



NOVEMBER AURORA BOREALIS OVER HAILEY - CAROL WALLER PHOTO

# CITY OF HAILEY OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

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## Hello December!

Despite the lack of snow, Hailey and our contractor, Clear Creek Landscaping, have been working hard to make the town festive for the upcoming month. We can't wait to light our trees on Main Street to usher in this holiday season. Our Main Street has never looked better!

Speaking of festive, **please join us for our annual tree lighting on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Hailey Town Center West**

**from 5:00-7:00PM**, sponsored by the Chamber of the Wood River Valley. Santa will be there, and the Chamber will serve hot chocolate and cookies. This 100% local event has many Hailey families excited to see Santa Claus!

As we wrap up the year, I take the time to reflect on what a special community we have. Our small town character shines through, and I can't think of a better place to live.

With gratitude,

Mayor Martha Burke



## JOIN HAILEY'S PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION!

The City of Hailey is seeking a community-minded resident to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission. This is a great opportunity to help guide growth, development, and zoning decisions in our city. Interested? Reach out to Community Development Director, Robyn Davis: [robyn.davis@haileycityhall.org](mailto:robyn.davis@haileycityhall.org) or 208.788.9815 Ext. 2015 *Photo by Carol Waller*

# ARTICLES



## 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 Friday, December 26 and ending Friday, January 16 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)



## COMMUNITY COMPOST PROGRAM UPDATE

Our Community Compost Program has had a successful year! There are now six locations to drop off food scraps: Albertsons, Atkinsons, Hailey City Hall/Public Library, Hailey Post Office, Community Campus, and Keefer Park. On average, the City has been diverting over 1,300lbs of food scraps from the landfill every week. This year, we offered a free pumpkin drop off site, and collected over 5,200 lbs. of pumpkins which were brought to Winn's Compost to be turned into nutrient-rich soil here in our community, which equals 2.6 tons! Learn more and start composting: [haileycityhall.org/compost](http://haileycityhall.org/compost)



## HOLIDAY LIGHTING

As we celebrate the season, it's a great time to be mindful of light pollution from outdoor holiday displays. While festive lights bring joy, leaving them on all night can disrupt wildlife and dim the starry views protected by the [Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve](#), just to the north of Hailey. A simple way to help protect our night skies is to place your outdoor lights on a timer so they automatically turn off around 10:00 PM This small adjustment keeps the magic of the holidays shining while helping preserve the well-known dark skies of our region.

# PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CITY COUNCIL:

Mon, Dec 8 5:30 PM

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

Mon, Dec 1 5:30 PM

Mon, Dec 15 5:30 PM

### URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:

Tues, Dec 16 11:00 AM

### ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMISSION: Wed, Dec 9 3:30 PM

TREE COMMITTEE: Wed, Dec 10 6:00 PM

PARKS & LANDS BOARD: Canceled

LIBRARY BOARD: Tues, Dec 16 5:45 PM

Hailey City offices will be closed Wed, December 24th and Thurs, Dec 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

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HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

December Library Events

Baby & Toddler Story Time
Wednesdays @ 10:15am & 11:15am

Story Time
Fridays @ 11:00am
Saturdays @ 3:30pm

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

Zoom Library Reads Book Club Online
Tuesday, December 9 @ 5:30pm

Storytime and Celebration with Mrs. Claus
Friday, December 19, 5:30 pm

Authors Talk (Online Events Only)
Register to Attend at HPL Website
Scheming Wives and High-Stakes Hilarity with
Author Sue Hincenbergs
Tuesday, December 2, 12:00 PM

Imagine Nation Teen Activities
Every Tuesday at 4 PM

Tin Can Lanterns
Tuesday, December 2, 4:00 PM

Homemade Stickers
Tuesday, December 9, 4:00 PM

Flowers Made From Plastic Bottles
Tuesday, December 16, 4:00 PM

Come Wrap Your Holiday Gifts
Tuesday, December 23, 4:00 PM

Memory Boxes
Tuesday, December 30, 4:00 PM

Author Talk with John Rember:
Journal of the Plague Years
Tuesday, December 2, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

St. Luke's Office Hours at the Library
Wednesday, December 3, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Zoom Library Reads Book Club:
Nettle & Bone by T. Kingfisher
Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 PM

Tutoría de inglés English Tutoring
Viernes/Fridays, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

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

Holiday Closures
Wednesday, December 24
Thursday, December 25
Thursday, January 1

For more information
visit haileypubliclibrary.org/programs/



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The mission of the Friends of the Hailey Public Library is to support and enhance the library's services and programs. As the year draws to a close, we are profoundly grateful for your end-of-year support; your generosity allows the library to be a beacon of knowledge and connection for the people who live and visit our area. This holiday season, we humbly ask you to consider including us in your year-end giving to support these vital services.

How to Donate:

Visit our website: https://haileypubliclibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library/

Mail: Friends of the Hailey Public Library, PO Box 2142, Hailey, ID, 83333

In-Person: Drop off your donation at the Hailey Public Library circulation desk

The Friends of the Hailey Public Library is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID: 94-3093060)

thank you

We wish you a safe, restful and joyous holiday season

**HAILEY**  
*Tree Lighting!*

Meet Santa, Enjoy candy canes, hot chocolate, and cookies,  
and see our Hailey Christmas Tree light up!

LOCATED AT TOWN CENTER WEST

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
**5:00PM-7:00PM**

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

**THE CHAMBER** 

***It's time to write your letters to Santa!***

***Mailbox in the children's library November 17 - December 13***

***All letters received by 12/13 will hear back from one of Santa's elves!***

***Santa is currently looking for elf volunteers to help answer ALL the letters he receives. Please stop by children's library if you are an interested elf!***



PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER

