



HORSESHOES FOUND DURING EXCAVATION FOR THE BULLION PATHWAY

CITY OF HAILEY

OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

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Happy spring!

What a strange winter this has been with so little snow. While I have enjoyed the warm days, I much prefer our years of solid, dependable winter snowpack! The City will be taking drought issues very seriously, and you will hear more this spring as to actions we may need to take as a community to conserve water.

On a positive note, I am pleased that low snow has allowed our street crews to get ahead of our summer work, giving us a jump-start on the Bullion Pathway. You no doubt have seen city crews working in front of Hop Porter Park, where we are preparing land for

the Bullion pathway and associated landscaping, trees and public art to come this summer. The Bullion Pathway could not be possible without the hard work and financial contributions of the Hailey Urban Renewal Agency. I thank that Board for their visionary work on the Bullion Pathway. I am truly excited for this transformative project, which will be accompanied by the City's completion of the Hop Porter Stage. I can't wait to join my community this summer celebrating the Bullion Pathway and Hop Porter Park Stage!

With gratitude,

Mayor Martha Burke



FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSOLIDATION

Hailey is working with the South Blaine County and Ketchum Fire Districts towards inter-jurisdictional alignment. Full information will be presented to the public this summer and fall, leading toward a request of our voters to consider consolidation. Our goal is to be transparent with the public every step of the way.

Here are two recent presentations with information on the work underway:

- South Blaine County Fire Protection Presentation: tinyurl.com/bcfirestatusfeb
- City of Hailey Presentation: tinyurl.com/haileyfireupdatefeb

NEW BUSINESS CORNER



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ARTICLES



WHY RECYCLING MATTERS

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HOP PORTER STAGE

Last summer, the City began construction on a new community stage at Hop Porter Park. Last year's improvements included the platform, access and landscaping. In February 2026, City Council approved a bid to complete the Hop Porter Stage with a signature roof and wiring for a sound system and lighting. We can't wait to use this much-needed community stage! A special thanks goes to Kiwanis for their tireless fund-raising efforts on behalf of this project and many other Hailey park projects.



HAILEY URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

The Hailey Urban Renewal District works to complete necessary infrastructure in the two adopted urban areas: The "Gateway" District (downtown) and the "Airport Way District". Read here: tinyurl.com/2025HURAAnnualReport about what has been accomplished over last year by the Hailey Urban Renewal District.

The meetings are held monthly, and are open to the public.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY COUNCIL:

~~Mon, Mar 9 5:30 PM~~ CANCELED

Mon, Mar 23 5:30 PM

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

Mon, Mar 2 5:30 PM

Mon, Mar 16 5:30 PM

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:

Tues, Mar 17 11:00 AM

ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMISSION: Wed, Mar 11 3:30 PM

TREE COMMITTEE: Wed, Mar 11 6:00 PM

PARKS & LANDS BOARD: Tues, Mar 24 5:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD: Tues, Mar 17 5:45 PM

HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

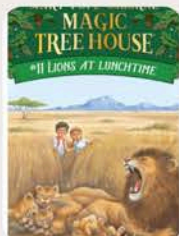
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NEWSLETTER

“Only those with tenacity can march forward in March.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Author Talks – Online Events

[register to attend at HPL's website](#)

Humor, Heart, and Reflective Rural Stories with

Michael Perry

March 4th @ 12:00pm MST

Book Portals and Journeys of Literary Magic with

Kate Quinn

March 12th @ 5:00pm MST

Life Stories: A Creative Writing Workshop with Tony Evans

March 5th & 19th @ 5:30pm

Town Center West - 116 S River St.

[register to attend at HPL's website](#)

A Revolution in Planet Formation: The ALMA Era and Beyond with Dr. Charles Law

astronomy seminar

March 7th @ 5:30pm

Town Center West - 116 S River St.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

March 10th @ 5:45pm

Town Center West - 116 S River St.


Wood River Nature Journal Club Exhibit Reception

March 14th @ 4:00pm

Intro to Fly Fishing with Ed Northen

March 26th @ 5:30pm

Town Center West - 116 S River St.

 for our full schedule of weekly events please visit our website

Daylight Savings Time
spring forward March 8th

Journey Beyond Our Solar System: A Revolution in Planet Formation

Prepare for a deep dive into the mysteries of the cosmos! The Hailey Public Library, in collaboration with the Idaho Dark Sky Alliance, Boise State University, and the Sawtooth Botanical Garden, is thrilled to host a special seminar featuring guest presenter Dr. Charles Law.

In his talk, "A Revolution in Planet Formation: The ALMA Era and Beyond," Dr. Law will explore how the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA)—the world's most powerful ground-based telescope for observing the cool universe—is transforming our understanding of how planets are born. Attendees will gain unique insights into the latest astronomical discoveries and what they mean for our place in the universe.



Event Highlights

- Expert Insights: Learn from Dr. Charles Law about the groundbreaking capabilities of the ALMA observatory.
- Stargazing Adventure: Following the seminar, join us at 7:30 PM for a guided stargazing session and telescope viewing at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden, 11 Gimlet Road, Ketchum ID 83340.

Plan Your Visit

- Date: Saturday, March 7th
- Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Seminar) | 7:30 PM (Stargazing)
- Location: Town Center West, Hailey

Don't miss this opportunity to see the universe through a new lens! Whether you're a seasoned stargazer or just curious about the stars, this event promises to be an enlightening experience for all.

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Health & Wellness
Monthly St. Luke's office hours held at the library for community health outreach



Skill Building
Access to Learning Express Library for test prep and career centers, and Idaho Digital Skills for tech training





PROPOSED Big Wood River Library District FAQs



GOOD LIBRARIES MAKE A GREAT COMMUNITY



✓ What is a library district?

An independent taxing district established under Idaho Code Title 33, Chapter 27, that provides dedicated funding for library services within its boundaries.

✓ How many library districts are in Idaho?

There are currently 69 library districts operating throughout the state. These districts serve as a common and proven model for providing consistent library services across both rural and urban areas of Idaho

✓ What is the proposal?

To transition the Hailey and Bellevue Public Libraries from city-budget models to a stable, independent library taxing district to ensure long-term community service.

✓ What are the district boundaries?

The district encompasses the area from Greenhorn and East Fork Roads south to the Blaine County line, including Triumph, Gannett, and Magic Reservoir. It excludes the Little Wood River Library District (Carey and Picabo).

✓ Who will run the district?

In Idaho, library districts are governed by a voter-elected board of five trustees serving six-year terms. This board has exclusive control over the library's budget and policies, independent of city councils or county commissioners.

✓ Will the libraries stay in their current locations?

It is the Steering Committee's goal and priority to maintain services in their existing locations. While formal agreements with the cities of Hailey and Bellevue cannot be finalized at this stage, active discussions are underway to secure these facilities for the long term.

✓ How will my taxes be impacted?

The estimated proposed levy is \$28 per \$100,000 of taxable value (after the Idaho Homeowner's Exemption) ensures a dedicated, stable future for our libraries.

When is Election Day?

 TUESDAY
19 MAY 2026

For voting information
visit voteidaho.gov

This ballot measure requires a simple majority (50% +1) of affirmative votes to pass

Why a library district?

expanded services and hours

stable and dedicated funding

increased operational efficiency

greater access and equity

