

OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

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Happy August!

We are in the heat of summer and our entire town is out and about enjoying our good weather. **On my mind this month is summer safety.** We are in wildfire season, and we have just deployed two firefighters to the Hayden Fire by Leadore. Please read our safety guidelines in this month's newsletter as we enter our most dangerous months.

In town, we are stepping up our enforcement regarding the use of scooters, throttle-assist e-bikes and 4wheelers. See below article on what types of motorized vehicles are allowed on City streets, and in what cases the rider must have a valid driver's license. In many cases, we are working with parents, who are ultimately responsible for underage minors. We are giving warnings and citations for underage children who are illegally operating these types of vehicles on our streets. We encourage everyone to slow down. We implore the entire community to help educate unsafe riders, and to watch for the safety of your own children.

We also recognize this month the sustainability measures provided at Hailey Rocks by our project partners: the Environmental Resource Center for their food composting and recycling effort, Trailhead Bicycles for their "bike valet" and for all of the sponsors and vendors who are making our Thursday night music event a success.

Warmly, Marth Mayor Martha Burke

WASTE REDUCTION!



For the second summer in a row, Hailey is partnering with the Environmental Resource Center (ERC) to reduce waste at special events. Last summer, this partnership diverted over 1,000 lbs of food waste and recycling from the landfill! You can see our ERC partners at Hailey Rocks every Thursday this summer at Hop Porter Park. Vendors now use little to no plastic, and almost exclusively compostable or recyclable packaging! ERC is staffing on-site recycling services, providing educational information, composting food waste, and delivering all recyclable items to the Blaine County Recycle Center after the event.

See the current diverted waste numbers here: tinyurl.com/2023-Summer-Recycling

NEW BUSINESS CORNER



Community centered clinic offering accessible acupuncture sessions at sliding scale cost. Owner: Britlynn Ward 141 Citation Way, Suite 3, Hailey

ARTICLES





BIKE VALET PROGRAM Have you seen hundreds of bikes, all safely contained in one location

at Hailey Rocks? Hailey is delighted to welcome Trailhead Bicycles and their "bike valet" to Hailey Rocks and other events. Trailhead Bicycles runs the "bike valet" just like a "coat check". You can walk your bike up to the entry gate and get a "ticket" for your bike. Your bike is parked- you can see where. When you are done with the music, return with your ticket and retrieve your bike! Andy Solomon of Trailhead bikes states, "We launched the bike valet program with a goal of giving people peace of mind on a protected, safe bike space; to give more room in the park for kids and to be able to work with volunteer organizations so that they could collect the tips."

OHV'S, SCOOTERS AND MORE-SAFETY, PLEASE!

The Hailey Police Department has experienced a significant increase in calls for service this summer related to Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV), eBikes, electric scooters, and operators of these devices having little or no regard for their neighbors or the rules of the road. The City is concerned that minor children are operating a variety of these devices on public streets and in heavily congested subdivisions, and we are concerned for their safety and lack of awareness of the laws. We are also concerned that many adults and minor licensed drivers are not obeying the rules of the road when operating these devices. **Please read on for the Idaho State and local rules:** <u>tinyurl.com/ohv-safety</u>

FIRE SEASON

It's the hottest time of year, which means: it is fire season.

- Pay close attention to weather and drought conditions. Avoid any activities that involve fire or sparks when it's hot, dry and windy such as building a campfire, operating equipment, off-roading on dry grass or burning debris.
- Make sure your campfire is out AND cold:
 - Douse the fire with water.
 - Stir it.
 - Add another bucket of water and stir again.
 - Your campfire should be cold to the touch BEFORE you leave.
- Keep vehicles off dry grass:
 - Your exhaust can reach temperatures of 1,000+ degrees! Avoid driving or parking over dry grass.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY COUNCIL:

Mon, Aug 14 5:30 PM, Mon, Aug 28 5:30 PM

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: Mon, Aug 7 5:30 PM, Mon, Aug 21 5:30PM

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY: Tues, Aug 15 11:00 AM

ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Tues, Aug 8 3:30 PM

TREE COMMITTEE: Thurs, Aug 10 6:00 PM

PARKS AND LANDS BOARD: Wed, Aug 16 5:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD: Tues, Aug 15 5:45 PM



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A peak inside...

An Interview with Reference Librarian Laura Primrose

Recently, Lee Dabney, Youth Librarian, sat down with Laura Primrose, Reference Librarian extraordinaire, to ask her about the start of her fifth year leading the Hailey Public Library's monthly book club discussions.



