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City of Hailey

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Message from the Mayor

Thanks To Voters and Candidates

City elections bring out a high level of dialogue within a community. We are always grateful for what we learn from our constituents and candidates during the election process. Thanks to all for having taken the time, effort and risk to enter the dialogue! Congratulations to all.

We also are grateful to bond voters for their input on our property purchase adjacent to city hall. We feel that a 60% vote in favor, although not enough to add more money to our coffers, was a strong statement in favor of the path we set foot on. We are now ready to take the next steps.

Staff is in conversations with a consultant to lead a community dialogue to identify what the community would like to do with this property. We will consider and discuss both short term (1-5 years) and longer term (5+ years) uses of the property.

After we purchased the Hailey Town Center Plaza/Annex, the space has been used for events and activities about every two weeks. Below is a list of events and activities planned for the next several months, during which time community planning process for short and long-term use of the space, both indoor and outdoor, will be led by a consultant working with Community Development, Library and Public Works.

Events Planned:

Youth Programming – Special events include a visit from Santa, who arrives Friday Dec 3 at 4:30 PM.

Kiwanis Club Monthly Meetings.

Hailey Holiday Square – December Hailey Holiday Square to be reopened in the outdoor plaza, with combined use of indoor and outdoor space. Festivities begin Friday, December 3, 2021 and include:

Santa arrives at 4:30 PM

Choirs sing from 4:45 - 5:30

Tree-lighting at 5:30

Library Adult Programming – Weekly programming with a hybrid approach to both in-person and zoom connections.

Hailey Ice Festival – A week of ice sculpture crafting and viewing within the plaza AND the closed Croy Street space, scheduled for early February 2022.

Large City Council/P&Z Hearings – when a hearing is expected to bring in a crowd, the City Council and/or P&Z can use the space for a combination virtual and in person meeting space ample for social distancing.

If your organization is interested in using the space, Hailey Public Library staff will book your rental and the Community Development Department will process your special event application. Indoor uses will not require a special event permit.

Give a tree!

What a thoughtful, forever-giving gift. Purchase a certificate from a garden center for a tree for:

- *Christmas.
- *Sharing the joy of a birth.
- *A birthday or anniversary.
- *Remembering a loved one.
- *Thanking a friend.

Plant a tree.

City of Hailey Tree Committee



City Finances

Federal Recovery & Infrastructure Funds Planning Process Launched

City staff and a community volunteer are working together on a strategic planning process for identifying the best uses for Hailey's share of American Recovery Planning Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$1.8 million. These funds came via the March 2021 Biden administration's \$1.9 trillion pandemic economic stimulus bill. Cities with population under 50,000 are given a share of that money through their State government with a spending plan to be developed prior to the end of 2024 and the actual spending itself to occur prior to the end of 2026. The same bill also provided for many other grant opportunities in addition to those funds. Hailey Public Library has done a very good job of applying for and receiving some of those additional grant fund.



City department heads and division managers met with our community volunteer Diane Cordes to identify how the pandemic affected city operations for use in a report Cordes will develop for community consideration.

Criteria is being developed by which the city may evaluate the use of funds. With the signing of the federal infrastructure bill in mid-November, criteria surrounding leveraging opportunities, or matching different grant opportunities to the community's best interests, rises in importance.

This is one of the upcoming strategic planning initiatives which will come to the city council and community within the next few months. Along with that, we will also be amending our Capital Projects Budget to reflect year-end operational surplus which, by policy, is transferred into the capital fund. We will also address at that time if any capital initiatives will be impacted by the spending of an unreimbursed \$950,000 for the city expansion Annex/Plaza adjacent to city hall.

Utility Billing

Save Money - Reduce Sewer Bill

Now is the time to save money and reduce your sewer bill for an entire year! If you monitor and reduce your water usage sufficiently in the winter months, November through March, you will reduce your sewer rate.



There are two cash savings opportunities: 1) when you use less water, your water bill decrease, but more importantly 2) your sewer rate is based on the average of your water usage in these winter months. The adjusted rate will be reset in April 2022 and apply to your bill through March 2023.

Conversely, your sewer rate may also increase. An increase in your winter average usage of 1000 gallons of usage will cause your wastewater charge to increase. For this reason, even a small leak, like a running toilet, can have a major impact on your utility bill. If you suspect a leak, reach out to the City for a leak check. If you make repairs, let us know as soon as possible, so we can try to limit the impact on your account. It is always better to be in touch with us about leaks sooner than later! Reach out to Jennifer at utility.billing@haileycityhal.org with questions and concerns.

