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Message from the Mayor

Mask Mandate Remains in Effect

Hailey Public Health Order 2021-07 was approved by the Hailey City Council and signed by the Mayor on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. This Order extends the Hailey mask mandate for another 30 days, through November 11, 2021. The Hailey City Council will revisit its health orders during a regularly scheduled city council meeting on November 8, 2021, at which time they may again extend, with or without revisions, Hailey's requirement for the wearing of face-coverings in public places when members of the public are present.

The mask mandate looks like the one put in place on September 14, 2021, when the city council required face-coverings be used in indoor public spaces.



Additionally, face coverings are required to be used in outdoor places where proper distancing can not be maintained. The Order contains no requirement for businesses to enforce the Order, but we've found it is extremely helpful when businesses voluntarily post face-covering information at their entryways.

The Order is directed to all individuals, with certain exceptions. The exceptions are:

- Children under the age of 5.
- Persons who cannot medically tolerate wearing a cloth face covering must wear or position themselves behind a face shield. A person is not required to provide documentation demonstrating that the person cannot medically tolerate wearing a cloth face covering.

- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication, must wear or position themselves behind a face shield.
- Persons, including on-duty law-enforcement officers, for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons who are actively engaged in athletic competition.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose, face, or head for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Persons who are eating or drinking at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, so long as the person is able to maintain a distance of 6 feet away from persons who are not members of the same party as the person.
- Outdoor public places where people can employ social distancing as recommended by CDC, while continuing to recommend face covering.

Water & Wastewater Rate Increase

City of Hailey utility rates increased on October 1, 2021. Customers will see the effect of that increase on the bill enclosed.

The most significant change is in the 10% Wastewater Rate increase.

Water rates changed as well, with the Water Base Rate decreasing by 3% and the Water Usage Rate increasing from 1% to 6%, with a steeper increase on every 10,000 gallons per month used. Customers who use less water are charged a lower rate for the water they use.

Hailey Tree Committee

Tree Health Tips for Late Fall and Winter

The Hailey Tree Committee is offering some tips for late fall and winter tree health:

- Stop fertilizing plants 6 weeks before the first frost.
- Deep water evergreens before the ground freezes, 12-18" deep.
- After the ground freezes, apply a 3" layer of mulch around the tree, but several inches (3 to 6 inches) from the tree, conserving moisture and insulating roots until covered by snow. Avoid a volcano pile at the tree trunk, which will trap moisture and cause decay of the trunk. The mulch can be spread all the way out to the drip line of the tree, where the roots gather the most moisture.
- Protect newly planted and thin barked trees from sunscald with white tree guards or tree wrap, or paint trunk with diluted white latex paint.
- Use hardware cloth to protect bottoms of trees from gnawing animals. Staking around trees can reduce browsing damage.
- Shovel or blow snow before using any salt near trees. Avoid sodium chloride, use magnesium chloride or calcium chloride when possible.
- Be careful installing holiday lights, installing strands up and down and not around small branches, which can damage next year's buds. Remove lights BEFORE buds break in the spring.
- Prune in late winter or spring, removing crossing, broken branches and co-dominant stems.
- Before bud break in spring, use dormant oils to reduce insects such as aphids. The term 'dormant' refers to the time of year the oils are applied. These oils are highly refined lightweight horticultural oils of petroleum or vegetable base.



Water Pipe Freeze Protection

If your water must be run in winter to keep from freezing, a reduction in fees may be possible. To request freeze protection, submit the *Request for Water Service Freeze Protection* application found on the City's website or at City Hall. This form must be received in advance and submitted annually in order for an owner to be eligible for a reduction in fees.

Boards & Volunteers

New Trustees at Hailey Public Library

The Hailey Public Library is delighted to announce its recommendation to the Hailey City Council for the appointment of Siomara CeCe Navarrete and Tommy Green as the newest members to the Hailey Public Library Board of Trustees. Appointments are for five-year terms. The Hailey City Council approved the appointment of Navarrete in October, and will consider the appointment of Green in November.

The Hailey Public Library Board is created under state law, which gives it the authority to protect and advance the wider community's interests by advising the City Council and Library Director in the policies, promotion, and overall development and management of the Library.

Navarrete grew up here and has close ties to the Hispanic community. As a young mom with twin girls, she provides an essential perspective.

