)

A botanical collection composed of mainly trees



Where? Fox Acres Road at the north-west side of the bike path, west of the cemetery . Parking is available.

What: native trees and shrubs along a meandering path. Most trees have tags and descriptions.

Be proactive about Climate Change. No room in your yard for another tree?

Donate one to our Parks Department

Plant a tree.

City of Hailey Tree Committee

(Lisa Horowitz cont.)

- Serving at the City of Ketchum over two different time periods, including a major comprehensive plan update, reduction in scale of downtown buildings and additional hillside protections
- Broad consulting career that included public and private planning projects in Montana and Idaho, with numerous projects in Whitefish, MT
- Twenty years of partnerships and working relationships in Blaine County resulting in many rewarding projects throughout the County.
- Growth management planning in the greater Seattle metro area during a time of strong collaboration between the 30 cities in King County

Horowitz will assume City Administrator duties effective April 1, 2022. Congratulations to Lisa.

(Robin Davis cont.)

Davis said, "I'm honored to be considered a well-qualified candidate for Hailey Community Development Director. As a ten-year resident of Hailey, I have a deep appreciation and love for this community, its residents and the city as a whole. This opportunity engenders an incredible leap forward and I am excited, happy and grateful to serve our community in this capacity." Congratulations Robyn.

Wood River Valley Daffodil Festival

Join Sawtooth Botanical Garden and The Senior Connection May 7, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM in a celebration of spring colors and plant growth returning to the Valley! This fun, collaborative boutique event invites the community to the Garden on May 7 to enjoy the 30,000+ daffodils in bloom.

Walk along Hailey's Main Street and enjoy the 1,500 Daffodils planted last fall as we emerge from the long, cold winter and leap into the colorful spring season!



Join us at the SBG for food, beverages, entertainment and more! Registration for this event is available soon – space is limited so don't delay once they are available!

Property Tax Reduction May Lower Hailey City Utility Bills

Taxpayers who qualify for a property tax reduction with Blaine County, also known as "circuit breaker" will also benefit by a reduction in their City of Hailey utility bill. The City of Hailey considers those approved by Blaine County as automatically eligible for city utility bills reduction. The City requires no further paperwork.

More property owners may qualify this year, as Idaho's House Revenue and Taxation Committee advanced a bill that would make changes to the eligibility requirements for Idaho's circuit breaker property tax reduction program. House Bill 481 involves the state's circuit breaker program, which reduces property taxes for elderly, widowed or disabled homeowners.

April 18th is the deadline for filing Property Tax Reduction Applications with your County Assessor's office. Property tax reduction applications must be filed every year. Homeowners exemption forms only need to be filed once, by April 15 following a residence becoming your primary residence.

For more information, please call Blaine County Assessors office at 788-5535 or visit their website: <http://www.co.blaine.id.us>

City Meeting Calendar



City Council.....	04/11/2022
City Council	04/25/2022
Planning & Zoning	04/04/2022
Planning & Zoning.....	04/18/2022
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	04/12/2022
Library Board.....	04/19/2022
Parks & Lands Board.....	04/27/2022
Tree Committee	04/14/2022
Urban Renewal Agency.....	04/05/2022
Blaine County Housing Authority.....	04/20/2022
SV Air Service.....	none

Award winning Live-Work Opportunity in Hailey

The Granary, known locally for its modern yet traditional design, was a finalist and received a special mention for the Architizer 2021 Awards. The project is an innovative residential, commercial and storage development located in the Airport West Subdivision (41 Mercure Lane) of Hailey. The Architizer Awards is the largest award program focused on promoting and celebrating architecture-recognizing designers that are vital in bringing such influential buildings to life.



Entries are judged by industry leaders from diverse fields, such as design, technology, real estate, fashion and more. Finalists and winners are recognized as the year's top visionaries, showcasing their work on a global stage to over 400 million viewers.

