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# CITY OF HAILEY OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

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## Hello December!

We have had our first snow and the holiday season is upon us. At the City, we have been working hard to make the town jolly for the holiday season. We celebrate the unique character of downtown Hailey with cheerful holiday lighting. I hope you will enjoy our town with friends and family this December.

Speaking of festive: **please join us for our annual tree lighting on Friday, December 6th at Hailey Town Center West from 5:00-7:00 pm.**

Santa will be there, as well as many local vendors. We will serve hot chocolate and cookies. This 100% local event has many Hailey families excited to see Santa Claus!

Finally, I encourage you to shop and dine locally this season. Did you know that Hailey has over 500 small businesses? Our hard-working community flourishes when your dining and shopping is local. I hope to see you out and about in downtown Hailey!

Mayor Martha Burke



## HAILEY HERITAGE TREES

Hailey's Heritage Tree program recognizes and helps preserve historic and unique trees in Hailey. Heritage Trees might be large or mature trees, trees with unique botanical, aesthetic, ecological, or historical values, or trees with a special story.

This Ponderosa Pine was planted by homeowners Norma and John Hepworth on their property at 416 E Silver St in Hailey 57 years ago. In 2023, Hailey Tree Committee member Jim Rineholt nominated it as a heritage tree. The photo on the left of Norma and their son was taken when the Ponderosa was first planted; the photo on the right is Norma with her beautiful Ponderosa today. Learn more about Hailey's Heritage trees: [tinyurl.com/haileyheritagetree](http://tinyurl.com/haileyheritagetree)

## ARTICLES



### PROPERTY FOR LONG TERM MUNICIPAL NEEDS

Hailey City Council unanimously approved the purchase of 43 Broadford Road, a one-acre parcel between Broadford Road and the Airport West industrial district. The property currently features a single-family residence and connects to Airport West on the east side via a 40' wide access easement. "This strategic purchase will add to the city's land portfolio for years to come" states Mayor Martha Burke. "I envision a master planning process with the community over the next year to explore long-term uses such as workforce housing, utility department building needs, street department needs and the like."



### AIRPORT WAY IMPROVEMENTS: A GATEWAY TO HAILEY

The Hailey Urban Renewal Agency (HURA) invites you to contribute to proposed improvements to the Airport Way District, aiming to enhance safety, connectivity and visual appeal for residents and visitors, as well as businesses and their employees. Although the area's industrial character will remain intact, these updates will create a safer, more inviting environment for pedestrians and cyclists while establishing a welcoming first impression for those arriving in Hailey and the Wood River Valley by air. Join the HURA on December 5, 5:00PM at the Hailey Welcome Center. Read more here: [tinyurl.com/airportwayimprovements](http://tinyurl.com/airportwayimprovements)



### 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 Thursday, December 26 and ending Friday, January 17 at Lions Park only. Please be sure to remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel and tree stands. Clear Creek Disposal brings the trees to Winn's Compost to be chipped and turned into compost. If you have any questions, contact Clear Creek Disposal at 208-726-9600



### WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Winter is upon us! It is time to move campers, cars and other items away from the street. Here are some basic rules:

- No vehicles or personal belongings may be parked within 6' of the asphalt from Nov 1 - May 1 from midnight to 7:00AM.
- You are not allowed to move 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.
- We tow cars so we can plow the streets at 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 about snow removal at: [tinyurl.com/snowremovalalert](http://tinyurl.com/snowremovalalert)

## PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CITY COUNCIL:

Mon, Dec 9 5:30 PM

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

Mon, Dec 2 5:30 PM

Mon, Dec 16 5:30 PM

#### URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:

Tues, Dec 17 11:00 AM

#### ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMISSION: Tues, Dec 10 3:30 PM

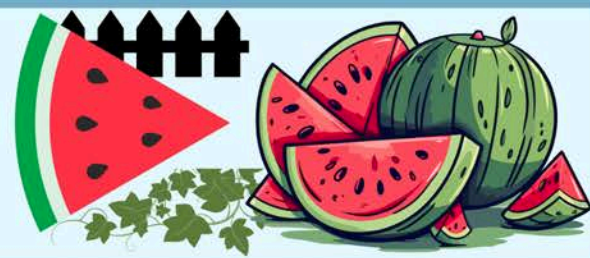
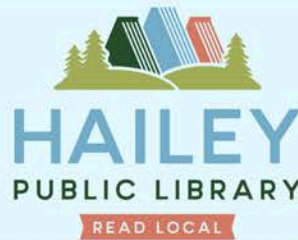
TREE COMMITTEE: Wed, Dec 11 6:00 PM

PARKS AND LANDS BOARD: Wed, Dec 18 5:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD: Tues, Dec 17 5:45 PM

Hailey City Offices will be closed Tues, Dec 24 and Wed, Dec 25 in observance of the Christmas Holiday

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## With a charitable donation this season of giving Help the Friends Support the Library

Our local library is full of stories – and not just the ones contained in books on the shelves.