Green's background in security and high tech will be critical as the Library anticipates making major changes to its platform and apps.

"We are excited to have such incredibly strong individuals stepping up to fill the shoes of long-time board veterans. They will bring diversity and new perspectives to the library," stated Library Director Lyn Drewien, "We deeply appreciate former trustees Lee Dabney and Kate Ristow for their profound leadership, experience and commitment, and wish them well."

Staff & Board Milestones

Hailey Police Chief Steve England is pleased to announce the promotion of Sgt Todd Peck to the position of Hailey Assistant Police Chief. Peck has served with HPD for eight years, since November 1, 2013. He has been the lead investigative officer for several years. Congratulations Assistant Chief Peck!



Hailey Public Library

November Events

Follow us for more information:

www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org.

www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary.

www.instagram.com/HaileyPublicLibrary.

Story Time Returns in November!

Wednesday at 11:00 AM

Meet us in the library mural for a morning of stories, songs and crafts! Made especially for preschool kids. Masks are required for story listeners of all ages.

Ready! for Kindergarten Age Group 4 – 5

Wednesday, November 3, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

READY! for Kindergarten workshops encourage parents to talk, sing, read and play with their child in simple ways to foster learning. All on Zoom! FREE learning materials and toys are provided with each workshop. Sign up on our website: haileypubliclibrary.org

Reflections on Annie Pike Greenwood

Thursday, November 4 at 5:30 PM Online

HPL hosts "Reflections on Annie Pike Greenwood with IPTV's Marcia Franklin " a virtual presentation by Idaho Public TV producer and documentarian Marcia Franklin. In 1934 Greenwood wrote *We Sagebrush Folks*, which vividly documented early rural life in Idaho from a woman's perspective. RSVP to kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org.

Library Reads Book Club

Tuesday, November 9 at 5:30 PM Online

Join us on Zoom for a virtual book club on *We Sagebrush Folks* by Annie Pike Greenwood. This intimate record of an acute mind and sensitive spirit to the joys and sorrows, poverty, and personalities describes the author's fifteen years as a farm woman on the last American frontier. Email laura.primrose@jhaileypubliclibrary.org to join the discussion!

Family Reading Week Celebration:

Wednesday, November 10, 3:30 PM

Join us to celebrate Family Reading Week with a special family story time with hot cocoa & snacks.

Friends of the Hailey Public Library Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 5:30 PM

The Friends of the Hailey Public Library are a non-profit group that fundraises to enhance the library, advocate literacy awareness and appreciation of library services, and strive to meet the changing needs of our library in our growing community. The Friends are always looking for all kinds of volunteers, and welcome anyone who wants to help out.



Veterans Day Closure

Wednesday, November 11, 2021

We will be closed to honor the holiday.

We will be open for normal hours on Friday, Nov 12th.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 5:45 PM Online

Have questions or suggestions for the library? Come to our monthly board meeting. The meeting is open to the public for in-person attendance or via web access. Please join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87382140816> Access Code: 390397

Pick Your Poison – Arsenic!

Thursday, November 18, 5:30 PM Online

HPL hosts the second in an occasional series with forensic chemist Cat Helms. This virtual talk will take a fun and entertaining look at arsenic, its history, how it affects the body, and how to protect yourself from exposure. RSVP kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org.

Thanksgiving Closure:

Thursday & Friday, Nov 25 – 26

Library closed for two days to celebrate Thanksgiving, reopening on Saturday, November 27, from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Have a great holiday!

City Meeting Calendar



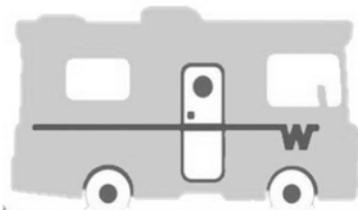
City Council.....	11/08/2021
City Council	11/22/2021
Planning & Zoning	11/01/2021
Planning & Zoning.....	11/15/2021
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	11/09/2021
Library Board.....	11/17/2021
Parks & Lands Board.....	11/24/2021
Tree Committee	11/18/2021
Urban Renewal Agency.....	11/09/2021
Urban Renewal Agency.....	12/02/2021
Fire Services Board (Hailey & WRFD)....	11/10/2021

Remove Obstructions From All City Rights of Way Ahead of Winter

The City of Hailey reminds businesses and residents that the public right-of-way, including streets, alleys and non-motorized easements must be cleared of all obstructions in advance of winter. Personal belongings such as yard debris, utility trailers, recreational vehicles, storage containers, gardening areas and motor vehicles must be removed now.