The Granary was a collaborative effort between Ben Young Landscape Architects, Jolyon Sawrey's Vital Ink Environmental Architecture and property owner, Rosemarie Bogner. The Granary provides workspaces for trades in Hailey and is part of Phase II of a three-phased project. The project is centered around sustainability, design and pursuit. The intent of the structure was to offer a live/work opportunity in Hailey, as well as onsite garages and storage. The design draws upon styles of raw simplicity and efficiency,

"The influence is regional agricultural industrial buildings...especially the granary buildings near Fairfield", Sawrey explained. The Granary imitates the Lightworks Studios, project of Phase I, which utilizes highly insulated walls, structurally insulated panel roofs, high-efficiency heating and cooling systems and solar electric renewable energy systems. The structure contains a silo spiral staircase, pocket doors, custom-built furniture, and social gathering spaces.

Hailey is honored to house such an innovative and sustainable structure which offers a unique opportunity to view the significance of unconventional design. The project represents a model of possibility – encouraging developers to utilize traditional designs and contemporary concepts, with a strong focus on sustainability. Hailey hopes to see other projects in the community influenced by this forward-thinking work of art, the Granary.

Paige Nied, Resiliency Planner

Green Tip of the Month: Wash your clothes in cold water. According to Energy Star, 90% of the energy used by washing machines is for heating water. By changing the setting on your washing machine to cold water, you can eliminate 1,600 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually! Using cold water can also result in an annual cost savings of approximately \$130 a year!

Washing clothes in hot water can deteriorate fabrics and dull the vibrancy of colors. By skipping the heat, you can reduce your carbon footprint and expand the life of your clothes (which also plays a part in lowering your carbon footprint!). If you think cold water isn't washing your clothes sufficiently, try the warm water setting. Energy-wise, it's better than using hot water, but more effective than the cold water setting in cleaning.

Earth Day - Hailey Spring Yard Waste Clean-Up Is Saturday, April 23, 2022

Hailey residents may bring grass, yard trimmings, and branches to the Hailey Park & Ride lot at the corner of Bullion and River from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, April 23rd.



Clear Creek Disposal will have dumpsters to collect yard waste. Branches must be no more than 8 ft long and 18 inches diameter. No treated lumber or food waste will be accepted.

Employment

Seasonal & Full Time Positions Now Open

Hailey Community Development is hiring a planner! This is a rare opportunity for the right applicant to secure a professional staff position with the City of Hailey.

The City also seeks a temporary office assistant for the busy spring and summer season, to support both the planning office and the public works office, handling parks reservations, special events, and other activities. If you're looking for something short-term this may be the job for you. And who knows, sometimes a short-term opportunity can become something more permanent as the city's needs increase.

Parks seasonal employees are in high demand at the City, so much so that a \$500 hiring bonus is offered to applicants who hire on for job that will last up to six months. The work includes mowing, irrigation system maintenance and general parks and streets maintenance.

Public Works is hiring for positions that have the opportunity to come on for the summer and stay for the winter! Full-time position with benefits is available for that perfect candidate who wants to work in City Parks in the summer and help with Street Operations, including snow removal, in the winter.

We provide training to applicants who meet the basic minimum requirements for our positions. We mentor and develop our employees within a team atmosphere. All our positions work to generally safe-guard the public interests.

We provide a compelling benefits package to full-time employees, which includes flexible work schedules, paid vacation, employer paid health, dental & vision insurance, mental-wellness assistance, partially paid spouse and dependent insurance premiums, Life-Flight insurance for the entire household, retirement plans, employer retirement contributions and paid holidays.

Interested? Employment applications and job descriptions can be found on our website or you can email hr@haileycityhall.org to request an application. <https://www.haileycityhall.org/employment/index.asp>.

The Hailey Tree Committee

Hailey's Has its Very Own Arboretum



Hidden in plain sight, the Native Plant Arboretum is located at the corner of Fox Acres Road and State Highway 75, just to the west of the Wood River Trail, directly behind the "Welcome to Hailey Sign". This past fall the Department of Transportation easement for the Arboretum site was transferred from the Blaine County Recreation District to the City of Hailey.



The Arboretum was established in 1996 to celebrate the diverse flora and fauna that are native to Idaho and the Intermountain West. The Arboretum showcases over 50 native tree and plant species, including one of the few Western White Pines in Hailey. The White Pine is Idaho's State Tree and more commonly found in Northern Idaho.



