December is a month of holiday gatherings, family, friends, gifts, social engagements, ceremonies, lights, decorations, and of course the excitement and wonder of children. Our small town has donned its festive look: once again our Street Department has done a tremendous job on Main Street with our iconic street tree lights.

This December, I am taking stock of our community strengths and needs. This is helping me find ways to give back everywhere I can, with gratitude. Not all of my methods involve spending money: sometimes I give of my time, my kindness, or my compassion. Giving back is my way of showing my gratitude for this wonderful community of Hailey citizens. It is lovely to spend money, but it is also wonderful to share your time and talent. I hope you join with me in sharing the vision of Christmas or this holiday season by expressing kindness, gratitude and forgiveness.

In his 1926 classic, “Winnie the Pooh,” A. A. Milne wrote, “Piglet noticed that, even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude.” Thank you, Hailey citizens, for allowing me to serve you with “a rather large amount of gratitude!”

Mayor Martha Burke

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NEW, ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER:
You can now sign up for an electronic version of our newsletter! It will be delivered to your inbox every month. Go to: [eepurl.com/LJC_z](eepurl.com/LJC_z) or use your phone’s camera to scan the QR Code to sign up!

GARBAGE RATES TO INCREASE JAN 2023
Garbage collection rates are set to increase based on several inflationary factors. The rate for residential customers will increase 6.6%, the commercial rate will increase by 9%. In the meantime, Hailey has been exploring options to expand recycling opportunities. Read more: [tinyurl.com/garbagerateincrease](tinyurl.com/garbagerateincrease)

STREETS OPERATOR:
Full-time, works 4 days/week on a 10 hour/day schedule. Operates heavy equipment or trucks, maintains equipment, and performs maintenance and construction of City streets, sidewalks, and related infrastructure. Must have a valid driver’s license. Wage $22-$27 DOE. Apply here: [tinyurl.com/haileyemployment](tinyurl.com/haileyemployment)
NEW BUSINESS CORNER

**Devoto Gelato**  
126 S Main Street, Suite A-8  
Food service: homemade gelato & boba tea  
Owner: Nadia Keller

**Roots Wine Bar**  
122 S Main Street  
Food service and beer/wine license  
Owner: Rian Salvateirra

**Karl Malone Powersports**  
4040 Glenbrook Drive  
Owner: Andrew Madsen

**The Sanctuary Medical**  
Massage & Bodywork  
13 W Bullion Street  
Owner: Lauren Levig

**La Cab Sports Bar**  
107 S Main Street  
Food service and full liquor license  
Owner: Rodolfo Armenta

**Yaya’s**  
101 East Bullion St., Ste. 1E  
Retail: women’s clothing and household items  
Owner: Amy Anderson

ARTICLES

**CHRISTMAS TREE COMPOSTING**

Hailey offers a free Christmas Tree drop off site at Lions Park (255 Croy Creek Road). You may drop off your clean tree starting Monday, December 26 and ending Sunday, January 15 at **Lions Park only**. Be sure to remove all lights, ornaments and tree stands. Clear Creek Disposal brings the trees to Winn’s Compost to be chipped and turned into compost. If the trees are contaminated with manufactured items, they cannot be composted and have to be thrown away. Learn more: tinyurl.com/treecomposting

**MEET OUR STAFF - JENNIFER POMERLEAU**

Jennifer is the Deputy City Clerk in charge of utility billing. She feels fortunate to have joined the City of Hailey in January 2020, and in the late spring, she took on utility billing. Her role starts when a City service is commenced – water, wastewater and/or garbage. She manages all aspects of utility billing, from the creation to final billing, managing details in each account, preparing and sending bills, and the delinquency process. Get to know Jennifer: tinyurl.com/meetjenniferpomerleau

**SUSTAINABLE GIFTING**

Rethinking the way you gift this holiday season can reduce waste and help the planet. This doesn’t mean not giving any gifts. Instead, it’s about being more conscious of what and how you’re gifting. The concept of sustainable gifting aims to: reduce waste, minimize usage of resources, and utilize only biodegradable, reusable, and upcycled materials. Find a list of ways to become a more sustainable gift giver this holiday season and ways to think outside the (gift) box here: tinyurl.com/sustainablegiftgiving

PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Hall will be closed on December 23 and December 26 in observance of Christmas.

