



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

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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.

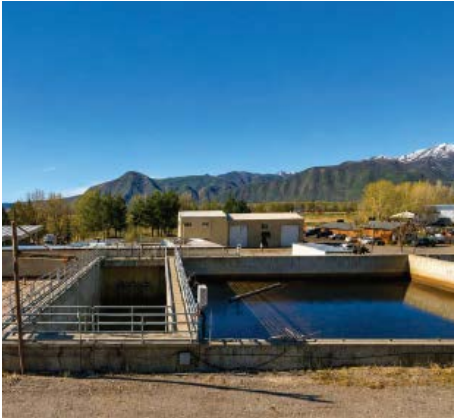
This successful conservation effort is a direct result of Hailey neighbors stepping up to protect our shared water supply by adjusting outdoor watering schedules, fixing sprinkler leaks, and utilizing city conservation programs. The irrigation season is not over yet. Let's keep this momentum going by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

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 Update to build a unified approach to climate resilience.



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.

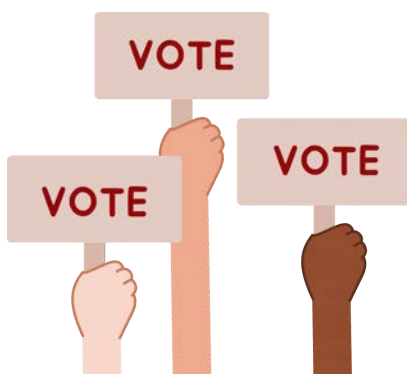


9/2	6:30pm	Hailey Town Center West
9/9	10am	Ketchum Fire Station
10/7	10:30am	Hailey Town Center West
10/14	5:30pm	Ketchum Fire Station
11/11	10am	Ketchum Fire Station - BLS
12/2	10:30am	Hailey Town Center West
12/9	5:30pm	Ketchum Fire Station

questions or to register
outreach@bcfirerescue.org | 208-726-7805x4

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

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

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY

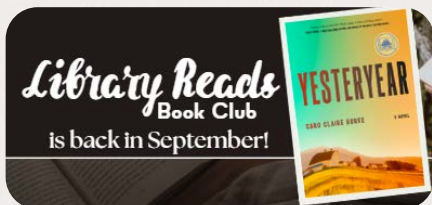
NEWSLETTER

READ LOCAL



"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 ~ 1:00pm ~ 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.

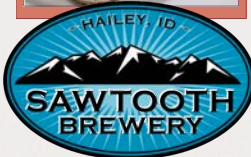
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10% OFF PURCHASES
SEPT 1ST - SEPT 4TH



SAWTOOTH BREWERY

10% OFF PURCHASES
ALL MONTH LONG



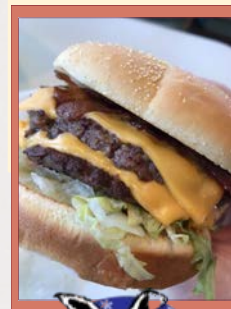
HAILEY COFFEE CO

15% OFF PURCHASES
ALL MONTH LONG



SNOW BUNNY

10% OFF PURCHASES
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!



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

11:00AM-2:00PM

LOCATION:

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

Thank you to
our partners!



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