Another special native plant is the Syringa, also known as Mock Orange, the Idaho State Flower. Syringa's fragrant white blossoms open in mid-summer.

These native species are adapted to our high desert climate and the Arboretum provides a habitat for birds, pollinators and wildlife.

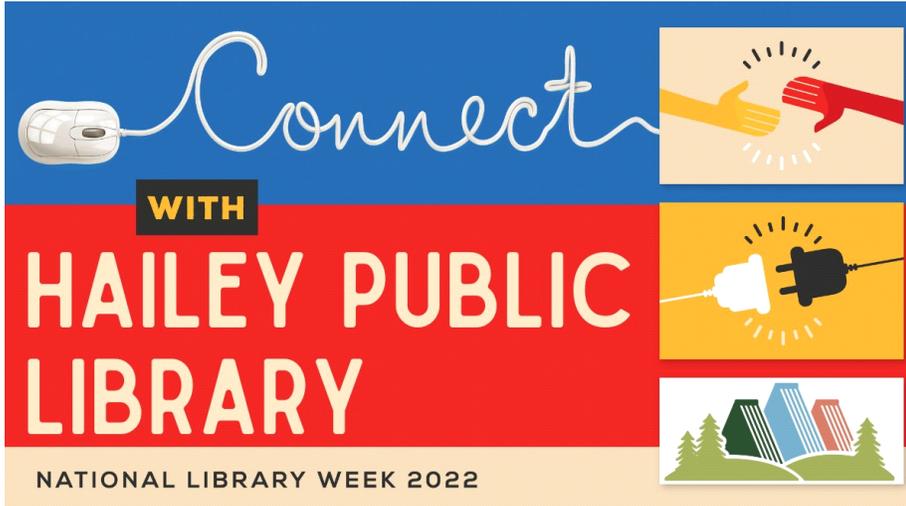
A recent Idaho Native Plant Society grant financed over 40 plant interpretive signs to help identify and educate the public about native plant species. The Arboretum provides insight into the many native plants that thrive in our ecosystem – and serves as inspiration for species that will succeed and benefit the environment in your own garden.



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Hailey Public Library Newsletter



It's National Library Week!

We invite you to join us during the week of April 3-9 to celebrate National Library Week at the Hailey Public Library. The theme for this year's celebration is "Connect with your Library," which promotes the idea that libraries are places where our community members can connect with technology, computers, and other resources, but most importantly, one another. Libraries, by their very nature, are models of sustainability. The reduce-reuse-recycle model encapsulates the library lending maxim, and by using your library, you are limiting consumption and building a stronger, resilient community.

There are more public libraries than Starbucks in the United States—nearly 17,000 in total. In 2016, 1.4 billion in-person visits to public libraries were recorded; translating to four million visits each day. Idahoans are especially supportive of their public libraries and Idaho consistently ranks among the top five states for library checkouts per capita.

We hope you will take a moment during National Library Week to stop by to say hello and see what we have to offer. For more information, visit the library's website at haileypubliclibrary.org or call 208.788.2036. Hailey Public Library is open year-round six days a week and closed on Sundays.



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Upcoming Events

For more information visit our Programs page on our website.

Conversacion de Ingles

Viernes, 4:00-5:30 PM

Conversational English

Fridays, 4:00-5:30 PM

Mary's Crash Computer

Class en Español

April 6 & 13, 5:30 PM

Pick Your Poison – Death Cap Mushrooms!

Thursday, April 7, 5:30 PM

Ukulele Lessons - 6 Weeks

Begins April 11, 3:45 PM

Spanish StoryTime

Tuesday, April 12, 4:30 PM

Library Reads Book Club: Where the Forest Meets the Stars

Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 PM

High Altitude Gardening: Springing into Your Garden

Thursday, April 14, 5:30 PM

It's All About Yew

Thursday, April 21, 5:30 PM

Earth Day Celebrations

Friday - Saturday, April 22 - 23

Noche de Cine

Tuesday, April 26, 5:00 PM

Travel - A Living Stories Workshop with Tony

Tekaroniake Evans

Thursday, April 28, 5:30 PM



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What's going on in the Kid's Library?