- Zach and his brother come in every day after school, get a snack, play or read, and stay until closing until their mom picks them up after work.
- George comes by to relax, read, and visit during his lunch break from a local retail business.
- Pam schedules her telehealth appointments with her physician.
- Lynette, who loves our Author Talks, always tunes in and reads every book.
- Neil, a retiree, stops in daily to work on the community jigsaw puzzle.
- The students who have their college exams proctored at the library.
- The language learners who come to our ESL classes.
- And hundreds of more stories that are written every day.



The Friends of Hailey Public Library's (FHPL) mission is to supplement library programs and services. The Friends funds programs (Author Talks), supplies (snacks for the after-school crowd or sand for the Outdoor Mud Kitchen), needed improvements (reading chairs, workstations and lights), and of course, the purchase of books for library collections. When you donate to FHPL you are investing in your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you for believing in the library and seeing the value it brings to our community.

To make a end-of-year donation to support the Friends of the Hailey Public Library (FHPL) please mail it to PO Box 2142 Hailey, ID 83333 or visit [haileypubliclibrary.org](http://haileypubliclibrary.org) to donate via PayPal, Venmo, or in person with a credit card.



## Library Hosts Annual Holiday Origami Crane Workshops

Settle into the true spirit of the holidays when the Hailey Public Library invites the community to fold beautiful origami peace cranes and relax with a short, guided loving kindness meditation. Two, 2-hour workshops will be held at Town Center West in Hailey, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 12 and another from 2:00 - 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 14. All materials are provided. Facilitators include Mary Ann Chubb, Chiyo Parton, Kristin Fletcher and Flourish Foundation Compassionate Leaders.

"In a world that sometimes feels like it's spinning out of control, intention can be a powerful, stabilizing force," commented Kristin Fletcher, the Library's programs and community engagement manager, "So, each year during the holidays we invite the community to gather together to fold Origami cranes and participate in a gentle, non-denominational meditation. Our intention is to promote peace in the world by bringing people together in a collective project with a heartfelt message."

Each workshop begins with a short loving kindness meditation followed by a lesson in folding Origami cranes. Participants are invited to take their new skills and Origami paper home and fold more cranes with family and friends. Finished cranes will be gathered on December 18 at HPL and hung in the library on the Winter Solstice, December 21.

Cranes are a symbol of peace and happiness in many Asian countries and are said to bring good luck. Traditionally, it was believed that folding 1,000 origami cranes would make a wish come true. Loving kindness meditation is a traditional Buddhist practice but widely incorporated into many faith and non-faith traditions. It was popularized by well-known author and mindfulness teacher Sharon Salzberg and helps cultivate our natural capacity for an open and loving heart.

## December Library Events

For more information, visit [haileypubliclibrary.org/programs/](http://haileypubliclibrary.org/programs/)

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

**Story Time**  
Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

**Teen Book Club: The Library After Dark**  
**Holiday Books**  
Sunday, December 15, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

### Holiday Closures

Tuesday, December 24  
Wednesday, December 25  
Wednesday, January 1

### Imagine Nation Teen Activities Every Tuesday at 4:00 PM

**Decorate Our Tree!**  
Tuesday, December 3, 4:00 PM

**Diorama Ornaments**  
Tuesday, December 10, 4:00 PM

**Handmade Gift Tags**  
Tuesday, December 17, 4:00 PM

### Authors Talk (Online Events Only) Register to Attend at HPL Website

**Unearthed: Exploring the Smithsonian National Gem Collection with Dr. Jeffrey Post**  
Wednesday, December 4, 12:00 PM

**On Pulse-Pounding, Family Driven Mysteries: A Conversation with Laura Dave**  
Wednesday, November 11, 12:00 PM

**Estate Planning: How to Keep Your Family Out of Court and Conflict**

Thursday, December 5, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

**Annual Holiday Origami Peace Crane Classes**

Thursday, December 12, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 14, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

**IDAHO in the Movies**

Thursday, December 19, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Tutoría de inglés English Tutoring**

Viernes/Fridays, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Conversacion de inglés**

**Conversational English**

Viernes/Fridays, 6:00 - 7:30 PM



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[haileypubliclibrary.org](http://haileypubliclibrary.org)



**Hailey Tree Lighting**  
**Friday, December 6**  
**5:00pm-7:00pm**

Meet Santa, visit local vendors  
Enjoy candy canes, hot chocolate, and cookies

For more information call (208) 788-3484 or  
email us at [info@valleychamber.org](mailto:info@valleychamber.org)

**THE CHAMBER** DISCOVER WOOD RIVER VALLEY

**Mrs. Claus Story Time!**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**