Hailey's residential streets are at least 60 feet wide, with only 24 feet of the area paved. The portion between the paved street and private property becomes a collection area during the summer for a variety of personal items. This area, along with the alleys, should be cleaned up, as snow removal is far more efficient and effective when the plows run unobstructed. Business use and storage are never allowed in the rights of way.

- Remove vehicles and personal belongings from the public right of way adjacent to your property (street and/or alley side of property). All vehicles must be removed by November 1st.
- Remove unpermitted temporary landscaping in the public right of way such as front yard vegetable gardens that extend beyond the private property line. These temporary, unpermitted features must be removed before winter. They can impede snow removal, damage city equipment, or be destroyed by city equipment.
- Act on Notices requesting removal of belongings or temporary features. Even if you don't receive a notice, you are responsible for removal of these items.
- The city is not responsible for damages which may occur in public rights of way, even if the work you completed was done under a city-issued encroachment permit.
- **R.V.s and campers parked on private property** can no longer be inhabited. Occupancy must cease prior to November 30, 2021. Occupancy of R.V.'s and campers was allowed only short-term as an emergency temporary measure.



Holiday Safety - Tips from Hailey Fire Department and the U.S. CPSC

Hailey Fire Department wants you to be safe throughout the holidays, and is providing you with some useful safety data and tips.

COOKING SAFETY Cooking fires are the # 1 cause of residential fires.



An average of 1,700 cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving Day each year, more than three times the average number on any other day of the year.

Nationally in the last 20 years there were 220 fire or scald/burn incidents involving turkey fryers, resulting in 81 injuries and \$9.7 million property loss.

TIPS: Never leave cooking food unattended on the stove.

Keep children away from the cooking area, and keep flammable items, like potholders and paper or plastic bags, away from the stove and oven.

Only fry a turkey outside and away from your home, not inside your garage, or on your porch. Do not overfill the oil in the turkey fryer and follow the manufacturer's instructions on use, including thawing your turkey thoroughly and maintaining control of the oil temperature.

OTHER HOLIDAY COOKING SAFETY TIPS

Don't wear loose-fitting clothing.

Turn pan handles towards the back of the range.

Have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen.

If a pan catches on fire, cover it with a lid to smother the flames or use a fire extinguisher. Never use flour or water to put out a pan fire. Call 911 if necessary.

Make sure you have a smoke alarm on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside sleeping areas.

More information at <https://www.cpsc.gov/> an official website of the United States government.



Friends of the Hailey Public Library

Book & Bake Sale Success

After a 2-year hiatus, the **Friends of the Hailey Public Library** brought back their popular Book & Bake Sale last month. Bibliophiles of all ages wore big smiles as they embraced armloads of books and tasty treats made by local, library-loving bakers. "I am so happy this is back" exclaimed one local resident. A visitor from Bonner's Ferry commented, "I did not expect this, what a great event!"

For over three decades, the Friends of Hailey Public Library have collected gently used books, cd's and DVD's from the community and provided a venue to help others reuse and recycle them. Activities were put on hold during the pandemic. "We regularly discussed how we could safely bring the event back. Things fell into place when the new Hailey Town Center Building was made available"



said event coordinator Geegee Lowe.

Thousands of titles were collected in the few weeks preceding the sale. 'Friends' Treasurer Susan Carlson reported the sale was a "resounding success" with over \$6800 in sales and donations over the four-day sale. Proceeds are used to enhance Hailey Public Library programs and services and community literacy.

The **Friends of the Hailey Public Library** is an all-volunteer organization, and the Book and Bake Sale would not have been possible without generous donations from the community and dedicated 'Friends'. The group's next fundraiser is a raffle for a beautiful quilt lovingly made and donated by the 5B Quilters. The quilt can be seen hanging in the Hailey Library. Raffle tickets can be bought at the Hailey Public Library circulation desk or through emailing haileylibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Hailey Boards & Commission

Seats Open - Apply NOW to Serve!