**CITY COUNCIL:** Mon, Dec. 12 5:30 PM

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:**  
Mon, Dec. 5 5:30 PM, Mon, Dec. 19 5:30 PM

**URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:** Tues, Dec. 6 11:00 AM

**ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:** Tues, Dec. 13 3:30 PM

**TREE COMMITTEE:** Wed, Dec. 7 6:00 PM

**PARKS AND LANDS BOARD:**  
Wed, Dec. 28 5:00 PM

**LIBRARY BOARD:** Tues, Dec. 20 5:45 PM

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER
Holiday Happenings at HPL

Mrs. Claus is coming to town!
Kids, don’t miss Mrs. Claus when she visits the library on Wednesday, December 21, for a very special Story Time from 5-6 PM, Mrs. Claus will read a selection of holiday tales and take home any last-minute requests for Santa. Come early to enjoy crafts and treats. Everyone is welcome!

Library Open House and Gift Wrapping Station Dec 12 - 22
HPL will host an informal open house and offer a gift-wrapping station from December 12-22. If you’re looking for an out-of-the-way spot to wrap those last-minute gifts, we’ll have a wide selection of holiday paper and all the supplies, including ribbon, scissors, tape, and tags. While wrapping gifts or searching for your next winter read, enjoy a cookie and hot cocoa or cider on us to celebrate the holiday season.

Origami Peace Cranes
Discover the true spirit of the holidays by learning how to fold origami peace cranes and relax with a guided loving-kindness meditation on Thursday, December 15, at 5:30 PM. Cranes symbolize peace and happiness in many Asian countries and are said to bring good luck. A traditional Buddhist practice, this meditation has been widely incorporated into many faith and non-faith traditions. Long-time meditators Mary Ann Chubb and Kristin Fletcher will teach the free workshop at Town Center West, across the alley from the library. All materials provided.

Upcoming Events
For more information visit our Programs page on our website.  
Story Time
Wednesdays, 11:00 AM
Teen Group
Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Lunch & Learn: Politics, Art and Activists—Creating the SNRA  
Tuesday, December 6, Noon-1:00 PM
Conversacion de Ingles  
Diciembre 9 & 16  
Viernes, 6:00-7:30 PM
Conversational English  
December 9 & 16  
Fridays, 6:00-7:30 PM
Library Reads Book Club:  
Nothing To See Here by Kevin Wilson—Online  
Tuesday, December 13, 5:30 PM
Origami Cranes and Loving Kindness Meditation
Thursday, December 15, 5:30 PM
Mrs. Clause Story Time
Wednesday, December 21, 5:00 PM
Christmas Closure
Friday, December 23, Open 10-2
Closed Saturday-Monday, December 23-26
New Year’s Closure
Saturday, December 31, Open 10-2
Closed Monday, January 2
HAILEY HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

TOWN CENTER WEST
FRIDAY, DEC 2
4:00PM—7:00PM

MEET SANTA, COOKIES, HOT COCOA, LIVE CHRISTMAS MUSIC & LOCAL VENDORS!

We can do more because of you! Consider a year-end donation to the Friends of the Hailey Public Library

The Friends of the Hailey Public Library (FHPL) is an IRS-designated 501 (3)(c) non-profit organization that provides supplemental funding for library programs, services, and collections.

Please mail your tax-deductible donation to:
Friends of the Hailey Public Library
PO Box 2142
Hailey, ID 83333
Or drop it by the Hailey Public Library.

In 2022, the Friends provided funding for:
- the Youth Summer Reading program
- eBooks and eAudiobooks
- free book giveaways
- Little Libraries
- enhancements to the Children's Library and the Teen Space
- staff training

Thank you for your support!