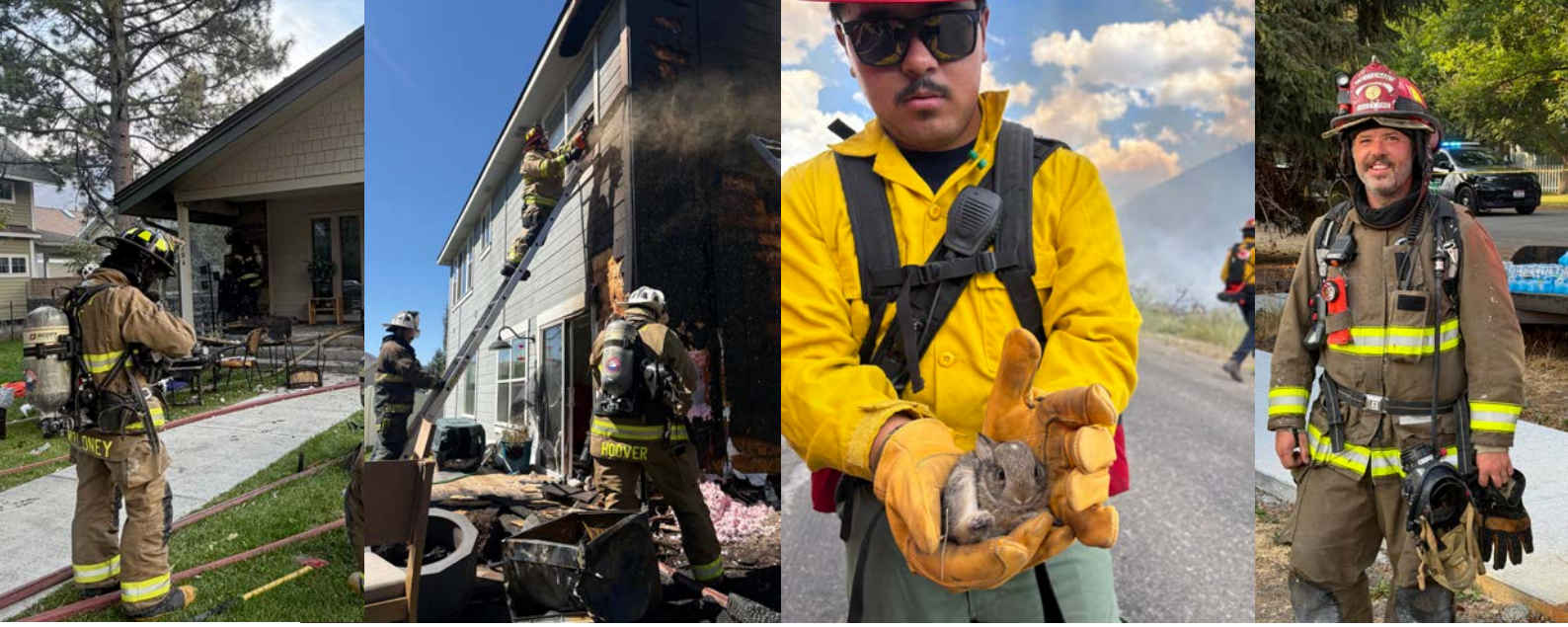


BLAINE COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE HAD A BUSY AUGUST, SHOWN HERE RESPONDING TO TWO HAILEY STRUCTURE FIRES AND THE OHIO GULCH FIRE

CITY OF HAILEY

OUR TOWN, OUR HOME

September 2026 — Issue No. 274

September is here, and with it we all hope for cooler, calmer weather!

This past month was a scary month for both wildfires and structure fires in and around town. I cannot thank enough Blaine County Fire & Rescue and our other Fire District partners for the incredible effort to protect lives and structures in August. My colleagues in the fire world tell me that, during one such weekend in August, from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday, Blaine County Fire & Rescue ran 28 calls for service, including two hot and resource-intensive structure fires in Hailey, a backcountry rescue, a vegetation fire call, an interfacility transfer running an air ambulance crew up to the hospital and back, as well as the more “routine” EMS calls and fire alarms. Operating together allowed our fire professionals to coordinate personnel and resources in responding to these concurrent fire events. I am incredibly grateful for the leadership and the on-the-ground fire professionals for their actions to respond to and contain these fires.

In October, we plan to host open houses where we will provide more detailed, factual information about potential changes to fire and emergency services in Hailey, including the associated costs. In November, Hailey residents will decide whether to permanently annex into the BC South/Blaine County Rescue Fire Protection District.

Thank you for helping to keep our town safe!

