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Message from the Mayor

Fire Season is here!

Happy August! Our weather has been beautiful. We are in our peak season of getting outside and enjoying all that our beautiful valley has to offer. It has been great to see all of you at Hailey Alive, out at our restaurants and shops, in our parks and by our river. August is our hottest month, and our time to pay extra attention to fire safety. Hailey is nestled in the mountains and wildland fire prevention is of utmost concern. We ask our citizenry to keep the following in mind so we may continue to protect our wildland areas.

1. **Pay close attention to weather and drought conditions** which can affect the flammability of vegetation. Avoid any activities that involve fire or sparks when it's hot, dry and windy. If the conditions aren't right, choose non-flammable options. Remember, conditions and local restrictions should guide your decision for any fire-related activity such as building a campfire, operating equipment, off-roading on dry grass or burning debris.
2. **Make sure your campfire is completely out and cold** by following the steps below:
 - Douse the fire with at least one bucket of water.
 - Stir it.
 - Add another bucket of water and stir it again. Your campfire should be cold to the touch before you leave.
3. **Keep vehicles off dry grass.** If you are off-roading, remember that your exhaust can reach temperatures of 1,000+ degrees! So, avoid driving or parking over dry grass.
Thank you for keeping our city safe!

- Retain essential public services at the same level as FY 22;
- Continue our progress on sustainability efforts and climate protection goals;
- Remain vigilant on our employment competitiveness so that we retain our stable, committed and quality staff team; Expand our efforts to address community housing needs for city employees, local employers and Hailey residents;
- Recognize community partners who provide key services in our community.

The FY 23 General Fund Budget contains revenues and expenditures totaling \$9,149,588. The Capital Budget is proposed at \$2,550,686. The Water/Wastewater (also known as the Enterprise Fund) Budgets are proposed at \$9,965,793. This brings the total FY 23 proposed budget to \$21,665,988.

While Hailey revenues were strong in 2022, the FY 23 budget has no staff increases proposed. Our budget documents outline by Department the steps we plan to take in FY 23 towards our climate sustainability goals. We invite you to comment on the budget at our upcoming meeting!

Proposed City of Hailey Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

Public Meeting Open to the Public

The City will hold a Public Hearing on Monday August 5th, 2022 regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 23) municipal budget. The Mayor's proposed budget is based on the following goals:

City Meeting Calendar



City Council.....	08/08/2022
City Council	08/22/2022
Planning & Zoning.....	08/01/2022
Planning & Zoning.....	08/15/2022
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	08/09/2022
Library Board.....	08/16/2022
Parks & Lands Board.....	08/24/2022
Tree Committee	08/11/2022
Urban Renewal Agency.....	08/02/2022

Hailey Names its Newest Building

And the Winner Is!!!

Recently, the City of Hailey and the Hailey Public Library announced that the public chose *Hailey Town Center West* as the official name for the old Copy and Print building which the City purchased in August 2021. The 4,000-square-foot building is adjacent to and directly west of the City Hall/Library building. It once housed the Hailey Post Office and even a Sears Appliance Store.

In the first round of voting, community members offered over 60 suggestions for a new name. This list was reviewed by a small committee, including From the list of name suggestions, the committee identified and classified general themes and the list was narrowed down to six names. Over 130 participated in the second round of voting and the clear winner was Hailey Town Center West (TCW).

A variety of community groups have already utilized TCW for meetings, trainings, classes, presentations and more. To inquire about reserving the building, first visit haileypubliclibrary.org and review the "Room Use Policy" under the "About the Library" dropdown menu. Then, email room.reservations@haileypubliclibrary.org to request a Room Use application.

Why did the City Plant Grass...

When we are trying to reduce water use??

The recently completed Phase 1 of the Plaza at Town Center West is a public space built for community use. The limited installation of *drought tolerant lawn (800SF)* replaces the previous asphalt and concrete and was selected to help address the 'heat effect' of paved and urban areas. By planting hardy sod that requires minimal amounts of water, the space is cooler and more user friendly – providing a comfortable and healthy space for all users to enjoy.

The choice to use lawn was made intentionally. Throughout the Wood River Valley, there are irrigated lawns that serve no purpose. Examples are plenty, one is the narrow strips of lawn between sidewalks and curbs, where sprinklers are adding as much water to the sidewalk and street as they are to the grass. These strips do not provide space to sit and gather; they are "leftover spaces. In this example, a better practice would be to incorporate drought tolerant



landscape design for a more sustainable approach. In the case of the Plaza at Town Center West, landscape architect Lyon Landscape Architects considered three different varieties of grass, and selected the one that was the most hardy and consumed the least amount of water. The lawn provides a respite from the harsh asphalt and creates a comfortable gathering place for residents and visitors of Hailey. The City strives to educate our neighbors about sustainable landscapes. Part of that approach is encouraging people to reduce or eliminate superfluous lawns wherever possible – particularly in those areas where there is no actual use and an alternative design would be more appropriate. The decision to plant lawn at Town Center West furthers the City's goals of providing a functional downtown space for our community and using water-wise plant materials. By replacing concrete and asphalt with a modest amount of lawn, hardy shade trees and perennials the City has increased the absorption of planet-warming greenhouse gases in the urban core. The plants and trees store carbon in the soil, increase water filtration and provide a cooling effect. We hope that you will come enjoy this beautiful new community space!

