



CITY OF HAILEY

OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

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Welcome, 2026!

On January 12, 2026, I look forward to swearing in our newly elected City Council member Sage Sauerbrey and honoring the service of outgoing councilmember Heidi Husbands. Heidi has been a thoughtful, thorough and consistent leader during her five years of service. She voted with her convictions, and with the best interests of the community in mind. Join me at our January 12th Council meeting where we wish her well and welcome our newest member of the Hailey City Council, Sage Sauerbrey.

Winter weather never ceases to surprise me. We have gotten plenty of moisture, although not the white, fluffy variety. Still, it has been cold enough for us to plow snow several times. We spent the month of November reminding the community with vehicle fliers, public service announcements and social media posts about the need for towing and ticketing of vehicles on snow removal nights.

On December 21, Hailey towed 24 vehicles and ticketed 167 vehicles that violated our winter parking rules. Many of you called to thank us for these activities. Not all of you agreed. Those of you that called disgruntled that your vehicle was towed, I am sorry for the disruption of your family gatherings and holiday activities. However, the safety of our roadways will continue to take priority. Our crews work very hard on snow nights to make our streets safe and passable. We ask that you familiarize yourself with the rules (found on the next page of this newsletter or through this link: tinyurl.com/haileysnowbrochure) and make arrangements for your extra vehicles. We also offer, courtesy of the Hailey Urban Renewal Agency, a free winter parking lot at the corner of River and Empty Saddle. We welcome vehicles overnight in this lot! Read about the rules for the free lot here: tinyurl.com/hurafreeparkinglot

With gratitude,

Mayor Martha Burke

ARTICLES



AIRPORT WAY URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT

The Hailey Urban Renewal Agency (HURA) has been busy at work on the Airport Way Transportation Master Plan. This Plan focuses on comprehensive improvements to public infrastructure in the Airport Way project area, with an emphasis on motorized and nonmotorized connectivity.

The next meeting of the HURA is on Tuesday, January 20th at 11:00 am.

More information on the project can be found here: tinyurl.com/huradecworksession

LIVING IN RURAL SNOW COUNTRY



SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW STORAGE

- We plow if more than 3" of snow accumulates, starting in priority areas. **Most snow removal occurs at night**; it is not safe to remove snow during the day.
- In residential neighborhoods, snow is stored on the side of the street. Downtown, snow is stored in the middle of the road to be hauled to the Croy Canyon snow storage site after the storm.
- Most subdivisions have a 10' snow and utility easement on private property. In big snow years, we may push snow onto that 10' area of your property.

Learn more here: tinyurl.com/haileysnowplowing.



RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD REQUIREMENTS:

- No vehicles or personal belongings may be parked within 6' of the asphalt from November 1 to May 1 from midnight to 7:00AM.
- You are not allowed to place 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.



WILDLIFE

Living near wildlife is part of the wonder and risk of our area. We have deer, elk, mountain lions, skunk and more. Each type of wildlife brings unique responses and requires that citizens be vigilant and aware of their surroundings. Deer and elk need not to be disturbed. Pets need to be protected from predators such as mountain lions. This year, reports of mountain lions are coming in regularly to Idaho Fish and Game, some from the Hailey area. **Learn more:** tinyurl.com/haileywinterwildlife

PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY COUNCIL:

Mon, Jan 12 5:30 PM

Mon, Jan 26 5:30 PM

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

Mon, Jan 5 5:30 PM

Tues, Jan 20 5:30 PM

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:

Tues, Jan 20 11:00 AM

ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMISSION: Wed, Jan 14 3:30 PM

TREE COMMITTEE: Tues, Jan 13 6:00 PM

PARKS & LANDS BOARD: Tues, Jan 27 5:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD: Tues, Jan 20 5:45 PM

Hailey City offices will be closed Thurs, Jan 1st in observance of New Year's Day and Mon, Jan 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.

JANUARY 2026



Let us help you keep those resolutions all year long? Happy New Year!

Is 2026 the year to turn the page on an old chapter and start writing a smarter, healthier, more curious version of your life—one book, idea, or habit at a time? The Library has all sorts of resources to make your New Year's resolutions an everyday habit! From exercise videos and books, learning apps and resources, to regular skills-building classes like language and knitting, we have it all!

Improving Physical, Mental, and Emotional Health

Want to make some changes in 2026? The library has an extensive collection of health and wellness books, including healthy eating plans (such as low-carb, vegetarian, or anti-inflammatory), exercise styles, and methods for improving mental health. From starting Dry January with our mocktail recipe books to yoga to eating healthy, the library offers a range of resources to support your self-improvement.



