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Message from the Mayor

Oath of Office to Hailey's Elected Officials, Community Celebration at The Mint for Outgoing City Officials

On Friday, January 10, 2020, Mayor Haemmerle will preside over the last meeting of his two terms of office as Mayor of the City of Hailey. During the City Council meeting, the oath of office will be taken by Mayor-Elect Martha Burke and Council-Elect Sam Linnet and Juan Martinez. Elected officials, board, commission and committee members who have served and are stepping down will be honored, including Mayor Haemmerle, Councilmen Pat Cooley and Jeff Engelhardt, and members retiring from Hailey's Parks & Lands Board, Tree Committee and Arts & Historical Preservation Commission. The meeting will be opened by Mayor Haemmerle and closed by Mayor Burke, with a community celebration to follow.

The City Council meeting will begin at 5:30 PM on Friday January 10, 2020 and will be followed by a community celebration at The Mint from 6:00—8:00 PM. The entire community is welcome to celebrate and thank retiring city officials at the meeting and/or the Mint. Refreshments and a no-host bar will be available.

The new city government will take up regular business on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM. During the first meeting of the newly elected officials, Mayor Burke will make her nomination for a city council member to take City Council Seat #1, which has been held by Burke since she won it in a run-off election in 1993 against long-term incumbent Joe Macarillo. After the nomination is confirmed by the council, a council president will be selected. Mayor Burke will then nominate a Planning & Zoning member for confirmation by the council to fill the seat left open by Sam Linnet.

Farewell and Thank You to Hailey Public Officials

Come share our gratitude to outgoing Hailey Mayor Fritz Haemmerle and Councilmen Pat Cooley & Jeff Engelhardt

**Friday, Jan 10, 2020
from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

at
THE MINT

Oaths of Office to newly elect City Officials will precede the party at 5:30 PM at HAILEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Meeting Calendar

City Council	01/10/2020
City Council	01/13/2020
City Council	01/27/2020
Planning & Zoning	01/06/2020
Planning & Zoning	01/21/2020
Arts & Historic Preservation...	01/09/2020
Joint Fire Board, Hailey WRFD	none
Parks & Lands Board	01/08/2020
Public Library Board	01/15/2020
Tree Committee	01/09/2020
Sun Valley Air Service Board...	01/22/2020
Urban Renewal Agency	01/09/2020
* <i>New Years Day Holiday</i>	01/01/2020
* <i>Idaho Civil Rights Day</i>	01/20/2020

** City Offices and Library Closed*

Hailey Public Library January Events

Follow us for more information:

www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary

www.instagram.com/HaileyPublicLibrary

Mondays at Noon: *Baby Time*. Librarian-led activities that support strong sensory development and baby's first exploration of play. A community nurse will be available every third Monday for advice and support to new parents.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: *In-beTween*. Activities for kids 9 - 12 full of STEAM activities/gaming

Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:30 AM: *Story Time* is an interactive story hour made especially [for preschool aged children](#).

Fridays at 4:00 PM: *Friday Flicks*. Enjoy family-friendly films and popcorn at the library every Friday.

January 3: "The Muppet Christmas Carol." Rated G.

January 10: "Snow Dogs." Rated G.

January 17: "Smallfoot." Rated G.

January 24: "Jack Frost." Rated G.

January 31: "Snow Day." Rated G.

Wednesday, January 8, 5:30 PM: *Friends of the Hailey Public Library Meeting*.

Saturday, January 11, 10:00 AM: *Seed Saving Work Party*. Each work party is an opportunity to clean a new harvest of seeds, borrow seeds, and share your harvest with other like-minded people. Seed parties will be facilitated by Manon Gaudreau, co-director of the Wood River Seed Library, housed at HPL.

Tuesday, January 14, 5:30 PM: *Library Reads Book Club*. Every month, we host a book club with picks thoughtfully chosen by your librarians. This month's read is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson.

Wednesday, January 15, 5:15 PM: *Pushing the Limits Part 3: Motion*. An innovative, 4-part book discussion series for curious minds who enjoy interesting books. This month's themed book is *Endurance* by Alfred Lansing. Preregister and pick up your book at the Hailey Public Library.

Thursday, January 16, 5:30 PM: *Board Meeting*.

Wednesday, January 20: *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Closure*.

Wednesday, January 22, 5:30 PM: *A Summer in the Canadian Rockies*. Join Ed Cannady for spectacular images of the Canadian Rockies and a thought-provoking examination of the value of time in quiet wild places.

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 AM: *Seed Saving Work Party*.

Wednesday, January 29, 5:30 PM: *Origami Cranes & Loving Kindness Meditation*. Mary Ann Chubb, Flourish Foundation mindful awareness facilitator, will lead the group in a loving kindness meditation. Kristin Fletcher, HPL adult programs coordinator, will teach the fine art of creating origami cranes.

