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City of Hailey

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Message from the Mayor

Happy September!

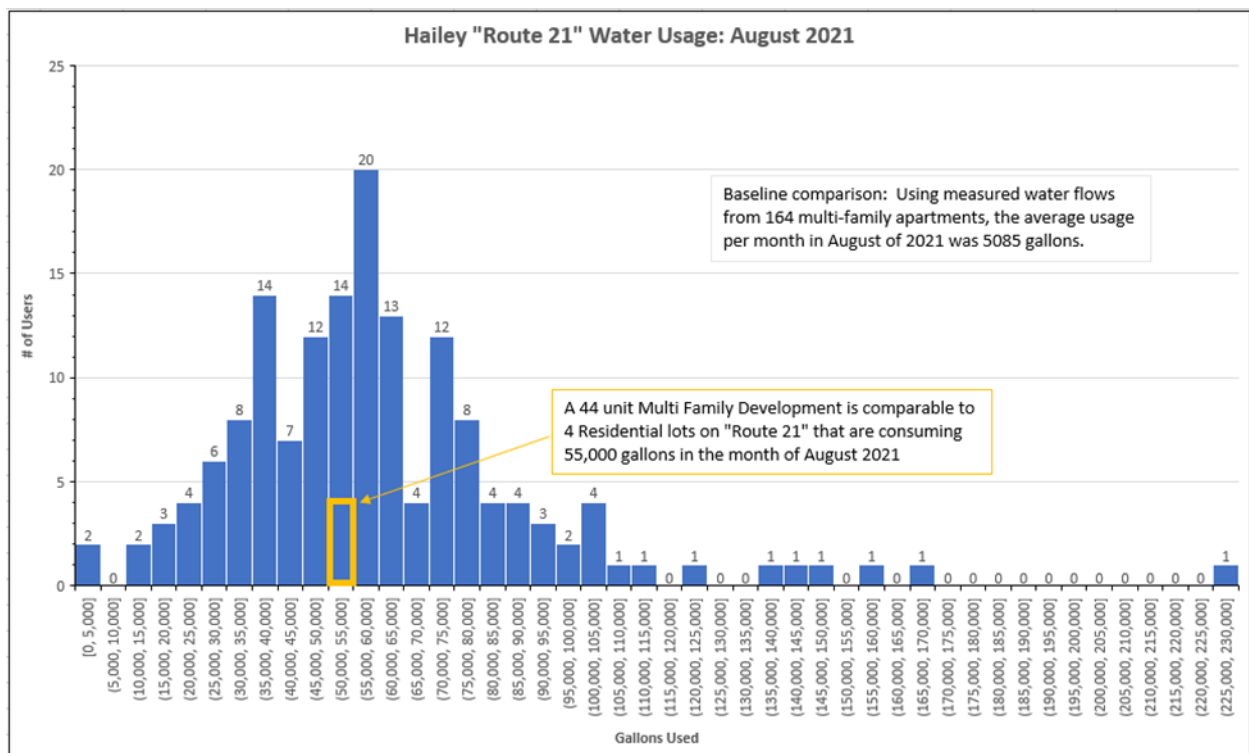
We are enjoying the last days of summer as our hillsides turn golden and our thoughts turn to fall. As we close out August, many of our citizens have shared their concerns over water issues in our valley. In collaboration with our Public works Director Brain Yeager, I have the following observations:

- **Cutting down on municipal water use is an important component of Hailey's Climate Action goals;** however, we must remember that the majority of our region's water use is attributed to agriculture. In Blaine County, all of the cities combined equal about 6% of the County's water use. While we must continue our vigilance on water conservation within our town, we must also help county-wide efforts to reduce water consumption.
- **Within Hailey, summer irrigation is our biggest water user.** An average Hailey home uses 5,800 gallons of water per month in the winter.

That same home uses **40,000** gallons per month in the summer- about a **7-fold** increase. When we talk about water consumption and growth, not all new growth is the same. A new apartment complex of about 42 units uses the same amount of water in August as 4 large residential homes.

See the chart below prepared by our Public Works Department that illustrates residential water use.