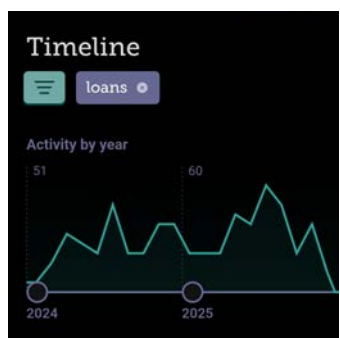
Learning a New Language

Have you always wanted to learn a new language but just can't seem to stick with it? Use your library card to access Mango Languages, a language learning app with over 70 different languages available, including Spanish, English, Mandarin, and dozens more. Mango also offers an American Sign Language platform and a youth mode, ideal for at-home bilingual learning for kids. The library also offers English classes every Friday at 5:30 pm in Town Center West. The library space is available anytime to create your own language exchange or practice.



Join Genre Reading Challenge in 2026

Here's a fun way to amp up your reading in 2026. Join our Genre Reading Challenge and give your reading life a fun shake-up! Each month brings a new genre to explore, a chance to stretch your brain, and an opportunity to enter our monthly Chamber Bucks drawing. On the go, no problem! Read or listen anywhere with our Libby app and call us to enter your name in the raffle!



Serve Your Community

Looking to support your community more this coming year? Hailey Public Library is always looking for volunteers to bring their skills to the library to help shelve items, repair materials, read to children, assist at programs, and more! Visit with Laura at the Reference Desk for more information. Volunteers aged 14 or older are welcome.



January Library Events

For more information, visit haileypubliclibrary.org/programs/

Holiday Closures
New Year's Day, January 1
Idaho Human Rights Day, January 19

2026 Genre Challenge with HPL
January's Genre is **Science Fiction**
Drawing
January 30 at 3:00 PM
Prize will be \$25 of Chamber Bucks

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
Books with Animal Characters
Sunday, January 25, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Imagine Nation Teen Activities
Every Tuesday at 4 PM
Flowers Made From Plastic Bottles
Tuesday, January 6, 4:00 PM
Mindfulness Art
Tuesday, January 13, 4:00 PM
Stamp Making
Tuesday, January 20, 4:00 PM
Drawing on Paint Swatches
Tuesday, January 27, 4:00 PM

St. Luke's Office Hours at the Library
Wednesday, January 7, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
A Road Out of Naknek: Alaskan Salmon Fishing, Long-Distance Running, and Life According to the Tide with Keith Wilson
Thursday, January 8, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Zoom Library Reads Book Club:
Nettle & Bone by T. Kingfisher
Tuesday, January 13, 5:30 PM
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 5:45 PM

Authors Talk (Online Events Only)
Register to Attend at HPL Website
The Creative and Compassionate Art of Seeing Others Deeply with David Brooks
Tuesday, January 13, 12:00 PM
Nature, Art, and Service as Medicine with Journalist Julia Hotz
Tuesday, January 20, 12:00 PM
Secrets and Second Chances with Liz Moore
Wednesday, January 28, 5:00 PM

Tutoría de inglés English Tutoring
Viernes/Fridays, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Conversacion de inglés
Conversational English
Viernes/Fridays, 6:00 - 7:00 PM



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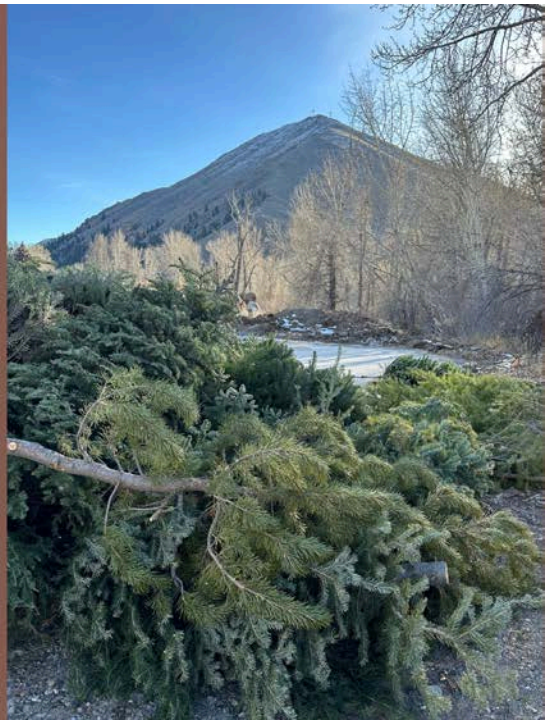
Happy New Year from HPL!

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPOSTING

LIONS PARK (255 CROY CREEK RD)
AVAILABLE UNTIL FRI, JAN 16

Hailey offers a free Christmas Tree drop off site at [Lions Park \(255 Croy Creek Road\)](#) You may drop off your clean tree until 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 READ



**Hybrid In-Person and
Online Book Club**

**February 10
Frankenstein by
Mary Shelley**



PENGUIN CLASSICS

MARY SHELLEY

FRANKENSTEIN: THE 1818 TEXT

INTRODUCTION BY CHARLOTTE GORDON



PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER

