Message from the Mayor

Idaho DEQ To Contribute $1 Million in ARPA Funds to Hailey Project

The City of Hailey is pleased to announce that the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) will conduct a $1 million clean-up project to remove buried landfill waste from Lions Park.

The Wood River Land Trust and City of Hailey have been working together to realize the goals set forth in the Hailey Greenway Master Plan, which includes work within the parking lot portion of the Lions Park site, with future plans for river restoration, organized parking, play structure and picnic shelter.

Lions Park was used as a landfill for more than 70 years, beginning in the early 1900’s. In the 1970’s, the landfill was capped with soil and the area was converted into a park with a ball field and large gravel parking area. The City and DEQ conducted an assessment of the site in 2009, which identified that there is no contaminate leakage, no issues of water quality and that the site is secure. An excavation project such as is planned by the City could disturb the currently fully secure historical waste.

In May, IDEQ Brownfields Program Coordinator, Eric Traynor, announced to the city council that he had secured a commitment of IDEQ ARPA funds for this project. IDEQ will utilize the $1 million of allocated ARPA funding to focus on removing waste from beneath the gravel parking lot north of the existing ball field, with the ballfield itself left undisturbed. This summer and fall, the parties will work to identify quantities of waste for removal. The waste removal will could start by April 2023, with the area being closed to the public intermittently for months. Efforts will be made to preserve glass and other possible historic artifacts in the waste removal process.

Eric Traynor’s announcement on behalf of IDEQ was met with applause from the city council and WRLT.

Name this Space!

We Need Your Help

The City of Hailey and the Hailey Public Library are inviting the community to help rename the old Copy and Print building, located at 116 S River St., The 4,000-square-foot building is adjacent to and directly west of City Hall/Library building. It once housed the Hailey post office, the Sears Building, and, until recently, was occupied by Copy & Print.

“The old Copy and Print building needs a new name to match its new purpose as a community gathering place,” stated City Administrator Lisa Horowitz, “We need the community’s help. What should we name it?”

The first phase of the naming contest runs from May 19 to June 3. The public is invited to jot suggestions on a ballot and drop into voting boxes located at both Hailey Public Library and Hailey City Hall. Final voting for the top 4-6 suggestions will run from June 13-27, again at both the Library and City Hall. The winning name will be announced on the 4th of July. For more information, contact Hailey Public Library at 208-788-2036.

City Meeting Calendar

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All City offices will be closed on July 4th in celebration of Independence Day.
Utility Rebates Can Earn Over $1,000

The City of Hailey encourages new construction to utilize electric appliances and utilities in a move away from the higher carbon footprint of natural gas. But DID YOU KNOW that both Idaho Power and Intermountain Gas Company have rebate programs for new energy efficient homes being built? Qualifying homes can receive a rebate of upwards of $1,000! In a 2018 audit conducted by Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), residential power was found to be the largest greenhouse gas contributor in Hailey. Newly constructed energy efficient homes will be vital for the city to reach its 100% Clean Energy Goal by 2045.

Not only will an energy efficient home be good for the environment, but also your pocket, in the form of lowered monthly utility bills and rebates. To qualify for the Idaho Power and Intermountain Gas Company rebate programs, the following must apply:

**Idaho Power Residential New Construction Pilot Program – $1,000 rebate**

- Be the customer who signs the sales agreement for a new, all-electric ENERGY STAR manufactured home and establishes an Idaho Power residential account for that home
- Have the home sited in Idaho Power’s service area

**Intermountain Gas Energy Efficiency Program Appliance Rebates, Whole Home Tier 1 – $900 rebate**

- HERS rated
- Air sealing at or below 3 ACH at 50 Pa
- Ceiling Insulation at or above R-49
- Ducts and air handler located inside conditioned space or duct leakage to outside of less than 4 CFM25/100 ft2 CFA
- Furnace efficiency at or above 97% AFUE

To learn more about the rebate programs, visit www.idahopower.com and intgas.com

Green Tip of the Month

Don’t throw away your empty egg cartons, the Hunger Coalition will put them to good use! The Hunger Coalition receives eggs in large quantities and needs egg carton donations to distribute the eggs. Donating egg cartons will simultaneously help community members access food and keep the cartons out of landfills! To donate, drop off the egg cartons at one of the coalition’s Bloom Bins located at Albertsons, Atkinson’s Markets, and Village Market or at the Hunger Coalition facility.