Learn to play the ukulele! Hailey Public Library and Cintia Scola have joined forces to offer group ukulele lessons! Five spots are available for kids ages 9-13 years old. The group lessons are Monday afternoons from 3:45-4:45 and sessions are about six weeks long. The lessons are in the youth library. Ukuleles are available to borrow with your library card. Donations are appreciated, but not required. Contact elise.deklotz@haileypubliclibrary.org if you are interested! Our next session begins on April 11 and ends on May 16.



Summer reading is right around the corner. Join us at the Hailey Public Library to register. We want to keep kids reading throughout the summer months. We will begin registration for the program on May 23. Kids ages 0-18 are encouraged to sign up—little ones are welcome as parents reading with their kids counts towards reading goals. There are goodie bags for participation and grand prizes for readers at the end of the program.

Please reach out to elise.deklotz@haileypubliclibrary.org or lee.dabney@haileypubliclibrary.org with questions. Spanish story time has begun at the Hailey Public Library. On the second Tuesday of every month, from 4:30-5:00 pm in the Children's Library, community members will read stories in Spanish. Please join us! Come one, come all!



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Spring Gardening Programs at HPL

The Wood River Valley is home to a remarkable number of excellent gardeners who have learned how to work with, and not against, our short growing season and know that timing is everything. So, it's no surprise HPL gardening talks are a hit each Spring. This year HPL and 5B Resilience's Manon Gaudreau and Amy Mattias are offering "High Altitude Gardening," a 3-part series which will supercharge your skills.

'Springing into Your Garden' on April 14 will focus on plants that tolerate cool soils and chilly nights, and what to do if temperatures drop dangerously. "Sunny Season Gardening" on May 12 will highlight those flavorful garden favorites tomatoes, peppers and other heat lovers which are a challenge to grow some years. All talks are free and start at 5:30 MDT at Hailey Town Center West (old Copy and Print building). If you missed "Seeds and Soils," check out our Programs Archive at www.haileypubliclibrary.org under Library Programs.

Earth Day Fest

Saturday's Earth Day 5K kicks off a full day of Hailey-wide events.

Celebrate this Earth Day with fun activities throughout the valley from April 21-23.

The valley gathers for this year's *Earth Day Fest* April 21-23 throughout the Wood River Valley. Opportunities begin early in April with student art displayed in the Hailey Library Public windows and lead up to the biggest community event day on April 23rd. Saturday, the 23rd, kicks off with the Earth Day 5K fun run (watch for some more fun student signage along the route) and continues with fun activities, exhibits, and opportunities for climate and environmental information and inspiration throughout the day.

For the last 50+ years, the National Earth Day organization has chosen environmental themes to highlight the year's events. This year's Earth Day theme is Climate Literacy and the *Earth Day Fest* focuses primarily on solutions and resiliency for our valley. Our area's continued low snowpack and last summer's severe fire/smoke season along with our extended drought and increasing heat underscores the importance of personal, commercial, and government efforts to make our communities more climate literate and more resilient. Earth Day Fest offers some of the solutions that we can each take to protect our earth, from an electric vehicle collection (think forklifts to bicycles) to garden seeds and plant starts.

Earth Day Fest is organized by The Climate Action Coalition of the Wood River Valley (CACWRV.org) and draws together local non-profits, organizations, and businesses to draw attention to local environmental and climate concerns and their solutions. CACWRV is a grassroots organization that was formed to help residents and businesses promote and support local solutions to the human causes of climate change. "Since 2018 we have found great partners in the valley who are working to take steps to reduce our valley's climate impacts," says Elizabeth Jeffrey, a CAC co-founder and planning member, "We see *Earth Day Fest* as an opportunity to share ideas and inspiration with community members who haven't been aware of the many things that we all can do to make a positive difference."