City Meeting Calendar



City Council.....	12/13/2021
City Council	12/27/2021
Planning & Zoning	12/06/2021
Planning & Zoning.....	12/20/2021
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	12/14/2021
Library Board.....	12/15/2021
Parks & Lands Board.....	12/22/2021
Tree Committee	12/09/2021
Urban Renewal Agency.....	12/07/2021

- ◆ Christmas Holiday..... 12/23/2021
- ◆ Christmas Holiday..... 12/24/2021
- ◆ New Year Holiday..... 12/31/2021

**City Offices and Library Closed*

Staff and Board Milestones

The City of Hailey has a core of talented, hardworking, dedicated and skilled personnel. City employees are valued and honored members of our organization whose contributions and meaningful work is key to keeping the City of Hailey and its many working parts productive and in concert not only among all city departments but also with our fellow citizens.

Hailey Fire Department Promotions

The City of Hailey Fire Department is proud to announce the promotion of two new chief officers and one lieutenant.

Deputy Chief Promoted from Volunteer Asst Chief

Jamie Hoover has been promoted to a full-time position of Deputy Chief in charge of training. Chief Hoover has been with the department for seven years and formally served as the Volunteer Assistant Chief. Promoting Chief Hoover to full time was a unanimous



decision by the department.

Chief Hoover has built a successful training model for the department, and we are excited to have his expertise in a full-time position. Deputy Chief Hoover is looking forward to the growth of the fire department to protect the citizens of Hailey.

Volunteer Assistant Chief Elected by Firefighters



Jared Larna was voted in as the new Volunteer Assistant Chief. Larna has been with the Hailey Fire Department for ten years and has served in almost every rank of the department. With his years of experience and training, Larna has mentored many of our firefighters and

helped organize many department events. The Assistant Chief's position is an elected position for a two-year term according to association by-laws.

Fire Dept. cont.

Full-Time Staffer Promoted to Lieutenant

Kevin Ditmore was promoted to Lieutenant and has been full-time with the Hailey Fire Department for two years, working as the quartermaster, engineer, and EMT. Ditmore began his career in the fire



service as a volunteer in Moab, UT and has also worked as a wildland firefighter for the Bureau of Land Management. Ditmore moved to Hailey with his wife and son in 2018 and immediately began volunteering where he has shown and continues to show the utmost dedication to the citizens of the Wood River Valley, the fire department, and its members.

From Our Friends in Ketchum

The City of Ketchum is working with Agnew::Beck in developing a Community Housing Strategy that will lead to the development of more affordable housing options in Ketchum and the region.

Here is where we need your help. A survey has been designed to collect information about housing experiences. We are asking local businesses to encourage their employees to complete the survey. It is available on the following links in both English and Spanish. A paper version can also be made available upon request for those employees who do not have access to a computer. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and the responses are anonymous.

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KetchumHousingMatters>

Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KetchumHousingMattersSpanish>

We hope to reach as many local workers as possible to gain their input, particularly from those who commute to Ketchum.

Thank you for your help as we work toward this goal.

Fire Prevention

Decorate Wisely



Seasonal decorations can help put your household in the holiday spirit. However, when not used properly, decorations—particularly lights—can create safety hazards or cause fires. To keep your family safe during the holidays, Hailey Fire Department offers these American Red Cross best practices to ensure your holiday decorations are installed correctly.

- ◆ Check lights for frayed wires or cracks. Make sure there is a bulb in each socket
- ◆ For outside: keep ladders securely placed and decorations away from power lines
- ◆ Lights should be approved by Underwriters Laboratory (UL). Red UL means lights are safe for indoor/outdoor use. Green UL means lights are only safe for indoor use
- ◆ Do not hammer tacks or nails into the electrical cords. Use clips to safely attach lights to the house
- ◆ Use heavy-duty extension cords and only use cords outdoors if they are designated for outdoor use
- ◆ Avoid overloading extension cords. Outdoor lights and inflatable decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI)
- ◆ Use a timer or turn off lights before going to bed or when you are away from your home
- ◆ For special ornaments that plug into a bulb receptacle, use no more than two per strand
- ◆ Indoor lights should not touch drapes, furniture or carpeting. Keep lit candles away from flammable items, too
- ◆ Prevent tripping by placing cords and decorations in low-traffic areas where they won't be walked on



By taking the proper precautions both inside and outside of your home, you can prevent hazards and focus on friends and family during the holidays.