Paige Nied, Resiliency Planner

A Big Thank You to Katie Van Hees!

Thanks so much for your time on the Hailey Tree Committee! We appreciate all your enthusiasm, generosity, and love for Hailey Trees! You will be missed.

The Hailey Tree Committee and the City of Hailey

SAVE THE DATE! Hailey ArborFest will be held Saturday June 11th from 9 am to 1 pm at McKercher Park, adjacent to the Farmer’s Market. ArborFest is a family friendly event featuring a special guest – the Lorax! There will be kid’s activities, free seedlings, and the first “Ask an Arborist” opportunity! That morning IDL urban forester Gerry Bates will present the City of Hailey and the Hailey Tree Committee with the Tree City USA and Growth Award.
**Hailey Tree Committee**

**Planting a tree the right way!**

Whether you plant a bare-root, potted or balled & burlap tree, the basics are mostly the same. Buy healthy stock, select the right spot, dig the right sized hole, plant when it is cool, and follow correct planting steps.

**The Hole:** Measure the width and height of the root ball. When digging a hole be sure to **NOT** dig deeper than the root ball but make the hole from **two to three times wider**. Digging too deep means the root ball won’t be supported by firm soil. Most tree roots grow out, not deeper. When planting be sure the root flare at the base of the tree is **slightly above ground level**.

**Soil:** Do not add compost to the soil when backfilling. If soil is dense clay, add just enough organic material to break up clods. Non-composted wood mulch is not recommended as fill because it creates air pockets when it decomposes and steals nitrogen needed by the tree.

**Potted trees:** After digging your hole, remove the tree gently from the pot, you may need to cut the pot to do this. If the tree is root bound, **cut encircling roots** on the sides, as well as those on the bottom and top of root ball as needed. You will need to use a knife or clippers that you can use in dirt. This is a super critical step because if encircling roots aren’t cut tree growth is limited and these roots can strangle and kill a tree.

**Balled & Burlap (B & B):** These are usually larger caliper trees and can be very heavy. This size might be best left to a professional to plant. Again trees need to be planted the same depth as potted trees. DO NOT REMOVE the tree from the burlap and wire cage! Remove the twine and fold back burlap and so it will stay under the backfilled soil. If the wire cage is above ground, this also can be cut or bent to be below the soil.

**Bare-root:** These small trees should be planted while dormant. Before planting soak tree roots in water for a couple of hours. Cut cleanly the longest roots then plant in a hole deep enough so roots can hang down naturally. Make a small mound in the hole to place the roots around, then backfill the hole gently to not damage the roots. Bare root trees will require a training prune to develop the trunk structure the second or third year.

**Water:** It is so important to water the tree deeply after planting. You should water the tree daily for a week, then water deeply once a week.

**Fertilizer:** Adding fertilizer is **unnecessary** and actually can be detrimental to the tree. Too much nitrogen can create a harmful imbalance of the shoots/leaves to the root system of the tree and can also encourage weak shoots.

**Mulch:** Use about 2 to 4 inches of a good quality mulch (with no dyes) over the planting area, to protect against heat, and water loss. Keep mulch 4 inches away from the trunk!

**Staking:** If you are in a windy area, you can lightly stake your tree for ONE year. Use two or more stakes with soft ties around the tree.

**Pruning:** Do not prune your tree the first year except to remove broken and damaged limbs. The tree needs its leaves to create the sugars to be stored in the roots in the winter to jumpstart growth the next year.
Public Works

Irrigation Restrictions in Effect

The Hailey Public Works Department reminds all citizens of the requirement to observe odd-even dates and watering time restrictions for irrigation.

When Can I Water?
- Even numbered addresses water on even numbered days.
- Odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days.
- Must water before 10 AM and after 6 PM

This law is upheld by using the following process when a violation occurs:
1st Violation: Door knob hanger with the violation marked
2nd Violation: Written violation letter from the City
3rd Violation: Water turned off at the property with no further notice and a $100 fee to reinstate water service.

Events

Enjoy Hailey’s Signature Event

Hailey’s Annual Days of the Old West 4th of July celebration will take place Saturday July 2nd through Monday July 4th. This year’s festivities include three days of both the Sawtooth Rangers Rodeo and the Hailey Blue Cow Antique Fair at Roberta McKercher Park. On Monday July 4th, there will be pre-parade food and fun at the Hailey town square site (which will be officially named that day) followed by the noon parade on Main Street honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Ray Nelson Memorial Little League Tournament. After the parade head over to Hop Porter Park for Sawtooth Brewery’s Riverfest featuring food, craft beer and live music and it’s all topped off with the big fireworks show as the sun sets on the 4th. Find out more at ValleyChamber.org. And don’t forget to contribute to the Fireworks Fundraising effort!

