

Our Town, Our Home

City of Hailey

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Message from the Mayor

Happy New Year, Gratitude to All

Please take a moment to reflect on all that we have passed through together in what was an often difficult, challenging and sometimes rewarding year with nimbleness and grace. We have nothing but gratitude toward all of our residents, businesses, workers (all of whom are essential), community groups, non-profits, students, teachers, medical staff, emergency staff, elected officials and all who have done their part for our community in 2020. Happy New Year to all.

Hailey Small Business Grants

Under the State of Idaho CARES Act, the Hailey Mayor and City Council created a city-wide grant program by which \$200,000 in grant funding was made available for Hailey businesses. In the first three weeks of December, city staff reviewed 44 grant applications amounting to \$374,000. Of these, 34 businesses were awarded funding to cover expenses they had incurred over the past six months. The grants range from \$423 to the maximum of \$10,000. Details showing the type of businesses receiving grants, the amount approved, and the level of business hardship is shown on the next page. Although economic hardship was not one of the grant requirements, we requested that information from each applicant. The City is waiting on State approval of these applications, and checks are expected to be issued to the businesses in January, 2021.



Heritage Tree Nomination Program

The City of Hailey and the Hailey Tree Committee are proud to announce a **Heritage Tree program** to recognize and help preserve historic and unique trees in Hailey. Heritage Trees will have unique characteristics that can include:

- ◆ large or mature trees
- ◆ trees with unique botanical, aesthetic, ecological or historical values
- ◆ trees with a special story.

A nomination program will be implemented, by which trees with any of the characteristics of Heritage Trees can be nominated by anyone who would like to recognize a special tree or trees within the Hailey City Limits. Nominations can be made on trees on one's own property, a neighbor's property, a street or park tree, or any other public tree within the city limits.

There is no limit to the amount of nominations; multiple trees in different locations may be nominated by the same person. Any additional information about the tree(s) including its personal importance to the nominator is helpful but not required.

After a tree is designated as a **Heritage Tree**, information about the tree will be shared with the public. The preservation and appropriate care of these trees will be strongly encouraged. A future goal is to create a walking guide to the Heritage Trees within the City of Hailey. A Heritage Tree Nomination form is included on the back page of this newsletter. We look forward to broad, robust participation in this project!

Hailey Business Grant Recipients

<u>Business Type</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Hardship</u>
Beauty Salon	10,000.00	51-75%
Health/Dentist	10,000.00	31-50%
Health/Medical Spa	10,000.00	01-30%
Restaurant	10,000.00	01-30%
Restaurant	10,000.00	01-30%
Restaurant	10,000.00	01-30%
Restaurant/Bar	10,000.00	51-75%
Restaurant/Market	10,000.00	01-30%
Restaurant/Brewery	9,981.35	31-50%
Non profit - Arts	9,962.70	31-50%
Restaurant	9,961.61	31-50%
Beauty Salon	9,000.00	31-50%
Health/Chiropractic	8,514.00	01-30%
Restaurant/Market	7,409.51	51-75%
Beauty Salon	6,373.13	51-75%
Beauty Salon	6,357.52	01-30%
Health - Chiropractic	5,694.00	31-50%
Restaurant	5,055.28	76-100%
Florist	5,046.32	51-75%
Education/Recruitment	4,987.80	51-75%
Health/Acupuncture	4,298.64	31-50%
Retail	4,000.00	51-75%
Retail	3,650.60	76-100%
Beauty Chair	3,125.00	31-50%
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Health/Nutrition Consultant	2,715.54	76-100%
Travel Agency	2,170.00	76-100%
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Health/Education/Training	1,699.56	01-30%
Non profit - Conservation	1,625.26	0.00
Travel Agency	1,480.00	76-100%
Photography	669.88	76-100%
Health - Fitness Gym	503.82	31-50%
Cleaning Service	423.48	31-50%

Student Opinion

Improving Sustainability in your Home

Homes are full of disposable objects that can be easily replaced with their reusable counterparts. By reducing consumption of these five common household disposables, you can diminish the amount of unnecessary waste that ends up in landfills.

1. Paper towels - Paper towels are used in most American households. They are useful, but extremely wasteful. Cloth towels can be washed in washing machines and re-used for years.
2. Plastic water bottles - Disposable plastic bottles are cheap, and can be bought at almost any grocery store. Because of this, people use enormous quantities of these bottles. While reusable water bottles may be initially more expensive, they are actually cheaper (and more attractive) in the long run.
3. Plastic bags - Most stores still offer plastic bags at the checkout. Every year, about 100 billion plastic bags leave stores in the U.S. However, lots of people have switched to using reusable bags. These bags are cheap and can be used for years.
4. Body wash bottles - In 2017, about 1.4 billion plastic body wash bottles were used in the U.S. By converting to bar soap, which requires virtually no plastic packaging, you are eliminating a completely unnecessary source of plastic. Bar soap works just as well as liquid body wash, and comes in lots of different types.
5. Conventional light bulbs - The most common and least expensive type of light bulb is incandescent. However, LED bulbs use at least 75% less energy, and last up to 25 times longer than incandescent bulbs. By switching to LEDs, you will waste less energy in your house. This isn't just environmentally friendly, it's cheaper too!