Hailey Police Advises Road Safety

Be Festive but Be Safe

Thanksgiving through the New Year millions of people will take to the highways to spend time with friends and family or simply for a long-awaited getaway. These holidays also tempt many people to have a spiked cider, eggnog, or other tasty intoxicating beverage before heading out on the roads. The season brings plenty of celebration and merriment, but it also means more impaired driving.



Driving is also the most dangerous mode of travel during the holidays, with 40% of highway deaths caused by drunk drivers. Drunk driving can also result in DUIs, which can come with a hefty price tag, too. Please be festive, celebratory, and joyful during this special time of year, but drink responsibly so that you and others are around for next year's holidays.

According to the American Red Cross, if you're travelling by car, prepare now for a safe trip by following these tips:

- ◆ Make sure your car is in good condition for a road trip
- ◆ Pack an emergency preparedness kit, supplies and a first aid kit in your vehicle
- ◆ Share travel plans with a family member or friend
- ◆ Check the weather before departing and along your route. Plan travel around any storms that may be coming
- ◆ Be well rested and alert
- ◆ Buckle up, slow down and don't drive impaired
- ◆ Follow the rules of the road and use caution in work zones
- ◆ Give your full attention to the road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones
- ◆ Make frequent stops. During long trips, rotate drivers.
- ◆ Pull off the road as far as possible if you have car trouble



Hailey Public Library December Newsletter

Teaching Native Pride: Upward Bound and the Legacy of Isabel Bond - Thursday, December 2, 5:30 PM Online

To celebrate Native American Heritage Month, the Hailey Public Library will host Tony Tekaroniacke Evans discussing his recent book "Teaching Native Pride: Upward Bound and the Legacy of Isabel Bond" about the successful program developed by a remarkable University of Idaho professor. RSVP to kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org.

Tree Lighting with Santa – Friday, December 3, 4:30 PM

Join us for the city tree lighting for a holiday craft for kids, and a visit from Santa.

Ukulele Lessons for Kids – Mondays, December 6 - January 24, 3:45 PM

Join us for **free** ukulele lessons with Cintia Scola at Hailey Public Library! Class limit 5 students, per 6 week session. Students must attend all 6 sessions. Borrow one of our ukuleles on your card to get started! The dates: Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th, Jan. 3rd, 10th and 24th. Questions? Email Elise Deklotz at elise.deklotz@Haileypubliclibrary.org

Library Reads Book Club – Tuesday, December 14, 5:30 PM Online

Join us on Zoom for a virtual book club on *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. In *The Mountains Sing*, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai has created a luminous, complex family narrative that spans nearly a century of Vietnamese history, from the French colonial period through the communist Viet Minh's rise to power, the separation between North and South Vietnam, the Vietnam War, all the way to the present day. Email laura.primrose@haileypubliclibrary.org to join the discussion!

Santa at Story Time – Wednesday, December 22, 11:00 AM

Please join us for a special Story Time at the Hailey Public Library! Mrs. Claus will be here to read and to celebrate the season with the children in our community!

Christmas Closure – Friday – Saturday, December 24 – 25, 2021.

New Year's Closure – Friday – Saturday , December 31 – January 1.

Chilton Library Database

Tired of black greasy pages from a vehicle manual?

Get the detailed information you need to tackle vehicle maintenance and repairs. For FREE!

Some of Chilton Library's more popular features include:

- Maintenance and specification tables that provide the unique data you need for each specific vehicle.
- Step-by-step service and repair procedures, and labor estimating tool to help you confidently determine your next move.
- Wiring diagrams to help explain system operation.
- Close-up photographs and illustrations for visual support.
- A print button which allows you to easily print out what is needed.

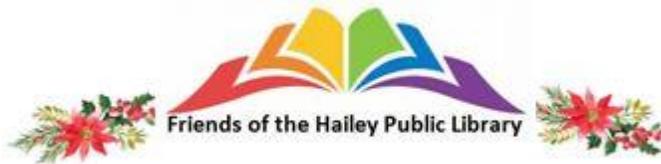
Go to haileypubliclibrary.org to access this FREE database.