Farewell from Heather Dawson

Our Town Legacy

One of the legacies in the City’s portfolio of the past three decades is this publication, Our Town, launched in 1990 by then-Mayor Keith Roark. The newsletter has been published on the City’s website under Announcements & News since 2007, where the photos can be more clearly seen. Utility customers who have requested paperless billing receive the publication through email. Mayor Martha Burke renamed the newsletter in 2020 to Our Town, Our Home. The City has talented staff to produce public relations materials.

The purpose of the publication is to familiarize readers with activity at city hall, including proposed laws to engage the community in public comment, newly adopted laws so the community can be compliant, health, safety and environmental tips, and news about the work of our various governing bodies, departments and partners.

The best legacy of our town is an involved, active community! I have appreciated and enjoyed all of you. Thank you for enriching my life through these past years.

Board and Staff News

New Admin. Assistant

The City of Hailey warmly welcomes Tuyen Tran as Administration Assistant. Tuyen (pronounced “twin”) joined our staff in March of this year and has been a great addition to our team. She was born and raised in S. Vietnam, eventually making her way from Saigon City to the Wood River Valley where she joined a family member already living in Ketchum at the time.

It was here at CSI that Tuyen earned a degree in business as well as accounting and bookkeeping. Tuyen’s duties will vary as she works with different departments to perform a variety of routine and complex administrative and clerical duties.

When asked what drew her to the City of Hailey, she said it was “a nice place to work where everyone works together and cares for each other.”

Please help us welcome our new addition.
Join us at the Hailey Public Library this summer for a reading adventure!

Register online at www.haileypubliclibrary.org or at the library at any time during Summer Reading

Important Summer Reading Dates:
Registration begins: May 11 - June 6 | Summer Reading: June 6 - July 29
End of Summer Celebration: July 29

THE PLACE WE LIVE
Reading and Knowing Home
2022 Adult Summer Reading

The Hailey Public Library, The Community Library and Bellevue Public Library are co-hosting this year’s valley-wide adult Summer Reading program.

In-person and online registration opens Saturday, May 28 at each library.

Read, get tickets, then enter for great prizes at your library!

Memorial Day - Labor Day
June Events at Hailey Public Library

Story Time
Wednesday at 11:00 AM
Meet us in the library for a morning of stories, songs and crafts! Made especially for preschool kids.

Spanish Story Time
Saturday, June 4 & 18, 11:00 AM
Blanca Ruiz hosts our summer Spanish Story Time.

Bike Rodeo
Tuesday, June 7, 11:00 AM
Join us for story time, then fun on bikes with Ms. Cece from Mountain Rides. Be sure to bring your bike, a helmet, and all your energy!

Julie Weston reading from Miners’ Moon
Thursday, June 9, 5:30 PM - In person at Hailey Town Center West
Popular local writer Julie Weston reads from the fourth book in her Moonshine mystery series.

Top Dog Toy Swap
Saturday, June 11, 10:00 AM-Noon - Outdoors at Hailey Town Center West
Swap out your pooch’s gently used toys for ‘new’ ones enrich your dog’s life! Tamara Rowe, Rosy Rover Training, will be on hand to answer questions. Toys should be durable, safe, non-toxic and dog-friendly. Leashed, well-behaved dogs welcome.

Explore Local Trails with author Scott Marchant
Thursday, June 16, 5:30 PM - In person at Hailey Town Center West
Scott Marchant, guide book author and outdoor photographer, shares his favorite trails from the newly revised The Hiker’s Guide to Sun Valley & Ketchum. Books will be available for purchase.

Spring Women’s Roadworthy Bike Workshop
Saturday, June 18, 10:00 AM-Noon
Learn basic maintenance and how to adjust equipment for optimum performance. Safe riding skills will be covered, followed by a bike ride. Enrollment limited to 15. RSVP to kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org.

Noche de Cine en Español
Tuesday, June 28, 5:00 PM - In person at Hailey Town Center West
Join us for the 1997 biographical musical drama of a famous, Texas-born Latina singing sensation and her tragic death. PG; English with Spanish subtitles.