- **Water consumption is not the same as water pressure.** While some areas of the City experience lower pressure than others, this is not exclusively related to water consumption. Water pressure is a function of several variables including infrastructure size and elevation within the City. In general, areas at higher elevations (north Hailey) have less water pressure than areas at the lower elevations (south Hailey). High water usage at high elevation neighborhoods challenges the ability of the infrastructure to deliver water.



Resiliency 2022

DID YOU KNOW that dog poop is more than just a smelly, unsightly mess?

It's an environmental and human health hazard. According to the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, there are 83 million pet dogs in the United States which produce 10.6 million tons of poop each year. Most people are conscientious of picking up after their dogs; however, many are not. This poses significant risks for communities.

When dog waste isn't disposed of properly, it eventually makes its way into the water supply, polluting rivers, creeks, streams, and other local waterways. Dog waste contains nitrogen and phosphorus which can deplete oxygen for fish and other water-based life, as well as catalyze harmful algae growth; creating dead zones in aquatic habitats that can be toxic to wildlife.



According to the Centers for Disease Control, pet waste is a host for a number of bacteria, parasite, and other diseases that can be transmitted to humans. Dog feces can transmit different worms that can affect humans, especially children. For example, roundworms are common in dogs and can remain in the soil for multiple years. Dog waste can also carry E. coli, parvovirus, salmonella, and campylobacter bacteria, which can cause life-threatening infections to infants, elderly, and people with weakened immune systems.

The Environmental Resource Center (ERC) for over 10 years has collaborated with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other user groups to reduce the negative environmental and public health impacts of dog waste on local trails. Through the Pick Up for the Planet (PUP) Program, the ERC provides baggies, educational signage, and weekly bin collection to 16 highly trafficked trailheads valley-wide – at no cost to the community!

Dog waste is one of the leading sources of water pollution that is completely preventable. Cleaning up after your dog is not only required by law, but also your civic duty! Please do your part and remember to carry or utilize available disposable bags, pick it up every time, tie the bag closed, and toss it in the garbage – to keep yourself, your family, and the environment healthy.

Green Tip of the Month:

Recycle your plastic film at the Blaine County Annex Building! Various plastic films are often discarded and end up in landfills, yet most clean and dry plastic films are 100% recyclable! Plastic film includes newspaper sleeves, bread bags, cereal liners, food storage bags, produce & grocery bags, and packaging pillows. The recycled plastic film is then shipped to Nevada to be made into Trex Decking.

The average 500 square foot composite of Trex Decking contains 140,000 recycled plastic bags! In 2021, the County recycled approximately 25,552 pounds of plastic film – plastic film is a lightweight material, so achieving a weight in pounds is very impressive! The next time you find plastic films laying around your household, bring them to the Blaine County Annex Building to get recycled. The recycling receptacle for plastic film is located inside the front entrance to the left.



*****CORRECTION*****

In the resiliency section in August's *Our Town* there was a typo on the classifications for electric bikes (e-bikes). It should have read:

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 twenty (20) miles per hour.

Class 2: electric-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty (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 twenty-eight (28) miles per hour.

TREAT PLAY LOVE

Celebrate 50 Years of Saving Animals and Changing Lives

September 23-25

For exact times visit <https://mountainhumane.org>

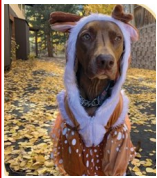
Treat-Friday night, the 23rd

The party begins on the Mountain Humane event patio with a performance by local favorite Jeff Crosby.



Play-Saturday, the 24th

Primp your pooch in their finest regalia and join pet parades and costume contests at Mckercher Park in Hailey.



Love—Sunday, the 25th

Join our Hikin' Buddies and Adam's Gulch, Greenhorn and Draper Preserve trailheads for organized pack walks with trail options for varied abilities.



Presenting Sponsor:



Celebrate 50 Years of Saving Animals and Changing Lives!



September 23-25

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City Meeting Calendar



City Council.....	09/12/2022
City Council	09/26/2022
Planning & Zoning.....	09/06/2022
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Arts & Historic Preservation.....	09/13/2022
Library Board.....	09/20/2022
Parks & Lands Board.....	09/28/2022
Tree Committee	09/08/2022

All City offices will be closed Monday, September 5th, in recognition of Labor Day.

Hailey Police Dept. Employee Profile

Patrol Officer Gustavo "Goose" Cervantes

Officer Cervantes has been with the Hailey Police Department since completing the College of Southern Idaho's Police Program over a year and a half ago.



Since he was in middle school, "Goose" knew he wanted to have a career in Law Enforcement. He applied to the HPD because he "likes the small-town feel and the outdoor activities this community has to offer."

Born in Twin Falls and growing up in Buhl, Cervantes was aware of the reluctance the Hispanic community often had in calling law enforcement. He wanted to apply in an area where there was a large Spanish speaking community to help ease the stress of calling the police. He wanted to be more involved in his community and help others through problems he might have had growing up.

In his free time, he likes to kayak, fish, snowboard and explore new places.

Hailey Fire Department & The Chamber

Presents the second annual

5 Alarm Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, September 10th, 2022

Main and Silver St. Hailey, Idaho

1PM to 4PM

If you would like to participate please contact;

The Hailey Chamber at

208- 788-3484.

Performance by The Kim Stocking Band.

Chili Tasting - Drinks - Kids Activities - Prizes

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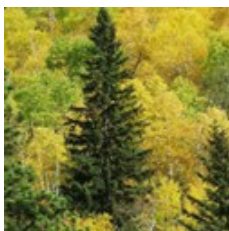
THANK YOU!

What is Killing our Majestic Spruce?

The Hailey Tree Committee

You may have noticed a sad change in the tree canopy of Old Hailey –dying spruce!
The most common spruce in Hailey are:

Englemann spruce which have cones 1 to 2



inches long green needles. These native trees were the first spruce to be planted in Hailey. They were transplanted from nearby forests. Some are over 100 years old!
They are not heat or drought tolerant.

Blue spruce which have cones 3 to 4 inches long with blue to green needles. Blue spruce is native only to a small area of eastern Idaho. Blue spruce *prefers moist, semi-shady sites* so they become stressed in our urban setting.



Norway spruce which have cones 4 to 7 inches long and have drooping green branches. Norway spruce like *moist, partly-shaded sites*.



If you see a large spruce tree dying from the top down, it is most likely caused by a species of the *lps* beetle that tunnels under the bark. The *lps* beetle galleries under the bark cut off the flow of sap which kills the branches above. Dying branches advance down the tree through the summer because there will be two or more *lps* generations a year. Normally, *lps* will not kill a tree in a short time. *lps* become a threat when trees are stressed due to inadequate water to the roots, heat and drought, mechanical damage and compacted soils. It's important to deep water trees at least once a week when hot, or replace with more drought tolerant species.

Once a tree has extensive top dieback these trees may need to be removed. This reduces the spread of *lps* beetles to other trees. If there is limited dieback, pruning by an arborist, deep watering and fertilization can help the tree survive. Adult *lps* will emerge and infest new trees in early summer. Any *lps* infected wood needs to be covered or removed from the area to protect healthy trees. Other insects or disease that can damage spruce trees include spider mites, scale, toxic salts or herbicides.

Please email Emily at Emily.williams@haileycityhall.org to receive more information on other spruce insects and diseases.

Come Volunteer at the Hailey Native Plant Arboretum!

Join us Tuesday, Sept 13 from 9:00-11:00 AM.

You will learn about native Idaho plants, including the state tree and state flower. We will be doing some light pruning, raking, weeding, and planting wildflowers and shrub seedlings.

Email emily.williams@haileycityhall.org to sign up!"

Cover to Cover

Hailey Public Library Newsletter

Censorship Divides Us



September 18 - 24, 2022

Books Unite Us

Celebrate Your Right to Read in September

If you haven't been to the library lately, there's no better time to visit than in September. We're celebrating Library Card Sign-up Month and commemorating Banned Books Week. This year's theme is "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us."

The American Library Association launched Banned Books Week in 1982 to draw attention to the value of free access to information. "Two of HPL's five core values are knowledge and access," stated Library Director Lyn Drewien. "As librarians, we're not here to influence beliefs or build conformity but feed individual curiosity through choice and access. Reading is a foundational skill and our goal is to maintain a diverse collection so there are tools for *everyone* in our community. In addition to entertainment, books provide an understanding of complex issues critical to lifelong learning."

We have a month-long display to celebrate Banned Books Week and look forward to lively discussions about challenged titles and the broader issues of intellectual freedom and censorship.

Library Card Sign-up Month

To celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month, we're spreading the word that Hailey Public Library has many membership options that give you access to practically every title ever published. If we don't own it, we can buy or borrow it from the thousands of public and academic libraries worldwide. Remember, too, borrowing books from the public library is a practice that promotes sustainability and community. Plus, we have lots more to offer than books, so stop by in September and check us out.

Upcoming Events

For more information visit our Programs page on our website.

CSI English Classes
Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 PM and 7:30-9:30 PM

Story Time
Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

Conversacion de Ingles
Viernes, 5:00-6:30 PM

Conversational English
Fridays, 5:00-6:30 PM

Spanish Story Time
Every other Saturday in September, 11:00 AM

Library Reads Book Club:
The Night Watchman
Tuesday, September 13th, 5:30 PM

Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff
Friday, September 16, 5:30-8:30 PM

Art Talks - Hispanic Icons
Fridays at 7:00 PM;
September 16 – Frida Kahlo
September 23 – Diego Rivera
September 30 – Chicano Muralists

Noche de Cine en Español
Tuesday, September 27, 5:00 PM



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September is Hispanic Heritage Month

HPL will kickoff Hispanic Heritage Month with a multifaceted event for the whole community on Friday, September 16, from 5:30-8:30 PM at Hailey Town Center West. La Cabanita will provide taquitos, chips, salsa, and beverages.

The evening begins at 5:30 PM with rounds of Loteria, a traditional Mexican game of chance similar to bingo but using beans and cultural images on decks of cards. Music with father and son duo Quinta Generación performing traditional and contemporary Mexican songs begins at 6:00 PM. We'll have face painting and coloring pages for the littles. Teens will be challenged by life-sized Jenga, and raffles will tempt adults. Beautiful national flags, papel picado, skeleton posters and bilingual books will be displayed inside the library.

The evening will wrap up at 7:00 PM with a talk by art educator Kathryn Zupsic on the Life and Art of Frida Kahlo, the most famous, recognizable female artist in the world. Simultaneous translation will be available. Zupsic, a former docent at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, will highlight contributions made by other Hispanic artists in talks featuring Diego Rivera on September 23 and Chicano Visions: Painting from the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art and Culture on September 30. For details, visit www.haileypubliclibrary.org



Our Volunteers

Blanca Ruiz

Hailey Public Library is so grateful to have Blanca Ruiz help us with Spanish Story Time! Spanish Story Time is every other week. Blanca reads three books, sings songs (she is getting her degree in music and hopes to one day be a music teacher), and has a craft or activity for the kids. "Seeing their smiling faces makes me feel like we are headed in a positive direction, it makes me happy to know they are learning and having fun." Please check HPL website for more information on dates and times. Thank you, Blanca!



Resource Spotlight

World Book Student: a back-to-school must-have resource for your child's education!

It's easy to see why World Book Student is one of HPL's most popular research websites. Optimized for iPads, this comprehensive site includes engaging content, built-in features, and fun tools specifically designed to make knowledge accessible and easy to find for elementary through middle school students. Designed for their age level and ability, it's also incorporated the award-winning content you know and trust and contains engaging features you expect in an interactive online learning environment. Look for World Book Student on our website under the Digital Resources tab with Lili.org

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Hispanic Heritage Kickoff

Friday, September 16, 2022
5:30pm-7:30pm

Hosted by: Hailey Public Library
Music - Quinta Generacion
Food - Chapalitas Grill
Games, Loteria and Face Painting

Art Talks: "Life and Art of Frida Kahlo" with
simultaneous translation

For more information : Kristin Fletcher (208) 788-2036
kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org



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VIERNES, SEPTIEMBRE 16, 2022

5:30pm-8:30pm

Dirigida por: Hailey Public Library

Musica - Quinta Generacion

Comida - Chapalitas Grill

Juegos, Loteria and Pinturas de Caritas, Piñatas

El Arte Habla: "Vida y Arte de Frida Kahlo"

interpretación simultánea

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