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# OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

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## Welcome March and FIS World Cup Finals Ski Race!

The World Cup Finals will be taking place this month (March 20-27) in Sun Valley and Ketchum. This is the first time our region has hosted a world cup final, which will feature Downhill, Slalom, Super-G and Giant Slalom races coupled with other events such as concerts, skijoring, bib draws, and more. What does this event mean for us in Hailey?

First, our law enforcement and firefighters will be very busy keeping our town safe and providing backup for the Blaine County Sheriff's Office and other first responders during the event. Even though the World Cup takes place during the Blaine County School District spring break, Hailey is "all hands-on deck" and all law enforcement staff will be available to assist that week.

Second, we can expect more traffic in town. In addition to pass-through traffic, Hailey has approved special event permits for additional parking at open lots near St. Luke's Family Medicine Hailey Clinic. Over 500 cars could be parked here during the World Cup. Mountain Rides will be providing additional bus service during the entire week.

Lastly, our hotels and other short-term rentals will likely see an uptick during the event. Please remember if you rent out all or part of your home that you need to register to pay Local Option Tax on your short-term rental.

I hope out-of-town guests will find us helpful, gracious and kind. That is how I see our community and I hope to meet some of our new guests during world cup week!

Manusuuu Mayor Martha Burke



## HAILEY'S FINAL DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Thurs, March 13 Hailey Town Center West (116 S River St) 4:30-7:00PM

Join us to enjoy pizza and chat about the final Draft Comp Plan. This plan highlights housing, sustainability, transportation, land use and economic development in Hailey.

## **NEW BUSINESS CORNER**



#### ANTOJITOS LOCOS

126 S Main Street, Unit A8

Open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from Tuesday to Sunday Announcing the opening of Perla's Antojitos, a new restaurant in the heart of downtown serving authentic Mexican cuisine and fresh juices. Whether you're craving something savory or sweet, they've got you covered.

## **ARTICLES**



## RIVER STREET RECONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE

Thurs, March 13, 2025, 5:30 - 6:30PM Hailey City Hall City Staff will be available to answer questions about the planned reconstruction of River Street scheduled to occur this summer. The project area is approximately two blocks in length between Carbonate and Croy Street and will include limited access during reconstruction.



## SPRING FLOODING

Hailey is susceptible to flooding, both during spring runoff and due to sheet flooding during unusual weather events. There is a potential for flooding in many areas within the City, including but not limited to the following subdivisions/areas:

- Della View Subdivision near Heagle Park
- Heagle Park area
- Areas within the Woodside Subdivision

More information can be found on our website: haileycityhall.org/communitydevelopment/flood/



#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Community Development Department's Annual Report, available here: tinyurl.com/haileycdannualreport24, highlights the City's planning efforts, building construction and permitting, business development, floodplain, housing, sustainability and the Hailey Arts and Historic Preservation Commission. Data includes newly approved development projects in the City, building permit data, code changes, and other accomplishments from the Department in 2024. Take a deep dive and let us know if you have any questions!



#### WORLD CUP FINALS

The World Cup is coming March 20 - 27, 2025! The world's top alpine ski competitors will descend the slopes of Sun Valley to compete in Downhill, Super-G, Giant Slalom and Slalom races. Locals have opportunities to spectate for free. For specific event information, including the race schedule, please visit the Sun Valley Resort's website: sunvalley.com/events/audi-fis-skiworld-cup/.

## **PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CITY COUNCIL:

Mon, Mar 10 5:30 PM Mon, Mar 31 5:30 PM

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

Mon, Mar 3 5:30 PM Mon, Mar 17 5:30 PM

**URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:** 

Tues, Mar 18 11:00 AM

ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Tues, Mar 11 3:30 PM

TREE COMMITTEE: Wed. Mar 12 6:00 PM

PARKS & LANDS BOARD: Wed, Mar 26 5:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD: Tues, Mar 18 5:45 PM

River Street Reconstruction Open House: Mar 13, Hailey City Hall 5:30-6:30 PM Final Draft Comp Plan Open House: Mar 13, Town Center West (116 S. River St) 4:30-7:00 PM Downtown Master Plan Phase 1 Implementation Workshop: Mar 24, Hailey City Hall 5:00-7:00 PM

## **MARCH 2025**





# To gaze upon the wonders of the universe Keep Looking Up!

Residents and visitors never tire of Central Idaho's pitch-black nights and the wonder they inspire. To help spotlight the magic in our own backyard, HPL is again partnering with the Idaho Dark Sky Alliance and Boise State University to host a series of free astronomy talks followed by observing sessions with telescopes that look deep into space. On Saturday, March 8, from 5:00-



6:00 PM, Dr. Rachel Smith will discuss "From New Stars to the Edge of the Universe: The Search for Extraterrestrial Life and Our Cosmic Origins" at Town Center West, located at 116 S River St in Hailey. Dr. Smith is Head of the Astronomy and Astrophysics Research Lab and Curator of Meteorites at North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. Later that evening, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, she will be joined by the BSU AstroTAC team for an astronomical observing session featuring stars, planets, constellations, nebulae, and more, hosted by the Sawtooth Botanical Garden.