Hailey to educate and enforce its corrugated cardboard recycling.



The City of Hailey is ramping up its corrugated cardboard recycling enforcement on construction job sites. City Staff has developed a flyer which will be handed out with new building permits. These flyers will be required to be posted on recycling receptacles on all construction sites. The writing on the flyer will be in both English and Spanish and will have magnets attached for easy posting. Staff have also developed a recycling notice letter that will be sent to jobsites that are found to be noncompliant with the cardboard recycling policy of the city.

A list of jobsites in the order of the date the building permit was issued is being created to help Staff identify which sites require a site visit to inspect for compliance. Through these newly developed education and enforcement efforts, Staff hopes to see increased cardboard recycling and fewer instances of contamination.

E Bikes!

At the Hailey City Council Hearing on July 11, 2022, City staff proposed a text amendment to the Hailey Municipal Code to allow for electric bicycles (e-bikes) and alternative electric motored vehicles (such as electric scooters, electric skateboards and “one wheels”) on city streets, pathways, and trails.



The text amendment sparked debate on which classification of e-bike should be allowed. Per the Idaho Legislature, House Bill No. 76, e-bike classifications are as follows:

Class 1: electric-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases when the rider stops pedaling or when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 2: electric-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 3: electric-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases when the rider stops pedaling or when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

The Council discussed the difficulties of identifying e-bikes with capabilities of higher speeds, such as Class 3, as well as what regulation and enforcement might look like. The Council also considered which speed limit is appropriate for the bike path. The consensus was 15 mph, as is the limit on the path in other jurisdictions. Furthermore, the Council discussed limiting speed to enable e-bike use to pedal-assist only on paths and trails, regardless of classification.

The Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD) spoke in favor of creating a unified policy among jurisdictions in the Wood River Valley and discussed how regulation in the early phases will occur on the individual level of self-policing and compassion. The BCRD is currently in the process of working on how to educate the community and spread awareness on e-bike etiquette. The proposed text amendment was continued to the August 8, 2022 City Council Hearing.

Green Tip of the Month:

Keep reusable bags in your car so you won't forget them the next time you're out shopping. Using reusable bags will reduce single-use plastic bags which are harmful to the environment because of their petroleum production, lack of recyclability and time required for full decomposition (which can take up to 1,000 years, according to the American Chemical Society).

This small environmentally friendly step can lead to a cleaner and healthier community for us all. So

Hailey's Front Desk Team

Meet Jana Arnold

Many may recognize Jana from seeing her on stage from time to time in local theater. Often asked what she does when not on stage, the answer is that she is a Deputy City Clerk for the City of Hailey. Before joining the City, Jana was Circulation Supervisor at The Community Library in Ketchum, where she worked for 9 years.



Jana has been employed with the City since December of 2019 and works in tandem with the other Deputy Clerks on a wide variety of duties from answering questions about utility bills to fielding calls for every City department.

"The Deputy City Clerks juggle a lot of balls in the air and the key in doing the job well is knowing who does what and in what department and making sure the public connects with those who can best find the answers they are looking for. The fast pace in a position such as mine keeps me on top of my toes and engaged with the public, which I greatly enjoy."

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In April the Hailey City Council approved four agreements with local companies who each adopt a city park. Two of these companies have been adopting large Hailey parks continuously since 2012. Webb Landscaping adopts Hop Porter Park and Clearwater Landscaping adopts Keefer Park. The work within these parks is donated to Hailey and of significant value, saving tens of thousands of dollars for taxpayers each year, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in the past 10 years.

Two smaller companies, G&G Landscaping and Sun Valley Services have adopted smaller parks, Kiwanis Park and Jimmy's Garden respectively, since 2015. The donated work from these two companies comprises a huge effort for these small companies. The quality of work shows in these well-loved and highly used city parks.

Hailey's Water Restrictions

Remember the following when it comes to watering your lawns and gardens.

- If your address ends in an *odd number*, you may water on odd numbered calendar days only
- If your address ends in an *even number*, you may water on even numbered calendar days only



Hours when you may **NOT** water:
10 AM- 6 PM

Remember you can be assessed fines for violating these simple watering rules of summer.

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Hailey Public Library Newsletter



The Hailey Public Library's teen advisory committee has been busy!

