Happy February, Hailey!

While winter does seem long, I am encouraged by the longer spells of daylight each day. Winter brings out our tenacity and resilience. I am warmed by our community service and dedication to each other through the cold winter months.

As we enter the new year, Hailey will embark on strategic planning. The items below will guide this summer’s budget process, and the City’s priorities for the coming year:

1. **Mayor's State of the City Report:** What is the “State of the City”? This is my opportunity, as your Mayor, to lay out key issues as I see them as well as challenges and opportunities. I plan to present my State of the City at the February 27th City Council meeting. The State of the City Report will inform Council goal-setting for the coming year. Do you have an observation about the state of our town? Drop me an email and let me know your thoughts!

2. **City Council Goal-Setting Session:** In early March, the City Council will participate in a facilitated 5-year goal-setting session. This is the Council’s chance to identify their key priorities and goals and determine how those goals align with Hailey’s responsibilities to deliver essential public services. Stay tuned for some questions of you, the community, which will inform the information brought to the Council.

3. **2024 Municipal Budget:** In April, our Boards and Commissions will begin to discuss budgets for the coming year. City Department heads will pick this work up in May, in preparation for our budget process in June. Please plan to participate in this important public process.

Mayor Martha Burke

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**JOB OPENINGS**

**STREETS OPERATOR:**
Come join our dedicated crew keeping the streets of Hailey safe. 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.

**PARKS DIVISION MANAGER:**
Full-time, serves as lead specialist for more than 15 well-used and beloved Hailey Parks, coordinates and manages contract help on park facilities. Manages park reservations, arena rental and special event agreements. Light to moderate physical work in the field.

Apply here: [tinyurl.com/haileyemployment](http://tinyurl.com/haileyemployment)
PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1% FOR AIR/HOUSING
Hailey is joining north valley cities in bringing a ballot measure to voters in May asking if they would like to reallocate the existing "1% for Air" Local Option Tax. There will be NO NEW TAX imposed. The current 1% tax would be split 50/50, with 50% of the tax used for Hailey housing projects, and 50% of the tax remaining in preservation and support of air service. Hailey voters passed this dedicated 1% Local Option for Air tax in 2014 and again in 2020. In Hailey, the 1% for Air tax applies only to hotels, motels, short term rentals and rental cars. As such, it is considered a "tourist tax". While Hailey’s "1% for Air" tax does not expire until 2050, voters will be asked if they wish to re-apportion this tax. This would create the first dedicated revenue stream in Hailey for local housing projects serving Hailey residents and workers.
Learn more here: tinyurl.com/LOTreallocation

WASTEWATER BALLOT MEASURE
Hailey City Council will bring a ballot measure to voters in May to replace the deteriorating Headworks infrastructure at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Headworks is the first step in the wastewater treatment process. The proper functioning of this component is essential to effectively treat incoming wastewater and prevent downstream damage to the rest of the multi-million dollar treatment system. The current 23-year-old headworks facility has outlived its expected lifetime of 20 years, and its replacement is the first recommended priority action item in the Wastewater Treatment Plant’s 2021 Facility Planning Study. Learn more about the Headworks facility here: tinyurl.com/wastewaterballot

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT
Recent snowfall has completely buried most of the fire hydrants in the city. Due to the limited manpower of the Hailey Volunteer Fire Department we do not have the resources to dig out all the hydrants in town. The Hailey Fire Department is asking the citizens of Hailey to please remove the snow within three feet of any hydrants adjacent to your property. This will save precious time if there is an emergency in your area, and could make the difference between saving and losing your house in a fire. Nearly all fire hydrants in the city are marked by snow stakes. However, if you need to find the location of a hydrant please feel free to call the Hailey Fire Department at 208-788-3147 and we can help locate the fire hydrant nearest to you. Thank you and happy skiing!

READY, SET, ELECTRIFY- WITH REBATES AND TAX CREDITS FROM THE US GOVERNMENT
You can now make home energy efficiency upgrades, electrify your home, install clean energy systems (like rooftop solar), and even purchase an electric vehicle with the help of tax credits and rebates. This free money is available now – these programs were made possible by congress through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and if you’ve made qualifying improvements in the past year, you may be able to retroactively apply for credit.
Learn more: tinyurl.com/electricrebate
Love Your Library!
FEBRUARY IS LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH

"HPL is my neighborhood library. It’s where I took my boys to story time when they were little, refreshed our bedtime story supply regularly, and participated in Summer Reading. It’s where I volunteered and became a board member, and most recently where I work. But mostly it is where I have always felt a sense of small-town connection. At their best, libraries are the heart and soul of a community and I am happy to report ours is healthy and thriving."

— Lee Dabney, Children's Librarian

"The library rescued me. It was a place where I could come and let everything go. I was accepted for who I am and learned more about my inner self when I began to work here."

— Charley Harding, Teen Intern

We love the library because it’s a place of learning, community, resistance, creativity, and fun! A place where endless curiosity is welcomed, and there are no limits placed on what you can explore (except, perhaps, hours in the day). For Alby, for whom the entire world is brand new and unknown, the library is a place where he gets to fill in his picture of the world and how it works book by book.

— Amanda and Alby, HPL Patrons

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

Tutoría de Inglés
Viernes, 5:00-6:00 PM

English Tutoring
Fridays, 5:00-6:00 PM

Conversacion de Ingles
Viernes, 6:00-7:30 PM

Conversational English
Fridays, 6:00-7:30 PM

Julie Weston reads Moon Bones
Thursday, February 2, 5:30-7:00 PM

Art Talks: Gustav Klimt
Thursday, February 9, 5:30 PM

Library Reads Book Club: Madhouse at the End of the Earth—Online
Tuesday, February 14, 5:30 PM

People of the Moon with Ted Stout, Craters of the Moon NM
Thursday, February 16, 5:30 PM

 Presidents' Day Closure
Closed Monday, February 20

Knitting with Patricia Lirk
Tuesday, February 21, 5:30-7:00 PM

Intercambio: English/Spanish Language Exchange
Tuesdays starting February 21, 6:00-7:00 PM

Water 101 Panel with SV Institute for Resilience
Thursday, February 23, 5:30-7:00 PM

Neighborly Spanish
Mondays, February 27-April 3, Noon-1:00 PM

Lunch & Learn: Sabrina and Corina Winter Read Book Discussion
Tuesday, February 28, Noon-1:00 PM
Ski at Rotarun This Winter

Wednesday 6-9PM: Free Public Skiing
Friday: 6-9PM
Sat & Sun: 12-4PM
Rotarun.org

StoryWalk®
February 16-27
from Fox Acres south to Balmoral

Un-Brella
by Scott E. Fransen

Kickoff Event:
Thursday, February 2, 6:00 PM
at Community Library

HPL Book Discussion:
Tuesday, February 28, Noon
at Hailey Public Library

Keynote & Closing Event:
Thursday, March 9, 6:00 PM
at Community Library