



OUR TOWN

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Message from the Mayor

State of the City

2006 has been a year full of benchmarks and accomplishments. Voters spoke twice to affirm current policy structure, defeating a challenge to the mayor-council form of government as well as the Proposition 2 challenge to how communities are planned through zoning processes.

The City Council, department managers and I have reviewed over 500 agenda items in the 36 City Council meetings of 2006. Honored to have served in the Office of Mayor for 4 years, I take pleasure in the synergy which piloted many specific accomplishments of Hailey government and its citizens during the year. These accomplishments as well as the goals set for 2007 by the City Council and me are below:

PARKS

Accomplishments

- ✓ Secured gifted land upon which construction was launched of a new 2M gallon Quigley water storage tank.
- ✓ Completed first phase development of Woodside Central Park, an 8.6 acre park located about halfway between the new Woodside Elementary School and Wood River High School.
- ✓ Secured grant funding for second phase of Woodside Central Park, to plant trees and shrubs and install restrooms and park equipment.
- ✓ Completed Toe of the Hill Trail that skirts the eastern hillside for 2.4 miles between Woodside Elementary School and Wood River High School.

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Department News

Transportation Master Plan Meeting

The City of Hailey invites community area residents to attend an upcoming public workshop to learn about and comment on potential improvements to the city's transportation system. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Hailey City Hall.

Transportation (traffic) is one of the issues for which the City of Hailey receives numerous citizen phone calls and comments. Public comments range from requests for additional police speed enforcement to sidewalk repairs to desires for additional stop signs. The City of Hailey has been working during the past year with a consulting firm to develop a Transportation Master Plan to address these and other related important issues. The completed Transportation Master Plan will outline recommendations for improvements to the city's transportation system to meet the community's needs for the next 20 years. Some of the most significant elements in the draft plan include recommendations for Main St. and River St. improvements, pedestrian and bicycle facilities enhancements and system-wide safety improvements, street and sidewalk maintenance, capital improvement plans and future design standards.

Your input into this process and report is important to ensure its usefulness in the future. Please plan to attend this meeting. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Tom Hellen, Hailey City Engineer at 788-9830, Ext 14.

Library Programs to Begin February 1

The Hailey Public Library is excited to offer *Insiders & Outsiders* and *First Thursdays Book Group* beginning this February.

The *First Thursdays Book Group* will meet at the library on the first Thursday of every month, commencing February 1. There is no charge to participate and everyone is welcome. Contact the library at 788-2036 for the book list.

Insiders & Outsiders is a book and film discussion series commencing on February 22. The series consists of four books and four films focused on the tensions between the somebodies and the nobodies. The program will run for eight sequential Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact the library at 788-2036 for a list of the books and films in the series.

Hailey Fire Department

HFD Requests Assistance from Citizens

In the past couple of weeks the City of Hailey has been blessed with a significant amount of snow. Although the snow is much appreciated, it has buried many of the fire hydrants in the city. Due to the limited manpower of the Hailey Volunteer Fire

Department, we do not have the resources to dig out the whole town. Therefore, the Hailey Fire Department is asking the citizens of Hailey to please uncover the hydrants adjacent to your property. This will save precious time if there is an emergency in your area, and could make the difference between saving and losing your house. Most fire hydrants in the city are marked by flagpoles. However, if you need to find the location of a hydrant please feel free to call the Hailey Fire Department at 788-3147. Just a reminder to all snow removal companies: it is illegal to intentionally store snow on or within three feet of a fire hydrant. So, please be mindful of hydrant locations on properties where snow is removed. Thank you and happy skiing.

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	01/16/07
City Council Meetings	01/08/07
.....	01/22/07
Historic Preservation Commission	01/30/07
Parks & Lands Board	01/02/07
P&Z Meetings	01/16/07
.....	01/29/07
Transportation Meeting	01/17/07
Idaho Human Rights Day *	01/15/07

* City offices closed.

Residential Water Rates--Single Family Residence

	Previous	Current
Base rate	\$15.74	\$7.95
Base rate per 1,000 gallons up to 50,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.48
Rate per 1,000 gallons, 51,000 to 100,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.97
Rate per 1,000 gallons, 101,000 to 150,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$1.38
Rate per 1,000 gallons, 151,000 to 200,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$1.73
Rate per 1,000 gallons, 201,000 to 1,000,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$2.07

Rate	.75 Meter	1.0 Meter	1.5 Meter	2.0 Meter	3.0 Meter	4.0 Meter	6.0 Meter
Water Base Rate	\$7.95	\$13.52	\$26.24	\$42.14	\$119.25	\$198.75	\$397.50
Water Bond	\$3.94	\$6.70	\$13.00	\$20.88	\$59.10	\$98.50	\$197.00
Sewer Base Rate	\$23.60	\$40.12	\$77.88	\$125.08	\$354.00	\$590.00	\$1,180.00
Sewer Bond	\$5.64	\$9.59	\$18.61	\$29.89	\$84.60	\$141.00	\$282.00

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- ✓ Completed development of Echo Hill Park, a partnership effort between the Blaine County School District and the City of Hailey.
- ✓ Received as a gift 39 acres of open space parkland directly west of Lions Park, which is part of a total 72 acres to be gifted over time.
- ✓ Secured \$235,000 in funding from Northridge developers for park development.
- ✓ Received as a gift a pocket park near Hailey's downtown, at the corner of Croy Street and Second Ave.

