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City of Hailey

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Message from the Mayor

D.A. Outzs' 100th Birthday

May 21, 2022 has been proclaimed a day of celebration in the City of Hailey and beyond. Dorothy Ann Outzs will turn 100 years old! Her family is planning a celebration and D.A. will be given a Proclamation instituted by Mayor Martha Burke in advance of that day, and a Key to the City.

We are celebrating DA Outzs' 100th Birthday on
Saturday May 21st 2-4 pm
at Desano Place, 545 Nevada St.
Gooding, Idaho

Hailey Memorial Day

ceremony will take place on Monday May 30th, at 11 AM at the Hailey Cemetery. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Join us as we honor the nearly 400 veterans laid to rest at Hailey Cemetery.



Consider City Parks Your Asset

In April the Hailey City Council approved four agreements with local companies who each adopt a city park, some since 2012 and some since 2015.

We've included the park adoption brochure with this newsletter. Any business can adopt a park under the terms outlined in the brochure. Groups and individuals can also adopt or volunteer one-time services, as is described in the article on Page 4 of this newsletter. We would love to welcome new adopters to our program.

Elections

Message from Hailey Fire Chief

The May 17th election does not contain any City of Hailey ballot measures. However, there is an item on the ballot that will effect city fire services: a bond measure for construction of a new Wood River Fire District station at the north end of River Street, the cost of which, if passed, would be paid by county residents who live within the boundaries of WRFD.

Hailey Fire Chief Mike Baledge states that generally the City of Hailey is in support of the measure, which may create an opportunity for WRFD to build a new facility and work out of a single station. If WRFD is successful, it can vacate its station on South Third Avenue, adjacent to the Hailey Fire Station. That land is already owned by Hailey and leased to WRFD. An opportunity would be created by a successful bond to benefit the citizens of Hailey and the Hailey Fire Department. Both departments could potentially expand, which would improve response times and efficacy for the entire south county. Hailey voters are not eligible to vote for this, but we encourage voters who are eligible to support public safety.

City Meeting Calendar

City Council.....	05/09/2022
City Council	05/23/2022
Planning & Zoning	05/02/2022
Planning & Zoning.....	05/16/2022
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	05/10/2022
Library Board.....	05/17/2022
Parks & Lands Board.....	05/25/2022
Tree Committee	05/12/2022
Urban Renewal Agency.....	05/03/2022
JPA Fire board.....	05/11/2022
SV Air Service.....	none

Clean Energy Initiative Introduced

As a Resiliency Planner, I am tasked with incorporating sustainability initiatives into the Hailey Municipal Code. The Community Development Department has recently put forth text amendments that were reviewed by the Hailey City Council for a Clean Energy Deposit and Clean Energy Voluntary Compliance Rebate Program.



While the deposit will increase Hailey building permit fees, the associated rebate program is a rebate to developers who voluntarily install the wiring infrastructure for electric vehicle charging and solar photovoltaic systems. City staff considered both a voluntary and mandatory option for the text amendment. After significant consideration, City staff is confident that the city will be the most successful in achieving its goal of prewiring new developments for EV charging and solar energy systems through a voluntary option.

The rationale of the rebate program is to incentivize developers to install the electric vehicle charging and solar wiring infrastructure in new developments, further motivating homeowners to make the leap to an environmentally friendly vehicle and/or a renewable energy source while avoiding the financial burden of retrofitting.



City staff is passionate about expanding these markets in the community and encouraging homeowners to view these alternatives as a real possibility. Reducing transportation and energy related emissions will create a healthier living environment for us all and make the city more resilient to the urgent threat of climate change. The Hailey Clean Energy Deposit and associated Rebate Program will also bring the city one step closer to achieving its Clean Energy Goal of 2045.

Green Tip of the Month

Do yourself and the planet a favor and eat less meat! The meat industry contributes to climate change in two ways: the first being through cow and sheep emissions of methane as a byproduct of their digestive process, which is up to 34 times more harmful to the environment than carbon dioxide. Second, through deforestation and land-use changes for grazing purposes to satisfy the growing demand for meat.

The current meat consumption rate in the U.S. is unsustainable and is related to high emission levels at every stage of production. According to the United Nations, the global livestock industry produces more greenhouse gas emissions than all planes, cars, trains, and ships combined. The meat industry is also heavily reliant on water resources – with approximately 1,700 gallons of water needed to produce just one pound of beef.

Reducing meat consumption is one of the most significant contributions to mitigating the climate crisis that can occur on an individual level - and you don't have to become vegan to do this! Eating less meat translates to a decreased demand and changes in demand have profound influence on industry. Reducing or cutting meat out of your diet can also benefit your health, as red meat in particular has been associated with an increased risk of chronic diseases.

Paige Nied, Resiliency Planner

Does your landscape plan include trees?

TREE DIVERSITY is so important.

- Looking for shade, wind protection, screening and drought tolerance?
- Are you aware that you should strive for no more than 20% of any tree species to minimize disease and insect problems (or risks)?

Learn more about choosing diverse trees that work for your landscape in this issue.

Plant a tree - Wisely!

