

CELEBRATING THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EARTH FEST

# OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

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Welcome May!

This past weekend, Hailey was bursting with activity and community spirit, and I can't wait to see how that carries forward into May. I hope you made it to one of these great 100% local events last week:

**First Annual Spring Street Party Fest:** This homespun street party took place on First Avenue and was made possible by a variety of local sponsors and business. I loved the familiar faces, live music, food, vendors, kids' games and more. How lovely to get to chat with folks I may not have seen all winter. The surprise thunderstorm may have ended the party a bit early, but I hope this local event comes back!

**Earth Fest:** What a turnout! We had over 800 participants this year! Between the Fun Run, Fix-It Clinic, Trunk Sales and Circularity Tips, the community really came out in support of

Earth Day. I thank all of our sponsors, city staff, volunteers and participants for making Earth Fest a success.

**Dia Del Nino:** This event at the Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD) Gym was the perfect place to go on a rainy Sunday. Hundreds of kids and their families joined the BCRD and sponsors for food, face painting, arts and crafts, jump houses, games and fun!

What do these events say to me? Our community is alive, well, and eager to engage with each other. I thank you for participating in Hailey activities — it is what makes us thrive as a small town.

Warmly,

Mayor Martha Burke



#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

City Council will discuss the Final Draft of Hailey's Comprehensive Plan Update on Monday, May 12, 2025. The Comprehensive Plan is used to guide long-range planning efforts, assist in the review of development proposals, and support other activities that shape the built and natural environments in the heart of the Wood River Valley.

The plan further serves as guide for all other planning efforts and policy development in the city, providing a road map to shape area-wide and neighborhood-scale plans. It considers the importance of the natural setting, population, housing, and economic patterns as well as the unique character and quality of life that provides a sense of place and cultural identity.

Join us in discussing the Final Draft Plan on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to continuing the conversation with you all!

# **NEW BUSINESS CORNER**



#### **TACOS 208**

Specializes in authentic tacos crafted with handmade tortillas and premium fresh, locally sourced ingredients! The Tacos 208 menu includes favorites such as quesadillas, tortas, and Saturday brunch! Located at 107 S. Main Street. Owner: The Guzman Family



#### LA PARILLA CAFÉ & LA PARILLA SOUL NUTRITION (FOOD TRUCK)

La Parrilla is expanding due to customer demand for year-round access. A new permanent location on Main St, will combine a coffee shop alongside the food truck, offering a diverse menu in one convenient spot. Located at 622 N Main Street.

#### HEADWATERS OF WELLNESS



A new naturopathic medical clinic run by Dr. Gusty Swift, dedicated to helping achieve optimal health and wellness through a holistic, whole-body approach. We look forward to supporting our neighbors in their pursuit of wellness. Located at 101 E. Bullion Street- Suite 1A.

## ARTICLES



#### SEWER RATES ADJUSTED

Every April, the City recalculates all utility rates for the next twelve months. We calculate the average winter water usage based on the previous five months (November through March) and use that amount to set the corresponding rate according to the current wastewater rate table adopted by City Council. Wastewater rates include your usage as well as a monthly bond payment which is set to cover the indebtedness the city has on treatment plant improvements as formerly approved by voters. This annual process results in some utility bills going up, some may stay unchanged, and some may decrease from the previous year.



#### **ERC CLEAN SWEEP**

Don't miss the 29th Annual ERC Clean Sweep! Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00AM-12:00PM. Meet at one of the following locations for trash bags, gloves, and disposal information:

- ERC Office (471 Washington Ave, Ketchum)
- Hop Porter Park (by the arch, Hailey)
- Memorial Park (between Cedar & Elm, Bellevue)



#### HAILEY MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Join us at the Hailey Cemetery on Mon, May 26, 11:00AM, as we pay heartfelt tribute to more than 435 brave local men and women who served our country and protected our freedom. Leading up to the ceremony, volunteers will be decorating veterans' graves with flags and carnations. The Hailey Cemetery will be decorated from dusk Fri, May 23 to dusk, Mon, May 26. For more information, call 208-720-7395.

# **PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CITY COUNCIL: Mon, May 12 5:30 PM Tues. May 27 5:30 PM

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: Mon, May 5 5:30 PM Mon, May 19 5:30 PM

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY: Tues, May 20 11:00 AM ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Tues, May 13 3:30 PM

TREE COMMITTEE: Wed, May 14 6:00 PM

PARKS & LANDS BOARD: Wed, May 28 5:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD: Tues, May 20 5:45 PM

DIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mon, May 19 5:00 PM

Hailey City offices will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

# MAY 2025



## Here at Hailey Public Library! Color Our World as Summer Reading Begins

It's almost time for shorts, swimming, and popsicles which means it is also time for summer reading at Hailey Public Library! Sign-ups for kids of all ages begins May 19 and continues all summer long at the library or on our website. The free program officially kicks off June 6 and concludes on August 1<sup>st</sup> after the annual year-end extravaganza celebrating all readers and their literary accomplishments.

The summer reading program is designed to incentivize children and their families to engage with books during the break when many students experience a "summer slide" or loss of literacy skills while away from school. It's also a great way to connect with your friends and family.



Ms. Elise announces the medal winners during the end of summer reading party.

Summer reading is a free program and will operate similarly to years past. Parents of babies and toddlers will track the number of books they read to their little ones, while elementary-age youngsters will complete sticker charts tracking their reading time. Older students will have a fun Bingo gameboard to challenge them. When goals are met, participants earn the chance to win prizes including a Yoto player and AirPods.

This year's summer reading theme is Color Our World. There will be additional STREAM programs throughout the summer related to color and art. HPL looks forward to helping our local youths enjoy an enriching, creative, book-filled summer.

## **Our Annual Bike Raffle is Rolling!**



### Adults Wanna Have Some Fun, Too!

The valley libraries know that summer reading is not just for kids. So, Bellevue, Hailey, and the Community Library have teamed up once again to bring the passport back

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for another fun summer. Sign up, get your passport book, start reading and increase your chances to win cool prizes, just for doing what you love - reading!

Adult summer reading officially begins Saturday, May 24, but sign up any time at your favorite library. Your passport will have suggested activities and genres to read. After completing a passport page(s) stop by any library, get your stamp, and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win several prizes. Winners will be announced on the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 2.

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#### May 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

HPL at the Bug Zoo Festival Sunday, April 27, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Teen Book Club: The Library After Hours Neurodivergent Main Character Sunday, April 27, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

#### Imagine Nation Teen Activities

Every Tuesday at 4:00 PM Painting CDs Tuesday, May 6, 3:30 PM

Jewelry Making Tuesday, May 13, 3:30 PM

Collages Tuesday, May 20, 3:30 PM

Painting Flower Pots Tuesday, May 27, 3:30 PM

Anne Burleigh Jacobs Author Talk Thursday, May 1, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, May 6, 5:45 PM

Zoom Library Reads Book Club: Birnam Wood by Eleanor Catton Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 PM

John Rember Author Talk Thursday, May 15, 5:30 - 6:30

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

How to Use Anxiety to Thrive with Dr. David H. Rosmarin Wednesday, May 7, 12:00 PM

On Writing a Brilliant, Dark, and Diabolical Thriller with Author Liann Zhang Wednesday, May 14, 5:00 PM

How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood for All of Us with Rachelle Bergstein Wednesday, May 21, 12:00 PM

Conversational Spanish Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 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