Since April, teens and tweens have been gathering weekly, led by interns Hannah Dayton and Eva Hatzenbuehler, to improve and reimagine the teen space at the library. "We felt like our tween and teens needed a place of their own," said Youth Services librarian Lee Dabney, who helps mentor the group. "Creating somewhere fun and friendly to spend their time was our main aim."

To accomplish this, the teen group, consisting of about 12 regulars, meets Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. "The first breakthrough was moving the teen area to the Sun Room," added Colleen Clark, Teen Adult mentor. "This dedicated space got everyone excited and inspired." The project was entirely student-driven. Choosing the furniture and decorations from local and online sources while being mindful of budget, layout, and different tastes and ideas was a great exercise in teamwork. All possible because of a grant awarded to HPL from the Office of Drug Policy. The goal is to engage tweens and teens by creating spaces and activities with them in mind.

Fast forward four months and the teen advisory committee is ready to celebrate and show off the amazing space. On Thursday, August 11th, from 5:00-7:00 PM, they will host an open house and dedication of the new Imagine Nation teen and tween space. The community is invited to enjoy games, activities, and refreshments—The Boba Place will be here—and, of course, come check out the new and improved teen area.

Upcoming Events

For more information visit our Programs page on our website.

Story Time

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

Spanish Story Time

Saturday, August 6 & 20,
11:00 AM

Conversacion de Ingles

Viernes, a partir del 5 de agosto;
5:00 - 6:30 PM

Conversational English

Fridays, starting August 5;
5:00 - 6:30 PM

Catenary Arches with The Space

Thursday, August 11, 2:00 PM

Knowing the Night Sky – Our Moon and the Perseid Meteor Shower

Friday, August 12, 9:30 - 11:00 PM
at Croy Canyon

Noche de Cine en Español

Tuesday, August 23, 5:00 PM

Teen Space Open House

Thursday, August 11, 5:00 -
7:00 PM



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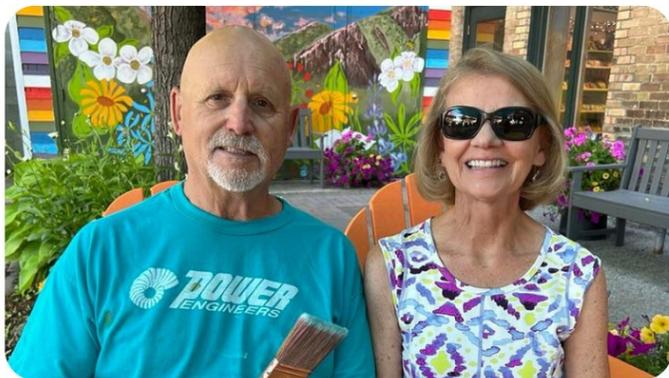
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Tabletop Games Make A Comeback

The increasing popularity of tabletop games is one of the best examples of the growing cultural trend away from digital entertainment and towards analog options like board games and cards. The global market for analog entertainment is expected to reach \$21.56B by 2025.

And guess what? We have them here at the library along with many puzzles. Come check 'em out!

Our Volunteers



Dynamic Duo

Jack and Karen Dailey have volunteered at the library for longer than any of us can remember, helping us over the years with big and small projects. "Jack has painted every wall in the library at least once, and Karen has helped process at least half of the books in the library. They are always there when we need them and appreciate it so much," said Lyn Drewien, Library Director. Thanks, Jack & Karen!

Resource Spotlight

Next Avenue is a free online resource that contains news and information for people over 50.

In an article available this month, Susan Cain, bestselling author of *Bittersweet: How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole*, posits that instead of avoiding sadness and sorrow, we should see it as an opportunity to connect with others.

On another topic, the journalist Frank Bruni navigates compromised vision and possible blindness in an article entitled "Frank Bruni Sees Illumination in the Fading Light." Bruni's new book, *The Beauty of Dusk*, is available at HPL. To access Next Avenue visit our website at haileypubliclibrary.org, locate lili.org under the Digital Resources tab, and type Next Avenue into the search bar. For assistance, email Laura at laura.primrose@haileypubliclibrary.org.

Opportunities abound for adults seeking to improve their English skills

Conversacion de Ingles Returns to HPL

Conversacion de Ingles with tutor Leonardo Padilla Sacha returns to the Hailey Public Library beginning on Friday, August 5th from 5:00-6:30 PM. This is a free, weekly class for native Spanish speakers of all abilities in a structured but informal atmosphere. Registration is encouraged but drop-ins are welcome. Additional tutoring opportunities are available. For more information, contact Kristin Fletcher at 208-788-2036.

CSI to Offer ESL classes

Have you thought about getting a new job? Moving up in your current position? Do you want to help your children in school or go to college yourself? The College of Southern Idaho's College & Career Readiness program is starting free English classes at Hailey Town Center West for adult English Language Learners. Evening classes are Mondays & Wednesdays, starting August 29. For more information and to register, please call CSI at 208-732-6534.