City of Hailey Tree Committee



City Utilities

Why is my utility bill changing?

Sewer Rates Adjusted

Check your sewer rate; it may have changed with this month's bill. All Hailey City utility accounts are reviewed once a year for a sewer rate adjustment.



Each April, the City recalculates your sewer rates for the next twelve months. We calculate your *average* winter water usage based on the previous five winter months (November through March) and use that amount to set the corresponding sewer rate.

Whenever water is used within a household, it goes down the drain and must be treated as wastewater/ sewer. In the summer, water use includes irrigation, which does not go down the drain. Assessments of the winter water usage, which does not include irrigation, is our method of assessing how much a particular household impacts the sewer system and treatment plant. Wastewater rates include household usage as well as a monthly bond payment which is intended to cover the indebtedness the city has on treatment plant improvements formerly approved by voters.

This annual process results in some utility bills going up, some may stay unchanged, and some may be decreased from the previous year.

Hailey City Administrator Heather Dawson Is Retiring After 32 Years

The entire community is invited to help us recognize her outstanding years of service. Please join us in honoring Heather at 116 South River Street in Hailey 6-8 pm on Thursday May 19, 2022
Light snacks provided

Employment

Seasonal Position \$500 Hiring Bonus

Parks seasonal employees are in high demand at the City of Hailey, 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.



Full-Time Career Positions Open

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 some 4-10 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? Applications and job descriptions can be found on our website <https://www.haileycityhall.org/employment/index.asp>.



Planting Tips for Trees in Hailey

Looking to plant a tree this year?

Before you purchase a tree, consider these items:

- Do you plan to plant on your property or in the city right of way? If you want to plant on city right-of-way, you will need an encroachment permit from the city.
- Do you have space for a large or small tree? Is the site sunny or shady? Well-drained or compacted soil? How much water will the tree receive?
- What type of trees do you have? Think about adding a different species. **Strive to have NO more than 20% of one tree species in your landscape.** A diverse landscape is more sustainable because it protects against insect and disease problems. Consult the City of Hailey Recommended Street Tree List online for ideas.
- This list includes hardy deciduous trees that are not overplanted in Hailey. Choices for small trees include Japanese Tree Lilac, Hawthorn, and Serviceberry as well as many fruit trees. Choices for medium to large trees include Honey Locust, Hackberry, Beech, Linden, Ginkgo, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Horse Chestnut, American elm cultivars, Swamp white oak and Bur oak. Trees that have been overplanted in Hailey are ash, aspen and maples so avoid those species!
- Excellent conifers to consider are Rocky Mountain Juniper, Western Larch, Concolor (white) fir or pines such as Limber, Bristlecone, Ponderosa, Pinyon and Lodgepole. Most of these conifers prefer full sun. Avoid **spruce** as these have been overplanted and are now threatened with insect and disease.
- Nurseries can help guide you pick out the right cultivar and choose the type of planting stock – whether balled and burlapped or in a pot.

Next month we will feature an article on correctly planting your tree! Think green and plant wisely!

Hailey Tree Committee

Park Volunteers Needed

Individuals/Small Group Welcomed

The city welcomes park volunteers. Any level of support is valued. The city offers the following optional incentives to volunteers.

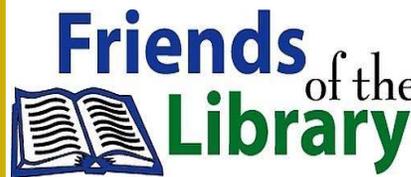
- 20 hours of park service earns waiver of one sports field seasonal use fee
- 8 hours of park service earns waiver of a one-day daily rental fee for up to 249 people for a pavilion, sports field, or non-field sport rental.

A proposed plan of the service to be performed must be submitted and approved prior to granting a fee waiver. Each park season, many individuals and groups volunteer in city parks. The city salutes all volunteers for their selfless contribution.

Board and Committee News

Hailey Parks & Lands Board Seeks New Members

Consider joining the Hailey Parks & Lands Board. This board makes policy recommendations to the city council, and reviews new parks that are proposed in new subdivisions. The Board meets monthly. Submit a letter of interest to emily.williams@haileycityhall.org.



Friends of the Hailey Public Library will hold its monthly meeting on May 9th at 4:00 PM in the Library Sun Room.

Spring Yard Waste Clean-Up Saturday, May 21, 2022 9am-3pm

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, May 21st. Clear Creek Disposal will be collecting yard waste. Branches must be no more than 8 ft long and 18 inches diameter. No treated lumber or food waste will be accepted.

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Hailey Public Library Newsletter



Summer Reading is coming!

Summer Reading is getting ready to kick off at Hailey Public Library! Newborns to high school seniors are eligible to participate in this fun eight-week program, designed to inspire and nurture a love of books, reading, and life-long learning.

Parents of children up to four years old can track the number of books read to their little ones keeping the ongoing goal of 1,000 books read before kindergarten in mind. Incoming kindergarteners through fifth-graders track the time they read or are read to in ten-minute increments with a sticker chart. Older school-aged kids, sixth - twelfth graders, track their reading by the number of pages read in a custom reading passport.

As goals are met, participants will be awarded raffle tickets for prizes and Library Bucks, which can be spent at our pop-up bookstore to celebrate the end of the summer reading. Registration begins Wednesday, May 11th—with a special gift for the first 100 participants who sign up—and the program will wrap up on July 29th. We can't wait to see you at the library!



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Upcoming Events

For more information visit our Programs page on our website.

Conversacion de Ingles

viernes 6 y 13 de mayo, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Conversational English

Friday, May 6 & 13 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Story Time

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

Kid's Ukulele Lessons

May 2, 9, & 16, 3:45 PM

Reading: Mike Medberry and The Broken West - Essays

Thursday, May 5, 5:30 PM

Spanish Story Time

Tuesday, May 10 4:30 PM

Library Reads Book Club:

Such A Fun Age by Kiley Reid

Tuesday, May 10, 5:30 PM

StoryWalk on the Bike Path; *Wave* by Suzy Lee

Wednesday, May 11

High Altitude Gardening:

Sunny Season Gardening

Thursday, May 12, 5:30 PM

Noche de Cine en Español

Tuesday, May 24, 5:00 PM



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PUBLIC LIBRARY

READ LOCAL

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



Spanish Story Time has begun at the Hailey Public Library.

On Tuesday, May 10 at 4:30 PM in the Children's Library, Ruby Garcia reads stories in Spanish all about Día de la Madre.

Starting June 4, Blanca Ruiz hosts our summer Spanish Story Time at 11:00 AM on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Please join us! Come one, come all!

"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet."
- Jhumpa Lahir

Looking for eBooks and eAudiobooks?
Try Libby!

FREE with your library card!

Download Libby for free with your library card!



I had plans to begin reading a book about sinkholes, but they fell through.

Reserve a room in Town Center West!

Kristin Fletcher, Programs and Engagement Manager at Hailey Public Library, is coordinating meeting room reservations of the recently purchased Town Center West, formerly known as Copy and Print. Already a variety of community groups have utilized the space for meetings, training, classes, presentations, and more. If you or your group is interested in reserving the room, first visit haileypubliclibrary.org and review the Room Use Policy under the About the Library dropdown menu. Then, request a room use application by emailing room.reservations@haileypubliclibrary.org. It's as easy as that!





Hop Porter Park



Hop Porter Park
Adopter since 2012



Old Cutters Park



Keefe Park



Award Winning Design, Installation, and Service

Keefe Park
Adopter since 2012



Deerfield Park



ADOPT A PARK



2022 Adopters



Kiwanis Park



Kiwanis Park
Adopter since 2015



Foxmoor Park



Jimmy's Garden



Jimmy's Garden
Adopter since 2015



E.W. Fox Demonstration Garden

2022 Program Guidelines

Parks in the Adopt a Park Program

- Old Cutters*
- Lions*
- Deerfield*
- Foxmoor*
- Jimmy's Garden
- Kiwanis
- Keefer
- McKercher*
- Curtis*
- Echo Hill*
- Hop Porter
- Lawrence Heagle*
- Hailey Skate Park*
- E.W. Fox Demonstration Garden*

* Currently available for adoption.

Adopt a Park Program Requirements and Benefits

GOLD LEAF PARKS 	GOLD LEAF BENEFITS 	SILVER LEAF PARKS 	SILVER LEAF BENEFITS 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hop Porter • Lawrence Heagle • Keefer • Old Cutters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36" x 24" sign at park entrance with Gold Leaf Adopter status, logo, contact information • 8.5" x 11" company profile with logo and photos in newsletter and equivalent on City website • One-time 1/4 page thank you ad in the Mountain Express with logo; same in newsletter • One newsletter article (all adopters in one article) • Logo listing in newsletter and on City website June through October • Logo listing in program guide • Three no-fee park reservations for company events • Tax deductible donation (consult with tax preparer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lions • Balmoral • McKercher • Foxmoor • Curtis • Deerfield • Echo Hill • Skate Park • Jimmy's Garden • E.W. Fox Demo Garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36" x 24" sign at park entrance with Silver Leaf Adopter status, logo, contact information • One-time 1/4 page thank you ad in the Mountain Express with logo; same in newsletter • One newsletter article (all adopters in one article) • Logo listing in newsletter and on City website May through October • Logo listing in program guide • Two no-fee park reservations for company events • Tax deductible donation (consult with tax preparer)

- Weekly mowing and trimming of turf
- Weekly weeding and deadheading
- Weekly park irrigation management (Keefer Park only)
- Seasonally trim and prune shrubs and perennials
- Spring cleanup of park grounds
- Fall sprinkler system blow out
- Fall City-provided or approved fertilizer application
- Spring City-provided or approved fertilizer application

Other requirements:

- Herbicide application and irrigation system work (except Keefer Park) are not included in the Adopt a Park Program.
- Current adopters will have the option to continue their adoption of the same park from year to year.
- Adopters will submit monthly invoices to the city to track their contribution; this helps the city with program administration and development, and provides a record for the adopter for tax purposes.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is approved by the Hailey City Council and signed by the city and the adopter; the MOU contains additional details of adoption, such as insurance requirements and city coordination requirements.