I hope you will join me in removing these five items from your day to day life.

Holden Archie, Student and W.A.T.E.R. Club

Hailey Public Library January Events

Follow us for more information:

www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org.

www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary.

www.instagram.com/HaileyPublicLibrary.

Facebook Live Story Time, Wednesdays 10:30 AM

An interactive story hour made especially for preschool aged children full of songs and stories. Join us on our Facebook page to listen in: <https://www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary/>

Zoom Library Reads Book Club

Tuesday, January 12, 5:30 PM. Online

"*Prairie Fires: the American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*" by Caroline Fraser. Join us on Zoom for a virtual book club discussion. This comprehensive historical portrait of Laura Ingalls Wilder draws on unpublished manuscripts, letters, diaries and official records to fill in the gaps in Wilder's official story, sharing lesser-known details about her pioneer experiences while challenging popular misconceptions about how her books were ghostwritten. RSVP at <https://haileypubliclibrary.org/>

Mindful Living in Challenging Times Part 4 Before the Spark Becomes a Flame

Thursday, January 14, 5:30 PM

Ryan Redman, executive director of the Flourish Foundation, will share personal experiences and tips on ways parents and others can use attention training techniques of mindfulness and self-compassion to help keep conflicts from escalating. This free Zoom series explores ways to live mindfully when life fills with challenges, using short talks, guided meditations and discussion. RSVP to kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org to sign up for one or more evenings.

Wildlife Among Us

Thursday, January 21, 5:30 PM

Terry Thompson, IDFG Regional Communications Manager, and Kaz Thea, Hailey City Council President, will discuss the Wildlife Smart Communities policy passed by Wood River Valley cities and Blaine County, which promotes responsible and safe habits for people living in close proximity to wildlife. RSVP to kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org

Mindful Living in Challenging Times Part 5

Finding Balance:

Thursday, January 28, 5:30 PM

Local meditation teacher Mary Ann Chubb, Idaho State University counselor and mindfulness instructor Dr. Paula Seikel and HPL's Kristin Fletcher will share ways to keep our footing on the slippery slopes of change. This free Zoom series explores ways to live mindfully when life fills with challenges, using short talks, guided meditations and discussion. RSVP to kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org to sign up for one or more evenings.

Friends of the Hailey Public Library Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 5:30 PM

The Friends of the Hailey Public Library are a non-profit group that fundraises to enhance the library, advocate literacy awareness and appreciation of library services, and strive to meet the changing needs of our library in our growing community. The Friends are always looking for all kinds of volunteers, and welcome anyone who wants to help out.

Hailey Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 6:00 PM

Have questions or suggestions for the library? Come to our monthly board meeting. The meeting is open to the public for in-person attendance or via web access. Please join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

City Meeting Calendar

City Council.....	01/11/2021
City Council	01/25/2021
Planning & Zoning	01/04/2021
Planning & Zoning	01/19/2021
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	01/12/2021
Library Board.....	01/16/2021
Parks & Lands Board.....	01/27/2021
Tree Committee	01/14/2021
Sun Valley Air Service Board.....	01/27/2021
Urban Renewal Agency.....	01/07/2021

Hailey's website contains all agendas and meeting documents, call-in or connection information on how to join meetings online or by phone via Go-To-Meeting. <https://www.haileycityhall.org/meetings/index.asp>. In-person attendance is welcome as well, with physical distancing and face coverings.

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Nominator Information:

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Property/Tree Owner Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tree Information:

Location of tree (street address or other): _____

Species of tree (if known): _____ Single tree or group? _____

What is noteworthy about the tree/s (check all that apply):

_____ Size? _____ Age? _____ Unique species? _____ Aesthetics? _____ History? _____ Story?

Size of tree:

Height (feet) _____ Crown width(feet): _____ Circumference (inch)

Estimated age _____ Is the tree healthy? _____ Any other issues? _____

Explain in a short paragraph why this tree should be nominated for heritage designation, including any documented historical facts or stories about the tree. Historical photos would be appreciated.

Submit nomination to: Stephanie Cook at stephanie.cook@haileycityhall.org or you can also drop a completed nomination form at City Hall or at the Welcome Center, c/o Stephanie Cook.

WHEN IT SNOWS . . .

Less than 3", we sand, de-ice and clear sidewalks as needed.

More than 3", we plow, typically at nighttime for maximum efficiency. Sidewalks may be cleared during the daytime.

The timing of the start and duration of snow removal operations is dependent on the timing and severity of the storm.

PRIORITY OF STREETS FOR PLOWING

- 1 Main arterials that provide a minimum network connecting hospitals, police and fire stations.
- 2 Arterials and traffic collector streets, bus routes, around schools, and Main St. and school connection sidewalks.
- 3 All other significant traffic volume streets, known problem spots (intersections, hills, etc.), and east Woodside Blvd. sidewalks.
- 4 All remaining streets, including residential streets.

