

OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

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Welcome April!

As we enter the first official month of spring, I am grateful for our late mountain storms that have right sized our snowpack for the coming season. Entering April with reduced chance of drought in our watershed has put a spring in my step!

This month, I welcome our increased City sponsorship of Earth Day, which will be celebrated on Saturday, April 20th at Hailey Town Center West and Kiwanis Park. Internationally, this is the 54th Earth Day, a worldwide event created to safeguard our planet. Hailey is partnering with 15 nonprofit groups to celebrate our natural environment and to strategize sustainability actions. This year, Earth Day is tied to the launch of the Hailey Comprehensive Plan Update and the first Hailey Climate Action Plan. Never has there been a more important moment to ink these two important initiatives to our

desire to move into the future sustainably and with intention.

They say that all politics are local. I believe that to be true. You as citizens have full access to us as decision-makers. We expect that when you put forth comments, you are doing so with respect and civility. Are your comments meant to improve our community health and wellbeing? If so, I welcome them. I receive many positive and thoughtful calls and emails at City Hall from Hailey citizens who care about our future. Now is the time to plan! Join us at Earth Day. Participate in our Comprehensive Plan Update and the Hailey Climate Action Plan. Your voice matters here in Hailey!

Warmly,

Mayor Martha Burke



HOP PORTER PARK MASTER PLANNING

The City is looking for your feedback to help reimagine our beloved flagship park. As Hailey's primary downtown gathering space for concerts and events, the host of a kid-favorite play structure, a shady lunchbreak haven and more - we need your help to plan for the future of Hop Porter. Join us for a public workshop on April 11th 4:30-6:30 at the Hop Porter Park Pavilion. We look forward to seeing you there!

ARTICLES



ENVISION HAILEY: PLANNING TODAY FOR A RESILIENT TOMORROW

April Open House and Survey Opportunity
Hailey is embarking on an Update to its Comprehensive Plan, one of the
City's most important policy documents. Public opinion and feedback will
be critical in guiding the update, and there will be multiple opportunities
this month to get involved, both in-person and online.

- Stop by the Open House on Thursday, April 18 at Hailey's Town Center West Building (116 South River Street, Hailey) from 11:00am – 1:00pm or 4:30pm – 6:30pm. All are welcome! Spanish materials, interpreters, and activities for children will be provided.
- You can also take the online survey by scanning the QR code below.

To learn more about the project, please scan the QR code or contact Robyn Davis at robyn.davis@haileycityhall.org.





EARTH FEST

Join the City of Hailey, the Climate Action Coalition, and over 15 other community groups to **celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 20th.** Earth Fest is an annual festival that brings together youth, families, and adults from across the Wood River Valley to celebrate our environment, learn from one another, and strategize for sustainability actions in the future. This year's event will include a 5K Fun Run (9AM registration, 10AM start), raffles, games, prizes, food, repair clinics, and more.

Event Schedule:

- 10AM-2PM at Hailey City Hall/Town Center West (behind the Library)
- 3PM-5PM at Kiwanis Park/Balmoral Apartments.



QUIGLEY PATHWAY UNDERWAY

Construction has begun on the Quigley Road Pathway! This section of shared use pathway will extend the existing separated pathway that parallels the Sunbeam subdivision along Quigley Road out to the Quigley trail system. We have also narrowed the vehicle travel lanes for traffic calming purposes along this busy roadway. The Quigley Pathway project should take approximately a month and a half to complete and will be a key component of our pathway network once finished.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY COUNCIL:

Mon, Apr 8 5:30 PM, Tues, Apr 23 4:30 PM

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: Mon, Apr 1 5:30 PM, Mon, Apr 15 5:30 PM

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:

Tues, Apr 16 11:00 AM

ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Tues, Apr 19 3:30 PM

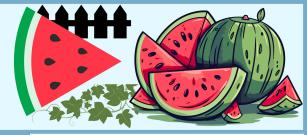
TREE COMMITTEE: Thurs, Apr 11 6:00 PM

PARKS AND LANDS BOARD: Wed, Apr 24 6:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD: Tues, Apr 16 5:45 PM

