CITY OF HAILEY
OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

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Happy winter and welcome, 2023!

In this newsletter we are reminded of something Hailey residents faced every day this past December: we live in a mountain town! If you are here this winter, you know that to be true. We have a serious mountain winter that requires a commitment on the part of your government, and also on you, to be able to get around town safely. Living here requires a degree of self-reliance that might not be needed in a larger urban area. We also need to cooperate, show patience, help each other and be good neighbors. Why did we each move here? Did you grow up here and have deep ties to our beautiful area? Did you move here for the beauty, incredible access to the outdoors and small-town neighborly feel of Hailey? Did you come for a job and stay for the lifestyle? For those of you who do not know me, I moved here over 50 years ago, and I still relish a snow day, even when I have to unbury my truck some mornings just to get the day going. No matter how you answer these questions, you are a Hailey resident, and we welcome you! With that, we hope you will embrace the unique challenges of winter living in a small mountain town. In this newsletter, we will explain how some of our basic services operate in the winter, and what you can expect as a resident.

Mayor Martha Burke

WINTER NEWS

WHAT LEVEL OF SERVICE DOES HAILEY PROVIDE IN THE WINTER?
Here is a true story from Blaine County: “The county doesn’t even plow to our driveway,” a new homeowner stated incredulously. This couple proceeded to sell their brand-new home without ever moving in. Relatively speaking, their new home was not remote - only 1/2 mile from the end of the pavement, a family of old-timers lived just down the road. Nevertheless, the new homeowner said “No way, this isn't what I expected so close to Sun Valley.” While Hailey is proud of the level of winter snow service we do provide, what we can and cannot do is often a surprise to newcomers. Below, we outline for you our winter practices and our expectations of you as a citizen and business owner.

HAILEY STREET DEPARTMENT
Hailey Street crews work hard in the winter with limited staff. We have a crew of seven (7) full-time and two (2) seasonal employees. This year Hailey has three (3) vacancies - our crews are down 33% this year. We work all night during a storm, no matter if it falls on a weekend or Christmas Day. On days when we haul snow, we bring in contract crews to help take snow to the snow storage lot. A big snow event costs Hailey taxpayers around $20,000 to get all of the snow cleared out of downtown. Learn more here: tinyurl.com/haileystrdept

Do you know whether you live on a public or private street? Hailey has a mix of both. The Street Department maintains all 54.36 miles of public City Streets. Private streets are maintained by your Homeowners Association - not by Hailey. Off-street parking lots, with the exception of the Park and Ride Lot and the public lot behind City Hall, are private and are not maintained by the City.

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SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW STORAGE

- We plow if more than 3” of snow accumulates, starting in priority areas. Most snow removal occurs at night; it is not safe to remove snow during the day.
- In residential neighborhoods, snow is stored on the side of the street.
- Downtown, snow is stored in the middle of the road to be hauled to the Croy Canyon snow storage site after the storm.
- Most subdivisions have a 10’ snow and utility easement on private property. In big snow years, we may push snow onto that 10’ area of your property.

Learn more here: tinyurl.com/haileysnowplowing

RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD REQUIREMENTS:

- No vehicles or personal belongings may be parked within 6’ of the asphalt from November 1 to May 1 from midnight to 7:00AM.
- You are not allowed to place snow from your property into the public street.
- Driveway berms are a fact of winter living in Hailey. You are responsible for your own berm! If this is too much of a task, you may need to pay a private snow contractor to assist you.
- Mailboxes must be 8’ back from the pavement. You will need to clear this area yourself for mail delivery.

WILDLIFE

Living near wildlife is part of the wonder and risk of our area. We have deer, elk, mountain lions, skunk and more. Each type of wildlife brings unique responses and requires that citizens be vigilant and aware of their surroundings. Deer and elk need not to be disturbed. Pets need to be protected from predators such as mountain lions. This year, reports of mountain lions are coming in regularly to Idaho Fish and Game, some from the Hailey area. Learn more: tinyurl.com/haileywinterwildlife

WHY DID I GET TOWED?

If your car was towed, you parked in a place that impeded snow plowing. Hailey MUST get cars out of the rights-of-way on a snow night. This includes River Street, Main Street, downtown side streets and any vehicle within 6’ of the pavement in residential neighborhoods. You can sign up for alert reminders of snow removal nights: public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/58D579DB8746

AVALANCHES & NATURAL DISASTERS

Living in a rural, mountainous environment comes with greater exposure to natural disasters such as avalanches, floods and wildfires. It is important to be aware of these risks in your own neighborhood. For example, avalanches from Della Mountain in east Hailey have blocked the Big Wood River and caused localized flooding every few years. Be prepared and learn more here: tinyurl.com/haileynaturaldisasters

PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year’s Day and on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day

CITY COUNCIL: Mon, Jan. 9 5:30 PM, Mon, Jan. 23 5:30 PM
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: Tues, Jan. 17 5:30 PM
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY: Tues, Jan. 17 11:00 AM

ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Tues, Jan. 10 3:30 PM
TREE COMMITTEE: Thurs, Jan. 12 6:00 PM
PARKS AND LANDS BOARD: Wed, Jan. 25 5:00 PM
LIBRARY BOARD: Thurs, Jan. 12 5:45 PM
SUN VALLEY AIR SERVICE BOARD: Wed, Jan. 18 2:00 PM
2022 HPL YEAR IN REVIEW

Most Popular Titles

- **#1 Book**: "The Watchman" by Louise Erdrich
- **#1 Audiobook**: "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey
- **#1 DVD**: "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave
- **#1 eBook**: "Violetta" by Isabel Allende
- **#1 Spanish Book**: "Wings of Fire" by Frank C. F有所不同"
- **#1 Kid's Book**: "Dinosaurs in Kitty Island" by Michael C. Hall
- **#1 Picture Book**: "One of Us" by Lying
- **#1 Teen Book**: "Flying" by Lying

Items checked out: 67,501
Items checked out on the Libby App: 16,565

**In the Library**

- **Patron visits**: 74,361
- **Adult programs**: 99
- **Program attendees**: 1,973
- **Reference questions answered**: 2,515

**Kids at the Library**

- Kids checked out: 30,948 books
- **5,092 kids attended youth programs**

**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
- **Conversacion de Ingles Viernes**: 6:00-7:30 PM
- **Conversational English Fridays**: 6:00-7:30 PM
- **New Year's Closure**: Closed Monday, January 2
- **Library Reads Book Club**: Noor by Nnedi Okorafor—Online Tuesday, January 10, 5:30 PM
- **HPL Friends Library Tour**: Wednesday, January 11, 5:00 PM
- **Meeting**: 5:30 PM
- **Lunch & Learn**: Winter vs Wildlife—How You Can Help Tuesday, January 12, Noon-1:00 PM
- **Art Talks**: The World of Jane Austen—Art, Fashion, and Eligible Gentlemen Thursday, January 12, 5:30 PM
- **Inges Tutoria**: Enero 13, 20, y 27, 5:00-6:00 PM
- **English Tutoring January 13, 20, and 27, 5:00-6:00 PM**
- **MLK Jr Closure**: Closed Monday, January 16
- **Beginning Knitting with Patricia Lirk**: Tuesday, January 17, 5:30-7:00 PM
- **Memoir Writing Workshop with author Tony Evans**: Tuesday, January 17, 24, 31, and February 7, 5:30-7:30 PM

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LIONS PARK
CHRISTMAS TREE
DROP OFF

OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 15TH!

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.

READY! for Kindergarten®
Free Parenting Workshop

Thursdays
Starting in January!
10:30 AM - Noon

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