If a snow event is large or if storms come back-to-back, it takes the entire crew to keep priority 1, 2 and 3 routes open. Priority 4 routes may remain unplowed for quite some time.

RIGHT OF WAY AND SNOW EASEMENT

Repairing damage to mailboxes, landscaping or other items in the right of way is not the City's responsibility. Please help keep the right of way clear.

Most streets have a 10' snow easement (begins at the property line and goes 10' onto private property). In a big snow year, it's common for snow from plowing operations to be pushed onto and stored in this easement. This may create a large berm along your property boundary, and is a normal result with a large volume of snow.

SNOW REMOVAL QUESTIONS

788-9830 x1

The City has a high call volume during snow events, especially if the event is large. Your call is important, and your patience is appreciated.

During a storm, you may need to leave a message with your question or concern. Messages are retrieved several times throughout the day. Calls are returned in the order they are received, and as soon as possible.



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Snow Removal Information

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CITY OF HAILEY

Public Works Department



We live in snow country; please prepare for snow removal operations.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

There is no parking allowed in the City right of way (the area adjacent to the street in front of your property) from midnight to 7:00 a.m. from November 1st to May 1st. Illegally parked vehicles are the biggest obstacle to effective snow removal efforts, and they will be ticketed or towed without notice and at the owner's expense. Illegally parked vehicles can also be plowed in or damaged, a nuisance and a cost to the owner.



DRIVEWAYS

Clearing driveway openings is the responsibility of the property owner. During snowstorm plowing operations, plow blades cannot be lifted as they pass by a driveway, so snow will be plowed into driveways as we come down your street. You may wish to clear your driveway several times during the storm or wait until the storm and plowing activities have ended.

It is unlawful to plow, blow, shovel or throw snow onto the street (or any public way), or to bury traffic regulatory signs, when clearing driveways.



When the City grades, or "peels," the street during maintenance operations, we clear driveways of peeled material. This type of maintenance typically occurs *long after* snowstorm plowing operations. As loaders clear the peeled material, operators typically (though not always) push the pile to the downstream side of your driveway (the right side of your driveway as you face the street).

To avoid damage, graders and loaders will maintain a 5 to 6 foot clearance from obstacles which may be at the street end of your driveway (such as the rear end of a vehicle) or in the right of way. When this happens, less than optimum results are achieved. Park as far onto your property as possible and keep the right of way clear.

MAILBOXES

Keeping mailboxes clear of snow is the responsibility of the property owner. To minimize the potential for damage, mailboxes must be kept at least 8 feet from the edge of the street, and preferably on private property.

The City routinely uses the right of way for snow storage and snow removal operations. Any personal belongings left in the right of way, including mailboxes, can sustain damage. This damage is not the responsibility of the City.



If your mailbox is inaccessible for mail delivery, mail can be picked up at the Post Office.

SIDEWALKS

The City clears sidewalks with improved curb and gutter in the downtown commercial district and on the east side of Woodside Blvd. As resources permit, the City clears sidewalks on the west side of Woodside Blvd. (in a big winter, the west side may never be cleared). The group mailboxes and bus shelters on Woodside Boulevard are part of the sidewalk system and are cleared accordingly. If the group mailboxes are inaccessible for mail delivery, mail can be picked up at the Post Office.

TRASH AND RECYCLABLES

In this category, timing is everything, as trash service is rarely interrupted due to inclement weather. However, it's a good idea to keep trash cans and recycling containers out of the right of way during a snow event. These items, and any other items left in the right of way, are easily damaged by snow removal equipment. This damage is not the responsibility of the City.

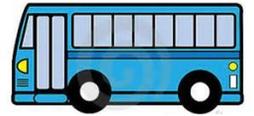
SAFETY

EQUIPMENT: Take an alternate route when you see snow removal equipment on the street ahead of you. Passing, tailgating or cutting off this equipment is hazardous.



CHILDREN: Snow forts and snow caves can seem like fun, but they are dangerous when built in the right of way or next to the road. When snow builds up we push banks back. Visibility from inside a plow truck and around large banks of snow is limited.

GETTING AROUND: During a major storm, driving will be hazardous, and may become difficult or impossible on residential streets. Stay off the roadways if at all possible. Public transportation is an option; it's easy and affordable for a day or so until the storm passes and things settle down. See mountainrides.org or call 788-RIDE.



FIRE HYDRANTS: The Hailey Water Division clears snow from fire hydrants as a maintenance item. With more than 400 hydrants in Hailey, this task takes some time to complete. Property owner help in keeping hydrants clear of snow is appreciated. It is unlawful to plow, shovel or place snow within 25' of a hydrant on the street side of the hydrant.



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

We appreciate your support and assistance. We rely on citizens to do their part when it snows. We recognize it's a big job, and thank you for your efforts. Let's all have a safe and happy winter!