Each year at this time Hailey has openings on its boards and commissions. We've provided here a brief description of what each of our recommending boards does, and how often they meet, as we seek interested volunteers for appointment to public service.

Planning & Zoning Commissioners review land use applications and zoning amendments. Current hot topics in Hailey's development include design review of businesses and Old Hailey residential units, implementation of additional housing and the creation of safe, walkable and vibrant neighborhoods. P&Z meets twice per month.

Urban Renewal Agency members apply tax-increment financing to assist in the development of business and housing. They team with the City Council in review of River Street design plans and further development of underdeveloped areas. The URA meets monthly.

Tree Committee members develop an urban forest plan and policies by which a healthy urban tree culture remains intact. They meet monthly.

Hailey Parks & Lands Board members review policies, plans and uses for City parks, making recommendations on elements such as the design of new parks, equipment layout and usage policies. This board meets monthly.



Hailey Arts and Historic Preservation Commission members work to document historical buildings and develop public art within the City of Hailey. The HAHPC meets monthly.

Joint Fire Board members work together with Hailey Fire and Wood River Fire departments to oversee joint operating policies and budgets. The JPA Fire Board meets twice per year.

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Residents of Hailey may submit a letter of interest for one or more of these board positions to Hailey's Mayor prior to November 22, 2021. Letters may be delivered to Hailey City Hall, 115 South Main Street, Hailey ID 83333 or by emailed hr@haileycityhall.org.

Wildlife Protection

Blaine County, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Blaine County Recreation District, Wood River Land Trust, the City of Bellevue, and the City of Hailey worked in 2020 together to build the Administrative Guidelines for Winter Wildlife Closures and Restrictions. These guidelines were put together to provide direction to educate the community, and to put restrictions in place to protect our wintering wildlife. On November 8, the City Council will consider a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the BLM, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game, Blaine County, the Blaine County Recreation District, the City of Bellevue and the Wood River Land Trust to establish roles and responsibilities for address when conditional restrictions on recreational trail use might be needed.



The Wood River Valley is a destination for summer and winter recreation, but in the winter recreational activities can be incompatible with the local wildlife, and cause extra stress that is detrimental to their health. Each year, deer and elk summering at higher elevations in the mountains migrate to lower elevation winter ranges. The fat reserves these animals accrue in the summertime is necessary in order to sustain them through the winter as deep snow, scarce food, and sub-zero temperatures force these animals to draw on these fat reserves in order to survive. Conserving energy and minimizing loss of these fat reserves is crucial, and is the best chance for these animals to survive the winter. Human and pet (dog) recreation can greatly affect stressed animals. Research has shown that people recreating off-trail can cause greater avoidance behavior by deer and elk than on-trail activities. Additionally, recreating with dogs can further increase stress on deer and elk because they often react more strongly to the perceived threat from dogs.

The agencies and governments involved in drafting the Memorandum of understanding are committed to a consistent, regional approach to winter wildlife. Please join us on November 8th if you have further input.



**American
Red Cross**



Blood Drive Hiatus Ranch of Idaho

**Hailey Police Department
311 Cedar St
Hailey, ID 83333**

**Thursday, November 11, 2021
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Hiatus to schedule an appointment.

WHEN IT SNOWS . . .

Less than 3", we sand, de-ice and clear sidewalks as needed.

More than 3", we plow, typically at nighttime for maximum efficiency. Sidewalks may be cleared during the daytime.

The timing of the start and duration of snow removal operations is dependent on the timing and severity of the storm.

PRIORITY OF STREETS FOR PLOWING

- 1 Main arterials that provide a minimum network connecting hospitals, police and fire stations.
- 2 Arterials and traffic collector streets, bus routes, around schools, and Main St. and school connection sidewalks.
- 3 All other significant traffic volume streets, known problem spots (intersections, hills, etc.), and east Woodside Blvd. sidewalks.
- 4 All remaining streets, including residential streets.

If a snow event is large or if storms come back-to-back, it takes the entire crew to keep priority 1, 2 and 3 routes open. Priority 4 routes may remain unplowed for quite some time.

RIGHT OF WAY AND SNOW EASEMENT

Repairing damage to mailboxes, landscaping or other items in the right of way is not the City's responsibility. Please help keep the right of way clear.

Most streets have a 10' snow easement (begins at the property line and goes 10' onto private property). In a big snow year, it's common for snow from plowing operations to be pushed onto and stored in this easement. This may create a large berm along your property boundary, and is a normal result with a large volume of snow.