Early February Highlights:

Mondays Beginning February 3 at 3:30 PM: *ACT/SAT Tutoring Hour*.

Wednesday, February 5, 5:30 PM: *Mongolian Forests in an Era of Climate Change*. Paul Ries, retired Associate Deputy Chief with the US Forest Service and former Area Ranger on the Sawtooth NRA, will share his experiences as a volunteer Forester in Mongolia.

Saturday, February 8, 10:00 AM: *Seed Saving Work Party*.

Library Closed January 1, 2020— New Years Day
Library Closed January 20, 2020—Civil Rights Day

Students Opinion Column

We Must All Act on Climate Change

According to The Climate Chat, seven in ten Americans understand climate is changing. Although roughly 70 percent of the US population recognize climate change and its effects, little action is being taken.

I used to be someone who acknowledged climate change but never did much about it. I didn't realize the severity of this climate crisis until I spent a semester studying in a rural part of Panama, where environmental sustainability is not a pressing issue to the locals. A group of friends and I took a trip to a small island. When we left the mainland for the island, our boat was fenced in by an unimaginable amount of trash. There were no marine animals in the dirty, contaminated water, instead, plastic bags, old tires, plastic water bottles, and who knows what else. After this trip, I started researching ways that I could help, and I took immediate action to do my part.

Regardless of your political leanings, there is one truth for all people on this planet: Our collective security and prosperity depend on a stable climate. The United Nations says we have a decade to cut global emissions in half to limit the worst impacts of the climate crisis. We need everyone to join us.

Great change happens when everybody does their part to live more sustainably. These changes can be as simple as walking to the grocery store, eating less meat, refusing a plastic product, or purchasing from a thrift store instead of buying new. As a student who feels that her future is in danger, I hope that you will do your job and take part in protecting the future of this planet.

Sofia Peller

Co-president of the W.A.T.E.R. Club

Community Development

54 Acre 108 Lot Subdivision Proposed

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 to launch the City's consideration of a PUD and Subdivision Preliminary Plat for a 54 acre parcel in east Hailey. **Sunbeam Subdivision** is proposed for the large field that lies within the Hailey City limits between Deerfield Subdivision and Old Cutters Subdivision. More specifically, the project is located on Tax Lot 6655, Section 9 & 10, T2N, R18E, Hailey, a parcel which has been an undeveloped part of Hailey since about 1980.

Project elements included:

- Park & Open Space for Residential & Public Use
- Bike and Pedestrian Connector Trails
- Recreation Field, Natural Play and Scenic Area
- Connection to Curtis Park
- Single-Family Lots & Cottage Single-Family Lots

A P.U.D Application has been submitted requesting to allow the applicant to cluster a portion of the residential density of 44 units onto five (5) newly created parcels or cottage single-family lots. The remaining parcels will be developed as single-family residences (103 lots). The total development comprises of 54.38 acres. Current zoning allows for a density of 177 lots, each lot approximately 8,000 square feet in size. The applicant team is proposing to develop 147 units on 108 lots. This application will consist of two (2) phases of development and is concurrent with a Preliminary Plat Subdivision Application.

Phase 1 proposes that 67 lots of the 108 be developed including development of two (2) cottage single-family lots (17 units in total), ranging in size from 57,808 square feet to 65,273 square feet and 65 lots remaining to be developed as single-family lots, ranging in size from 4,893 square feet to 19,824 square feet. An open space parcel of 4.52 acre is proposed to benefit the general public and satisfy the City's park contribution.

Airport Planning

City Council Reviews Airport Section of the Hailey Comprehensive Plan

The City of Hailey has had a comprehensive plan in place for decades. A few years ago, Idaho added a requirement that a chapter be added to comprehensive plans pertaining to airports, where applicable. As Friedman Memorial Airport lies within the city limits of Hailey, the requirement is applicable.

Hailey's Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed a draft Airport Chapter of the Hailey Comprehensive Plan in October, 2019. The Hailey City Council will review this document on January 13, 2020. Chris Pomeroy, Airport Manager, will present the document to the City Council, a page of which is excerpted and shown below. The full document can be found on the City's Community Development webpage at <https://haileycityhall.org>.

PART THREE GOALS & INDICATORS



Friedman Memorial Airport Economic Impact
According to the 2019 ITD Aero Airport Economic Impact Analysis as part of the IASP, the Friedman Memorial Airport contributes over \$305 million of annual economic impact to the local, regional and state economy resulting from commercial air service and general aviation activity at the airport. This substantial economic impact ranks second for commercial service airports in Idaho, second only behind the Boise Airport.

Transportation and Critical Services Access
Blaine County is considered one of the most populated remote counties in Idaho. Limited roadway access into and out of the County means the public-use airports in the county provide a critical transportation link to Blaine County and the region. Friedman Memorial Airport provides access for other critical services including aerial wildland firefighting aircraft and life flight services when

needed.