Quilt Raffle

How would you like to support your local library *and* possibly win a one-of-a-kind work of art? Well, you are in luck! Do both by purchasing raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt crafted and donated to HPL by 5 Bee Quilt Guild entitled "Our Town". Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25, or \$100 for a baker's dozen; all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Hailey Public Library, an organization dedicated to supporting our public library. Swing by the library to see the quilt which is on display, purchase your raffle tickets, and who knows maybe you'll even find a book(s) you want to check out.

Tickets are available until the drawing on Saturday, March 19, 2022 - National Quilt Day!





Dear Citizens of Hailey,

The Friends of the Hailey Public Library demonstrated resilience and recovery in 2021 by bringing back popular fundraising events with some new twists. Our annual bike raffle turned into a Yeti Cooler raffle which appealed across a wide demographic. The Book and Bake Sale returned to an exciting new venue - the New Hailey Town Square building. In addition, the Friends continued support for the enhancement of library services such as the summer reading program, the downtown Story Walks, and the new gallery display that showcases the Mallory Collection of historical photos from early Hailey. We partnered with the Bellevue Library and the Community Library to give hundreds of books to children during the Hunger Coalition's Thanksgiving Baskets event. We purchased portable tables for programs, supported the operation and maintenance of Little Libraries throughout Hailey, and funded a bookbinding reinforcement tool that will help extend the life of library books. The Friends also focused on an Expanded Program Space Initiative to address the space needs of our library as it strives to meet the demands of our growing community and changing library uses. We received generous grants from the Wood River Women's Foundation and the Seagraves Family Foundation to supplement our fundraising work for this initiative which provides furnishings and renovations for existing indoor and outdoor spaces at the library.

Your financial help during this season of giving will help us continue these efforts and further our mission of enhancing services, collections, and programs for Hailey Public Library users of all ages.

Donate by 1) using the form below, 2) online via Paypal at www.haileypubliclibrary.org, or 3) contacting the Friends of HPL at haileylibraryfriends@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

Thank you!

**YOUR DONATION TO FRIENDS OF THE HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY (FHPL)
MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

Here is my donation to support the Friends of the HPL to support their mission.

I have enclosed \$_____ in the form of: ___ cash ___ check **OR**

I have provided the following information to bill a donation of \$_____ to my credit card:

Name on card: _____ Exp Date _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

14 digit Card Number: _____ 3 or 4 digit Security Code: _____

Please provide us with the following so we may acknowledge your generosity:

Ph. No: _____ Email for receipt: _____

You can drop this form, along with your donation, at the HPL circulation desk OR mail to: Friends of the HPL, PO Box 2142, Hailey, ID 83333 OR conveniently donate using our PayPal link at haileypubliclibrary.org. Happy Holidays!!!

Please contact haileylibraryfriends@gmail.com with any questions. *We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed under current tax laws. Tax ID Number 94-3093060*

Student Opinion

W.A.T.E.R Club Says Positive Global Impact Results from Buying Locally

With the holiday season in full swing, we invite our community to capitalize on the opportunity to REDUCE your global carbon footprint. Consider what our incredible community has to offer. Shop in our local stores and buy gift cards to our wonderful restaurants to fill the stockings. Not only will you receive your gift in time, you will be able to see and feel the products you are buying as well as support our community; the people that live here and share this incredible space.

The impact of online shopping has had a grave impact on our environment especially with the rise in popularity with the ongoing pandemic. According to imago earth, the United States Postal Service delivered 6.2 billion packages in 2018 and of that 6.2 billion, 900 million packages were delivered between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. This consumerism contributes to greenhouse gases with delivery trucks, ships and aircraft. In the United States an estimated 3 billion packages went through the nation's shipping services and according to the New York Times, 800 million more packages were delivered last year than the previous year.

It is estimated that with every \$100 spent locally, \$68 will stay in the community. Together we can nurture our valley and help the environment. Save your family the hassles of extra packaging and more trash. Support local businesses with a sense of relief knowing you won't have to worry if the gifts will arrive on time.