SNOW REMOVAL QUESTIONS

208-788-9830 x1

The City has a high call volume during snow events, especially if the event is large. Your call is important, and your patience is appreciated.

During a storm, you may need to leave a message with your question or concern. Messages are retrieved several times throughout the day. Calls are returned in the order they are received, and as soon as possible.



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Public Works Department
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Snow Removal Information

SNOW REMOVAL QUESTIONS
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CITY OF HAILEY

Public Works Department



We live in snow country; please prepare for snow removal operations.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

There is no parking allowed in the City right of way (the area adjacent to the street in front of your property) from midnight to 7:00 a.m. from November 1st to May 1st. Illegally parked vehicles are the biggest obstacle to effective snow removal efforts, and they will be ticketed or towed without notice and at the owner's expense. Illegally parked vehicles can also be plowed in or damaged, a nuisance and a cost to the owner.



DRIVEWAYS

Clearing driveway openings is the responsibility of the property owner. During snowstorm plowing operations, plow blades cannot be lifted as they pass by a driveway, so snow will be plowed into driveways as we come down your street. You may wish to clear your driveway several times during the storm or wait until the storm and plowing activities have ended.

It is unlawful to plow, blow, shovel or throw snow onto the street (or any public way), or to bury traffic regulatory signs, when clearing driveways.



When the City grades, or "peels," the street during maintenance operations, we clear driveways of peeled material. This type of maintenance typically occurs *long after* snowstorm plowing operations. As loaders clear the peeled material, operators typically (though not always) push the pile to the downstream side of your driveway (the right side of your driveway as you face the street).

To avoid damage, graders and loaders will maintain a 5 to 6 foot clearance from obstacles which may be at the street end of your driveway (such as the rear end of a vehicle) or in the right of way. When this happens, less than optimum results are achieved. Park as far onto your property as possible and keep the right of way clear.

MAILBOXES

Keeping mailboxes clear of snow is the responsibility of the property owner. To minimize the potential for damage, mailboxes must be kept at least 8 feet from the edge of the street, and preferably on private property.

The City routinely uses the right of way for snow storage and snow removal operations. Any personal belongings left in the right of way, including mailboxes, can sustain damage. This damage is not the responsibility of the City.



If your mailbox is inaccessible for mail delivery, mail can be picked up at the Post Office.

SIDEWALKS

The City clears sidewalks with improved curb and gutter in the downtown commercial district and on the east side of Woodside Blvd. As resources permit, the City clears sidewalks on the west side of Woodside Blvd. (in a big winter, the west side may never be cleared). The group mailboxes and bus shelters on Woodside Boulevard are part of the sidewalk system and are cleared accordingly. If the group mailboxes are inaccessible for mail delivery, mail can be picked up at the Post Office.

TRASH AND RECYCLABLES

In this category, timing is everything, as trash service is rarely interrupted due to inclement weather. However, it's a good idea to keep trash cans and recycling containers out of the right of way during a snow event. These items, and any other items left in the right of way, are easily damaged by snow removal equipment. This damage is not the responsibility of the City.

SAFETY

EQUIPMENT: Take an alternate route when you see snow removal equipment on the street ahead of you. Passing, tailgating or cutting off this equipment is hazardous.



CHILDREN: Snow forts and snow caves can seem like fun, but they are dangerous when built in the right of way or next to the road. When snow builds up we push banks back. Visibility from inside a plow truck and around large banks of snow is limited.

GETTING AROUND: During a major storm, driving will be hazardous, and may become difficult or impossible on residential streets. Stay off the roadways if at all possible. Public transportation is an option; it's easy and affordable for a day or so until the storm passes and things settle down. See mountainrides.org or call 788-RIDE.



FIRE HYDRANTS: The Hailey Water Division clears snow from fire hydrants as a maintenance item. With more than 400 hydrants in Hailey, this task takes some time to complete. Property owner help in keeping hydrants clear of snow is appreciated. It is unlawful to plow, shovel or place snow within 25' of a hydrant on the street side of the hydrant.



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

We appreciate your support and assistance. We rely on citizens to do their part when it snows. We recognize it's a big job, and thank you for your efforts. Let's all have a safe and happy winter!