Hop Porter Park Workshop: April 11, 4:30-6:30 PM, Hop Porter Pavilion Comprehensive Plan Kickoff Meeting: April 18, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM & 4:30-6:30 PM, Town Center West (116 S River Street)





Light the fire in your heart

April is National Poetry Month

Many believe that oral poetry began about 7,000 years ago in Mesopotamia where it was an important part of rituals and storytelling. The first ever written poem was the "Epic of Gilgamesh," a grand story from around 2100 B.C. about a hero in ancient Mesopotamia. Nowadays, April is recognized as National Poetry Month, the largest

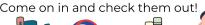
literary celebration in the world, and we want to celebrate, too! Look for our poetry-themed Story Time, activities and displays in the children's area throughout April. Then, on April 25th, we're inviting adult poetry lovers to join us for our first ever Open Mic Poetry Night. Bring one of your own or read a favorite! Readings are limited to 5 minutes each and participants must sign up by April 18th. Just email kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org.



Take StoryTime Home with You



HPL is excited to announce that we have Yoto Mini players and over 100 story titles available for checkout! What is a Yoto Mini, you ask? It is an on-the-go listening device designed specifically with kids in mind; no screen, no microphone, no camera, and no ads, you set the boundaries for fun, safe, age-appropriate listening. From Alice's Adventures in Wonderland to Zoey and Sassafras, there is something for every young listener to enjoy.













Chess Club Makes a Move

Beginning April 4, HPL will host an after-school chess club on Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 PM for elementary-age kids and 4:15-5:15 PM for middle school-age kids. Former WRHS Chess Club members and Idaho Chess Association's State Scholastic tournament winners Otto Olson and River Shepard (Shepard is also a U.S. Junior Grand Prix winner) want to share their knowledge of the game they love with the younger generation. Whether your child has never played or wants to improve their skills, all levels are welcome.



April Library Events

For more information, visit haileypubliclibrary.org/programs/

Baby & Toddler Story Time Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM Story Time

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

Imagine Nation - Teen Space Weekly Teen Activities

Tuesdays, 3:30 PM After School Felt Flowers

Tuesday, April 2

Painted Tea Towels Tuesday, April 9

Teen Friday Flicks Friday, April 19, 7:45 PM

Teen Book Club: The Library After Hours Books About Music Sunday, April 21, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Game Day - Clue: Robbery at the Museum Tuesday, April 23

> **Zentangles** Tuesday, April 30

Authors Talk (Online Events Only)
Register to Attend at HPL Website
The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed
Us - A Sweeping History of Food and Culture
with Paula J. Johnson
Tuesday, April 2, 12:00 PM

From Murder to Atonement -Confronting My Son's Killer with Diane Foley & Colum McCann Tuesday, April 9, 12:00 PM

A Literary Examination of Power, Love, and Art with Xochitl Gonzalez Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 PM

> Knitting Circle with Patricia Lirk Wednesday, April 3 & 17, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Wanderlust: Hiking the Great Rift Thursday, April 4, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Library Reads Book Club Olive the Lionheart (Online) Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 PM

Classic Flicks at the Library Thursday, April 11, 6:00 PM

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, April 16, 5:45 PM

> **Open Mic Poetry Night** Thursday, April 25, 5:30 PM

Intercambio: English/Spanish Language Exchange Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 PM Conversacion de inglés

Conversational English

Viernes (Fridays) 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Tutoría de inglés English Tutoring

Viernes (Fridays) 5:00 - 6:00 PM









ELECTRIFY THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY

APRIL 4, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY 415 SPRUCE AVE, KETCHUM

Ready to save money, improve your health and reduce emissions? Meet local contractors who can help you electrify your house, install efficient heat pump HVAC and hot water systems, schedule a home energy audit, and more!

CLEAN SWEEP

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join the Environmental Resource Center (ERC) for their 28th annual community-wide track pick up!

Meet at Hop Porter Park in Hailey - trash bags, gloves, and disposal information will be provided.



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ALA American Library Association