Gratefully,

Mayor Martha Burke

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

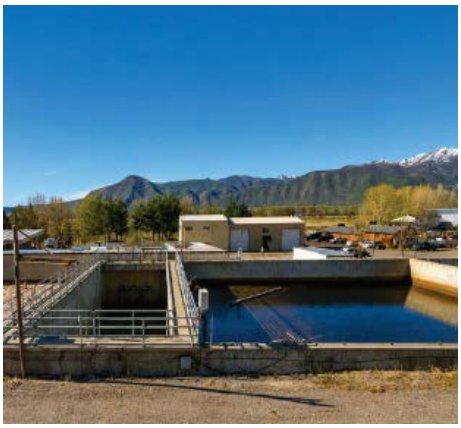
Hailey residents have successfully reduced year-to-date water consumption by 18.6 million gallons as compared to last year, showcasing the powerful impact of our collective conservation efforts.

This successful conservation effort is a direct result of Hailey neighbors stepping up to protect our shared water supply by adjusting outdoor watering schedules, fixing sprinkler leaks, and utilizing city conservation programs. The irrigation season is not over yet. Let’s keep this momentum going by checking irrigation controllers and minimizing outdoor waste. Thank you for preserving our vital resources! *Carol Waller Photo*

ARTICLES

HAILEY SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

After more than two years of research, stakeholder engagement, public outreach, and technical review, City Staff are presenting the final draft of the Hailey Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) to City Council on September 14. Developed to establish a cohesive, organized, and Hailey-specific strategy for advancing local sustainability, the plan directly supports existing regional initiatives such as the Blaine County Climate Action Plan. The SAP aligns with foundational long-term strategies outlined for the community's future, specifically integrating with the 2024 Hailey Comprehensive Plan to build a unified approach to climate resilience. *Carol Waller Photo*

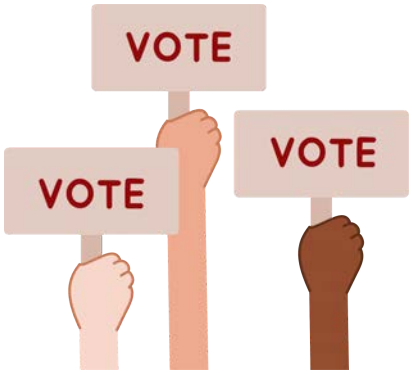


WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

Hailey is proactively planning infrastructure improvements at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility to achieve future operational needs. While the facility is currently in stable condition, it is aging. City personnel and engineering consultants are mapping out an incremental, multi-phase infrastructure replacement and upgrade strategy. To extend the life of the existing facility, staff is considering multiple options including an innovative, low-cost "gravity-selective wasting" and “mobile organic biofilm” pilot program, following the construction of the plant's brand-new headworks facility this coming spring. Implementing these budget-friendly steps now buys more time before a major facility upgrade is required.

HEART SAVER CPR CLASSES

Blaine County Fire & Rescue is offering CPR classes. Most sessions cover Heartsaver CPR which teaches essential CPR mechanics, AED operation, and choking relief. Heartsaver is ideal for community members, families, or workplace requirements. On November 11th, a Basic Life Support class will be offered for healthcare providers (such as EMTs, nurses, and hospice staff), covering core CPR along with deeper clinical insights and bag valve mask application. To sign up or ask questions, email outreach@bcfirerescue.org or call 208-726-7805 ext. 4. To sign up, or for questions, contact: outreach@bcfirerescue.org or 208-726-7805x4



REMINDER: POLITICAL SIGNAGE IN HAILEY

With election season approaching, please review these reminders regarding community political signage:

- Placement: Political signs are allowed adjacent to residential or commercial areas where appropriate. Signs are prohibited in City Parks, City pathways, or on the Wood River Trail.
- Permissions: Always secure permission from the property owner before placing any campaign signs. Please note that several sections of land along or adjacent to the Wood River Trail are privately owned and require explicit owner approval.

We appreciate your cooperation in placing campaign signage appropriately and with consideration for the community.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY COUNCIL:
Mon, Sept 14 5:30 PM
Mon, Sept 28 5:30 PM

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:
~~Tues, Sept 8 5:30 PM~~ (CANCELED)
Mon, Sept 21 5:30 PM

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:
Tues, Sept 15 11:00 AM

ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Wed, Sept 9 3:30 PM

TREE COMMITTEE: Wed, Sept 9 5:30 PM

PARKS & LANDS BOARD: Tues, Sept 22 5:30 PM

LIBRARY BOARD: Tues, Sept 15 5:45 PM

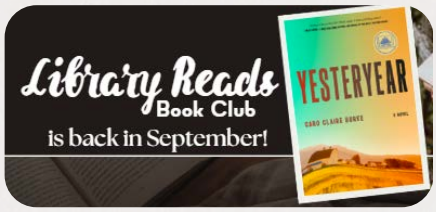
Hailey City Offices will be closed Mon, Sept 7 in observance of Labor Day.

HAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

READ LOCAL

NEWSLETTER

"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here,
with summer's best of
weather and autumn's best of cheer."
HELEN HUNT JACKSON



Join us for our **Library Reads Book Club Kickoff Party!**
We are gathering on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:30pm at Town Center West - 116 S River St. The featured title is the hit novel ***Yesteryear***. Come share your thoughts, meet fellow book lovers, and enjoy a fantastic evening. Delicious treats and refreshments will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Author Talks - Online Events
register to attend on HPL's website

The Democracy We Must Keep:
Why the Ideas that Built America Still Matter with
David O. Stewart
September 1st @ 12:00pm MDT

Writing the Nightmare: A Ship Called Sickness and One Unforgettable Space Crew with
Daniel Kraus
September 8th @ 5:00pm MDT

The Art of Fighting: Building Better, Stronger Relationships with
Priya Parker
September 8th @ 5:00pm MDT

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
September 15th @ 5:45 pm
Hailey City Hall -upstairs

Library Reads Book Club Kickoff Party
September 14th @ 5:30pm
Town Center West - 116 S River St.

Hailey Public Library Tour
September 18th
11:00am ~ 1:00am ~ 3:00pm

Senior Tech Basics
September 24th @ 5:30pm
Town Center West - 116 S River St

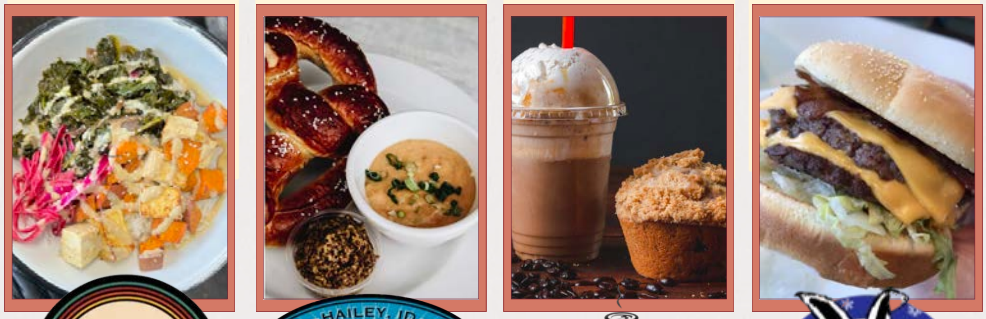
Holiday Closures
Labor Day - Monday, September 7th

BRANCH OUT WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

SHOW YOUR LIBRARY CARD AND SAVE!

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month this September with the Hailey Public Library! Your library card does more than open the door to great books and digital media. Throughout September, it serves as a local savings pass at some of your favorite hometown businesses. Simply present your library card at checkout to enjoy exclusive discounts.

WYLDE BEET	SAWTOOTH BREWERY	HAILEY COFFEE CO	SNOW BUNNY
10% OFF PURCHASES	10% OFF PURCHASES	15% OFF PURCHASES	10% OFF PURCHASES
SEPT 1ST - SEPT 4TH	ALL MONTH LONG	ALL MONTH LONG	SEPT 8TH - SEPT 30TH



We extend a heartfelt thank you to these amazing local businesses for partnering with us to support literacy and community connection!

T H A N K Y O U

Summer Success at HPL

We are incredibly proud of our partnership with the Hunger Coalition over the summer. **Bloom Lunch** served **1,895 nourishing lunches** to children and families at the library. Alongside these bi-weekly lunch sessions, families also participated in engaging STREAM activities designed for growing minds. Thank you to everyone who dropped by, took part in our events, and made this summer program a meaningful success!

MEET THE FLEET & CHILI COOK OFF

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

11:00AM-2:00PM

LOCATION:
Airport, Section 2 crossroads of Airport Way and Broadford Heights Rd

Thank you to our partners!

SUN · St Luke's · CHAMBER · DISCOVER WOOD RIVER VALLEY · IDAHO · BLAINE COUNTY · Glass Cockpit AVIATION.com learn to fly here · HAILEY POLICE · SUN VALLEY FIRE · KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL · LIFE FLIGHT NETWORK · ATLANTIC · CITY of HAILEY EST. 1881

First Books Program with Miss Cassidy

The Hailey Public Library is proudly continuing its long-standing tradition of bringing the First Books Program directly to students at Syringa Mountain School, Alturas Elementary and Hailey Elementary for the entire school year!

We are thrilled to welcome Miss Cassidy, who is stepping up to lead the program for her first year. Building on years of success, this initiative ensures participating children receive brand new books to keep every month, completely free. Available in both English and Spanish, these books include fun home activities to help build your child's home library and foster a lifelong love for reading.

Welcome back to School