Consider the 4 Christmas gift challenge:

1. Something they want
 2. Something they need
 3. Something to wear
 4. Something to read
- Happy Holidays from the W.A.T.E.R. Club

RECYCLING GUIDE
A Program of Blaine County

VISIT WWW.CO.BLAINE.ID.US

THE 3 R S

- REDUCE**
 - Buy Products in concentrate or bulk.
 - Repair and maintain equipment.
 - Use more durable products.
 - Buy items from recycled materials.
 - Remove your name from junk-mail lists.
- REUSE**
 - Reuse cloth, paper or plastic bags when shopping.
 - Share magazine with neighbors and friends.
 - Use flatware or reusable plastic items for parties (collect in a separate bin).
- RECYCLE**
 - Compost yard and food waste.
 - Take advantage of Blaine County's extensive recycling, diversion and materials recovery programs.

Drop off unwanted cell phones at the Blaine County Recycle Center to be recycled!

Textiles and Furniture can be donated to the local thrift stores or charity!

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

- WEST MAGIC**
Mile 7 Magic Road
- SUN VALLEY CITY HALL**
81 Elkhorn Road- Sun Valley
- YMCA PARKING LOT**
101 Saddle Road- Ketchum
- SMILEY CREEK**
N Highway 75- Sawtooth City
- HAILEY FIRE DEPARTMENT**
617 South 3rd Ave- Hailey
- HAILEY PARK & RIDE**
NW Corner of River and Bullion- Hailey
- CAREY TRANSFER STATION**
19401 Us Hwy 20- Carey
(208) 823-4308
- OHIO GULCH TRANSFER STATION**
110 Ohio Gulch Road
(208) 788-2351
- BLAINE COUNTY RECYCLE CENTER**
210 Ohio Gulch Rd, Hailey, ID 83333
(208) 788-0880 or (208) 788-5574
www.co.blaine.id.us

Looking to order blue bins or have questions about curbside service?
Call Clear Creek Disposal at (208) 726-9600

Want to know how to recycle at your next large event? How about classroom recycling education?
Call ERC at (208) 726-4333

CLEAR CREEK

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER

BLAINE COUNTY RECYCLES

		YES	NO	Curbside	Ketchum YMCA	Smiley Creek	Hailey Park & Ride	Hailey Fire Department	Bellevue Fire Station	130 Riverview Dr, Bellevue	Carey Transfer Station	Blaine County Recycle	
CURBSIDE	PAPER	Printer/copy paper all sizes, newspaper.	Magazines, glossy paper, shredded paper, metal or plastic attachments, flatboard/non-corrugated paper			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	ALUMINUM AND TIN	Aluminum/steel/ and tin cans (labels are okay), clean aluminum foil.	Food-soiled materials, metal, propane tanks, aerosol cans, paint buckets			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	PLASTIC # 1-5	Clean and dry plastics #1-#5, plastic lids	Dirty containers, black plastic, plastic film, plastic #6 or #7			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
DROPOFF	PLASTIC FILM	All clean and dry film! For example: plastic bags, plastic liners, zip-loc bags, bread/newspaper bags	Dirty plastic film, hard plastic	You can drop off plastic film at the Ketchum Atkinson's Market, The ERC, Blaine County Annex Building, & the Valley Wide Country Store.									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	CORRUGATED CARDBOARD	All clean, corrugated cardboard	Styrofoam, packaging materials, dirty boxes, or non-corrugated cardboard/flatboard		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
	GLASS	Glass bottles of all colors	Corks, hazardous chemical containers, light bulbs (there is currently no light bulb recycling)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	BATTERIES	All vehicle batteries, alkaline batteries (A, AA, C, D, etc.), rechargeable (ni-cad-lithium, etc.)										<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	ELECTRONICS	CPU'S, monitors, laptops, power supply strips, cellphones, stereo systems, small counter-top appliances, satellite equipment, flatscreen tv's and all cords	Cathode ray tube tv's									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	OIL	Motor oil, transmission oil, hydraulic oil, limited amounts of gasoline (5gallons/day)	Oils mixed with anything									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	HAZARDOUS HOUSHOLD WASTE	Paints, thinners, antifreeze, household insecticides or herbicides, liquid mercury, thermometers /thermostats. (limit 5 gallons/day; 25 gallons/month)	Fire extinguishers, compact florescent lights (CFLs). florescent light bulbs (FLs), explosives, propane tanks, smoke detectors, bulk agricultural chemicals									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Ohio Gulch Transfer Station and Carey Transfer Station accepts propane tanks, vehicles with title or registration, appliances, all metals, yard waste, and inert construction debris.

OHIO GULCH TRANSFER STATION
Metals, Yard waste, inert construction debris, and garbage