With twice as many local nonprofits participating this year, Earth Day Fest has staggered its wide variety of activities over a number of valley locations so that you can attend more than just one event from Thursday, April 21 to Saturday, April 23. :

Thursday, April 21

- 5:30 - The Sun Valley Culinary Institute invites you to an evening of on earth friendly cooking and kitchens - register with SVCI
- 5:30 - "All About Yew!" The Japanese yew is a beautiful, but deadly, evergreen shrub. Is it growing undiscovered in your yard? Learn how to identify yew and how to dispose of it safely in this talk by Dr. Lynn Kinter, program botanist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at the Hailey Public Library.

Friday, April 22

- 11:00- 1:00 Hourly tours of The Hunger Coalition, new biodigester, "Chompy" Chompy is turning grocery store food waste into compost in just 72 hours. Would this be a good thing for your business or organization.
- 12:00 Grant Loomis from the The Idaho Extension offices shares a short class on Soil 101 and what's the current soil news in Blaine County .
- 2:00-3:00 Can I Recycle This? If you've ever questioned whether the item you're holding is or isn't recyclable in Blaine County, join us for the first meeting online to answer all questions from basic to complex. <https://meet.goto.com/161976381>

Idaho Conservation League's How Would Solar Work for you? Join Idaho Conservation League, XXX, a residential solar customer and XXX to learn about residential solar opportunities in the Wood River Valley.

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(Earth Day cont.)

Saturday, April 23. Events are slightly staggered so you can attend activities at all locations during the day.

Begin your day with the Earth Day 5K fun run- Gather a party and join this year's fun run. Start and end point will be at Hailey's new Town Center (behind the Hailey Library) and take you through the Draper Preserve area. Student signage along the way will inform and entertain. Register early online or at the Hailey Visitor's Center. \$20/person , \$10/ students. (dogs on leash only).

- **Earth Day Fest at Town Center 10-2** - Activities and ideas for everyone.
- ERC and community volunteers are working to reforest the portions of Baldy that lost trees to invasive insect infestations and fire. A portion of registration fees and donations will go to help this summer's reforestation project.
- Electric Vehicles on Display - View a Mtn. Rides electric bus, local Tesla, e-bike, Idaho Power forklift and staff car and even an old truck converted to electric. Come and see how you might think of your next vehicle.

Renew, Reuse, Reduce -Bring your scissors, garden tools and knives (no running with these) to get them sharpened (renewed) at a discount price, join in a community weaving with 'yarn' made from unsold t-shirts from a local 2nd hand store, and join the conversation on how to renew and reuse items in your own life to reduce your carbon footprint and your expenses. (CAC)

Plant Treasures Close to Home with the Idaho Native Plant Society. Walking tours will leave Town Center every hour to explore the alleyways of Hailey. Lead by members of the Wood River Chapter, you may be surprised at the variety of plants we find right under our feet.

How to Compost demonstration and information from St. Thomas' Green Team

Itty - Bitty Farms - offering plant starts for your garden and food items for you

Children's Library Story Hour and student art can be seen throughout the library and the new Town Center West building.

The Grange at 609 S. 3rd Ave, 10-12

The Food Resilience Seed & Plant Exchange is where gardeners meet annually to get seeds and exchange plants. Bring your own seeds or plants to share or just come to buy this year's garden starts and seeds.

Sun Valley Institute for Resilience will provide a fun opportunity for kids to make Seed Pods using native pollinator seeds, and learn all about healthy soil!

The County Courthouse Parking Lot 10:30-1:30

11-2 - Bike Rodeo brought to you again by Safe Routes to School. A great way to learn some rules of the road and improve biking skills through this small chalked out obstacle course. Children can bring their own bikes or a bike can be provided.

10:30-1:30 - Learn to identify what is really a weed and why with Blaine County at their Noxious Weeds display booth,

10:30- 1:30 - Bellevue Library returns with their wonderful children's book give away,

10:30-1:30 - Blaine County Recycling will provide up to date recycling information and games,

10:30- 1:30 - Blaine County Soil District's Regenerative Seed Planting tractor.

Balmoral / Kiwanis Park 1-3

Family recycling and climate activities and crafts, games, snacks, and music brought to you by the Crisis Hotline and ProjectToolssuccess

We can all increase our Climate Literacy and make a positive difference in slowing climate change and its impacts.

Why not have fun along the way?! Join us at this year's Earth Day Fest and help make our world a better and healthier place.