Noise, Safety, and Quality of Life Impacts

In addition to the positive benefits an airport brings to a community, there are resulting negative impacts from airport operations including, noise, dust, fumes, and potential safety considerations for both aircraft operators and airport neighbors. Understanding the operational and regulatory requirements placed on airports by the FAA and state, and the importance of proactive land use planning around airports, is critical to reducing negative impacts to both airport users and neighbors.

Land Use Issues

Encroachment of incompatible development

One of the greatest threats to the viability of airports today is the encroachment of incompatible land use. More recently, ITD Aero and FAA have been working with Idaho's airports to strengthen airport land use compatibility policies and practices to reverse this trend. Encroaching incompatible land use poses a significant threat to the state and national airport system and the communities they serve. As a result, airport sponsors, including the City of Hailey, should be proactive in efforts to address land use compatibility around airports in their jurisdiction and ensure county and city planning and future development will not negatively impact the use of Friedman Memorial Airport.

Safety and Quality of Life

Proactive planning around the Friedman Memorial Airport, and airports in general, ensures the safety of both aircraft operators and airport neighbors from potential aircraft accidents. It also protects the quality of life of airport neighbors by reducing impacts such as noise, dust and fumes that are associated with airport operations.

Public Process

How To Make Public Comments

Many people don't often attend City meetings, and when they do they are not sure of how or when to make public comments. Hailey City meetings always have an agenda available for the public who attend, which is a helpful guide to when an item will be addressed, as the agenda is followed in order. When the item of interest is opened by the Chair, it is introduced by staff and/or the applicant, after which the board members ask questions. Following that, the Chair opens the matter up for public hearing. People wishing to speak should immediately raise their hand or stand up. When the Chair calls on a member of the public, comments may be made only about the matter at hand, and should be addressed to the Chair and board, not to anyone else in the room.

Written comments can be made in advance of a meeting and should be delivered to the City Clerk or to the Planning & Zoning Assistant.

The Chamber

Voting Open For Chamber Board

Voting is open for the Chamber of Hailey & the Wood River Valley's Board of Directors. Members of the Chamber may vote until January 15, 2020. The work of the Board of Directors is done by thoughtful and dedicated business people within our community. Those on the ballot for Chamber Board of Directors include:

Patrick Buchanan - State Farm Insurance
Stacey Doby - St Lukes Hospital
Todd Hunter - Idaho Lumber
Marlon Peck - New York Life
Chris Roebuck - Christopher and Company

Questions about becoming a Chamber member and how it can help your business? Call the Chamber at 208-788-3484 or visit the Chamber website at <https://haileyidaho.com>.

RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS!



SAVE MONEY, SAVE ENERGY & HELP SAVE THE PLANET!

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS:

GET AN ENERGY AUDIT!



An **ENERGY AUDIT** will identify and help prioritize projects that you can undertake to make your home or business more efficient and save money. Idaho Power offers discounted audits for residential customers: \$99 for all electric homes or \$149 for other fuel source homes (total value \$445):

<https://www.idahopower.com/energy-environment/ways-to-save/savings-for-your-home/home-energy-audit/>

Auditor preparing for blower door test to determine house tightness.

GET HELP PAYING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS!

REBATES AND INCENTIVES:

Idaho Power: <https://www.idahopower.com/energy-environment/ways-to-save/savings-for-your-home/rebates-and-offers/>

Replacement of existing less efficient heating system with high efficiency heat pump technology	\$250 - \$1000
Duct sealing for homes with electric forced-air heat	\$350
Installation of an evaporative cooler	\$150
Replacement of an existing electric resistance storage water heater with a heat pump water heater:	\$300
Installation of a smart thermostat	\$75
Installation of a whole house fan	\$200
Discounts on new Energy Star clothes washers, lighting and showerheads	

Intermountain Gas: <https://www.intgas.com/energy-efficiency/appliance-rebates/>

Installation of high efficiency natural gas appliances, including furnaces, fireplace inserts and storage and tankless water heaters	\$150 -\$1000
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DO YOU NEED A LOAN OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?



New spray foam insulation in existing walls.

LOANS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLE ENERGY:

State's Office on Energy and Mineral Resources loan program to pay for energy efficiency or renewable energy projects: https://oemr.idaho.gov/loan-program/	4% interest, 5 year loan repayment
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LOW INCOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Idaho Power assistance programs for low income customers: https://www.idahopower.com/energy-environment/ways-to-save/savings-for-your-home/income-qualified-customers/	Weatherization Programs: Free energy audit and upgrades for low income homeowners and renters Easy Savings Program: Free electric furnace/AC or heat pump tune up
Intermountain Gas Weatherization Assistance Program to help low income families: https://www.capai.org/wx	Insulation installation, reducing air infiltration, heating system testing, general site inspection, water heater testing and minor repairs
United State Department of Agriculture Rural Development to help low income families: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/programs-services-individuals	Home loans, loan guarantee program and housing repair for loans and grants.

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