Then, on Saturday, April 5, from 5:00-6:00 PM, Professor John E. Moores, Director of the Graduate Program in Earth and Space Sciences at York University in Toronto, will speak in Town Center West. His talk, "Daydreaming in the Solar System: Exploring the Planets with Our Five Senses," is based on his book of the same title. Another stargazing session will follow at Sawtooth Botanical Garden. For more information, visit www.haileypubliclibrary.org

## Celebrate Idaho and Women's History This Month!

Check out the library's March displays as we celebrate Idaho and contributions of women during Women's History Month. Women's History Month traces its beginnings back to the first International Women's Day in 1911. It was not until 1988, however, that Congress designated every March as Women's History Month.

Idaho Day is celebrated on March 4, when President Abraham Lincoln created the Idaho Territory in 1863. Celebrated annually, it is an opportunity to showcase the Gem State's treasured past, thriving present, and unlimited future.

## More Quiet Work Spaces in the Library!

There's really no such thing as a quiet library anymore, but thanks to funding from the Spur Foundation's Community Grant and the Friends of HPL, the library now has three work/study pods for anyone searching for true peace and quiet. The pods are equipped with built-in seating, a tabletop desk, outlets, USB ports, lighting and an adjustable fan for added comfort. The space is ideal for work,



study, phone calls, online meetings, reading, or maybe even a quick catnap. The library also has the Della and Carbonate Rooms that may be reserved online and accommodates up to six people.

Over Presidents' Day weekend, library staff and volunteers assembled the new pods, relocated the public computers, and moved several collections to accommodate more books and seating. With some painting and one small remodel left to do in the youth makerspace, we'll wrap up all projects next month, just in time for another amazing Idaho summer at the library.

### Thank You to Our Top Donors in February!

Friends of the Hailey Public Library

Burnap Foundation
Susan James, Scott & Lucas Savage
Lee Gilman Builders Inc Fund at Spur Community Foundation Amy Albright & Ciro de Lima
Windemere Foundation - Rachel Wolfe & Nicole Lisk









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## March Library Events

For more information, visit haileypubliclibrary.org/programs/

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

Reading Bridge Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

> Story Time Fridays, 11:00 AM Saturdays, 3:30 PM

Teen Book Club: The Library After Hours Women's History Month Sunday, March 30, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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

Upcycle Old Books into Animal Creations Tuesday, March 4, 4:00 PM

> Blackout Poetry Tuesday, March 11, 4:00 PM

Upcycle Old Books into Garlands Tuesday, March 18, 4:00 PM

> Spring Break: No Activity Tuesday, March 25

Knitting Circle with Patricia Lirk Wednesdays, March 5 & 19, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Julie Weston Reads from Salmon Moon: River of No Return Thursday, March 6, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Joint Library Board Meeting Thursday, March 6, 6:00 PM at Bellevue Public Library (117 Pine St.)

From New Stars to the Edge of the Universe: The Search for Extraterrestrial Life and Our Cosmic Origins with Dr. Rachel Smith Saturday, March 8, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Zoom Library Reads Book Club: A Fever in the Heartland by Timothy Egan Tuesday, March 11, 5:30 PM

> Library Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, March 18, 5:45 PM

The Art of Fly Fishing - Part Two: Get Your Feet Wet: A Brief Introduction to Fly Fishing with Ed Northen Thursday, March 27, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

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

Power of Reset and How to Change What's Not Working with Author Dan Heath Wednesday, March 12, 12:00 PM

How Women's Liberation Transformed America: In Conversation with Clara Bingham Thursday, March 20, 12:00 PM

> Dreams We Chase: An Author Talk with Novelist Jennifer Weiner Wednesday, March 26, 5:00 PM

> > Conversational Spanish

Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 PM No Class Tuesday, March 25

Tutoría de inglés English Tutoring

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

Conversacion de inglés Conversational English Viernes/Fridays, 6:00 - 7:30 PM