Goals

- ✓ Continue to acquire, develop, improve and maintain quality parks in Hailey neighborhoods.
- ✓ Support and/or partner the efforts of Blaine County Recreation District to develop an indoor recreation center with swimming pool.

TRANSPORTATION

Accomplishments

- ✓ Opened the north end of River Street to create an uninterrupted throughway in west Hailey from the north end of town to the south.
- ✓ Secured a grant to begin an intra-city Transportation Plan/Study that will serve as a template as we make transportation decisions that impact multi-modal options.

Goals

- ✓ After completion of the Traffic Plan/Study in early 2007, implement elements of that plan, including improved intersections, enhanced pedestrian safety, and sidewalk and pathway system throughout key neighborhoods.
- ✓ Secure grant funding to match Local Option Tax funds for the purpose of installing lighted pedestrian crosswalks across Main Street.
- ✓ Construct bus shelters and find ways to work cooperatively with KART/PEAK Bus program for the benefit of local environment and Hailey residents and businesses.

CULTURE & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Accomplishments

- ✓ Established the Hailey Historic Preservation Commission, which secured grant funding to identify nine properties eligible for the National Historic Register.
- ✓ Established the Hailey Arts Commission, which secured grant funding of a park entryway project.
- ✓ Established an Industrial Revenue Commission to support economic development, which facilitated a small business loan to a local manufacturing business, thereby keeping that business in Hailey.

Goals

- ✓ Increase efforts to bring quality, clean, professional businesses to Hailey.
- ✓ Implement a public art program for public spaces which uplifts and enhances our community.

COMMUNITY PLANNING & INFILL

Accomplishments

- ✓ Facilitated the planning, development and construction inspection of several large and key community projects, including a new elementary school, an 81 unit hotel, a downtown commercial building, an airport terminal expansion, and a local arts agency relocation to and remodel of the Ezra Pound historic home.
- ✓ Revised all guiding and governing land use regulations, including the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, and development standards, with special emphasis and consideration given to the Old Hailey Townsite.

Goals

- ✓ Implement Tree Ordinance and secure grant funding through a Tree City program.
- ✓ Define Area of Impact in cooperation with Blaine County, and evaluate growth management policies within and around the city limits
- ✓ Continue to develop affordable housing to add to the 8 units constructed for sale within Hailey at an approximate \$160,000 price.

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FINANCE AND LEGISLATIVE

Accomplishments

- ✓ Passed a Local Option Tax with a majority of citizen support, and collected over \$165,000 in revenue to enhance safety for Hailey.
- ✓ Annexed 143 acres into north Hailey under the auspices of a sound agreement by which Hailey significantly increased its parks, open space, trails, and capital funding potential.
- ✓ Accomplished the final transition of a long process which moved Hailey away from deficit budgeting of its operating expenses to supporting operations through fees, direct cost billing, and additional revenue sources.
- ✓ Settled an inverse condemnation lawsuit without incurring takings damages against taxpayers.

Goals

- ✓ Continue to seek partnerships to 1) ensure the purity of our water with contracted sewer services with developers in the county upstream; 2) allow county developers to meet their community housing requirements on lands dedicated for that purpose in the city; and 3) create safe routes to school with the Blaine County School District and Wood River Rideshare.
- ✓ Establish regional outreach to share our commonalities and our differences with our neighbors to the south—Fairfield, Shoshone, Carey and Bellevue—and find ways that we can support one another to each community's benefit.
- ✓ Implement Development Impact fees prior to the 2007 construction season.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Accomplishments

- ✓ Acquired state-of-the-art protective clothing and breathing apparatus for all Hailey Fire Department personnel, greatly improving safety in both structural and wildfire settings.
- ✓ Provided more than \$8,000 in cash assistance to 9 different families through the Hailey Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Burnout Fund.

- ✓ Established a full time traffic shift position, which enforces and reduces traffic violations. The officer focuses on crosswalk and pedestrian safety.
- ✓ Added two Hailey Police Department Patrol Officers, enabling the department to provide more necessary coverage in the city.
- ✓ Designated a full time School Resource Officer (SRO) in our schools. The SRO is designed to influence our youth as a positive role model and reduce juvenile status offenses.

Goals

- ✓ Explore various methods of joint operation of area emergency services and recommend feasible options to the City Council.
- ✓ Identify appropriate funding sources to construct a second fire station to enhance emergency response, and eliminate redundancy.
- ✓ Initiate construction of a fire station if a funding source is identified.
- ✓ Hire an additional Firefighter/EMT to provide 7 day per week administrative coverage and implement a comprehensive maintenance program.
- ✓ Develop a resident and/or intern firefighter program that will enhance emergency response to our community.
- ✓ Hire an additional police officer in January 2007, which will add a new shift to the patrol schedule.
- ✓ Complete installation of technology upgrades, enabling officers to quickly access information on a local as well as national level. The upgrades will improve safety and effectiveness, and save time in the field.
- ✓ Acquire a drug dog which will be used to detect and reduce the usage and trafficking of illegal drugs in the city. The dog will be used as a visual aid in our schools to promote drug use prevention, and to teach and educate our youth on the dangers of drugs. The dog will reduce the hours spent in operating stakeouts, and minimize the need for using unreliable confidential informants. The dog will also be utilized as a tracking tool for suspects.