How do you pick the books for the HPL book club?

I do a lot of research. I read book reviews and author interviews from various print and online publications, but my favorite resource is NoveList, which is a great resource for librarians but is also available to the public through our PAC (public access catalog). And, of course, I talk to patrons, co-workers, and friends about what they are reading.

What do you look for when choosing a book?

My main goal is to choose books that will have broad appeal. Since our book club runs from September through May, I have nine chances to pick books to challenge and engage readers.

Are all the books fiction?

No, I try to have at least one non-fiction book in the lineup. Many readers don't think they like non-fiction, but really they just haven't picked up the right book yet.

What other types of books do you choose?

My picks generally include a few key genres; fantasy, science-fiction, humor, mystery, romance, possibly a classic, and something from the young adult collection. We have a library section devoted exclusively to teens and books written for them. It is a really terrific, dynamic collection that adult readers should pay more attention to. And for the first time this year, I am including a graphic novel!

Anything else I should know?

This is a no-pressure book club, you can read all the books or just one, whatever works for you. We meet on Zoom on the second Tuesday, September through May, at 5:30 for an hour. We could always talk longer, but with only an hour, we stay on task.

How do I get more information?

Check out our website or visit with me in person. There is a specific book club section where you will also find information about upcoming meetings. Books from past, present, and future book clubs are shelved here for checkout anytime.

Do you have a favorite book club memory?

Boy, it's hard to pick. We have had some really good laughs. Often these are preceded by someone declaring, "I really hated this book." It's fun to try and figure out why a certain read doesn't appeal to someone. It's easy to say, I loved/hated this book, but articulating the "why" is the interesting part.

Anything else you'd like to add?

What does a Scottish aristocrat trekking across Africa in 1910, an intelligent Pacific octopus, and a young woman trying to pay off her student loans by working in the Canadian oil sands have in common? They're all in our book club! Well, they are all characters in books that are in our book club. The new selections have arrived and ready to check out.



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August Library Events

For more information, visit haileypubliclibrary.org/programs/ Story Time Wednesdays, 11:00 AM Teen Book Club: The Library After Hours Cassandra Clare Wednesday, August 23, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

> Imagine Nation - Teen Space Weekly Teen Activities Thursdays, Afternoon

Robot Hands Wednesday, August 2 with The Space

Blindfold Drawing Challenge Thursday, August 3

Saxophones Wednesday, August 9 with The Space

Make a Solar Oven and Cook S'mores Thursday, August 10

Circuit Cards Wednesday, August 16 with The Space

Make a Homemade Hula Hoop Thursday, August 17

HPL Popcorn and a Movie Thursday, August 24

> Friendship Bracelets Thursday, August 31

Authors Talk (Online Event) Register to Attend at HPL Website Robert Jones, Jr. Tuesday, August 15, 2:00 PM

Cassandra Clare Wednesday, August 23, 6:00 PM

A Year Inside College Admissions with Jeff Selingo Wednesday, August 30, 12:00 PM

Idaho's Dark Skies - Perseid Meteor Shower Saturday, August 12, 9:30-11:30 PM

> Knitting Circle with Patricia Lirk Tuesday, August 15, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

> Library Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, August 15, 5:45 PM

Pick Your Poison -Itchin' to Know More about Poison Ivy with Cat Helms Thursday, August 24, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Intercambio: English/Spanish Language Exchange

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM

Tutoría de inglés English Tutoring Viernes (Fridays) 5:00-6:00PM

Conversacion de inglés Conversational English Viernes (Fridays) 6:00-7:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Friends of the Hailey Public Library Book and Bake Sale Thursday - Saturday, October 19-21 All Proceeds Support the Hailey Public Library!

Thank you 2023 City of Hailey **Park Adopters!** We look forward to 2024.



Parks still available for adoption include Old Cutters, Deerfield, Heagle, Echo Hill, Foxmoor, McKercher and Curtis. For more information contact Hailey Public Works at 208-788-9830.



Hailey's parks continue to improve. We couldn't do it without these companies who care for our Hailey City parks!



The WOMAN THEY COULD NOT SILENCE THE SHOCKING STORY OF A WOMAN WHO DARED TO FIGHT BACK

KATE

MOORE

ZOOM Library Reads

Online, Tuesday, September 12, 5:30 PM

> Teen Book Club: The Library After Hours Cassandra Clare Hailey Public Library Wednesday, August 23 5:30 PM





A Brand-New Series in the SHADOWHUNTER WORL