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Election 2008

Four Marijuana Initiatives on City's May 27 Election Ballot

On Tuesday, May 27, Hailey citizens will vote on four marijuana initiatives. The initiatives were circulated and filed by the Liberty Lobby of Idaho, and include the following titles:

- The Hailey Industrial Hemp Act
- The Hailey Lowest Police Priority Act
- The Hailey Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Ordinance
- The Hailey Medical Marijuana Act

The full text of each initiative will be provided on the ballot, so Hailey citizens can fully understand the proposed measures.

All four initiatives are identical to the four marijuana initiatives voted on in last November's municipal election. The November election resulted in the passage of three of the four initiatives – Hailey voters *did not* pass the Hailey Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Ordinance.

Even though three of the four initiatives have already been adopted by Hailey voters, the City of Hailey will bring the initiative process to its conclusion in all four of the initiative measures. In other words, because the Liberty Lobby legally and successfully circulated and filed the four initiative petitions*, the City of Hailey will conduct an election on all four initiatives, even though three of them have already been adopted by Hailey voters.

* *The Liberty Lobby filed the four identical initiative petitions on November 6, 2007 – Election Day. On that day, citizens were at the polls voting on these identical four issues, which had already been successfully placed on that ballot. The Liberty Lobby filed perfected petitions on January 22, 2008, resulting in placing the initiatives on the ballot this May.*

The results of the May 27, 2008 election will not change the results of the November 2007 election. The three initiatives that were passed in November will remain on the books regardless of the outcome on May 27. If, however, voters pass the Hailey Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Ordinance, that ordinance will join the other three as an ordinance adopted by the majority of voting citizens of Hailey.

Election Day
Tuesday, May 27, 2008

Municipal Election—Marijuana Initiatives

City Election Polling Place:
All Precincts – Community Campus (old high school), Room 903

City Polls Open: 8:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m.

City In-Person Absentee Vote Polling Place: Hailey City Hall (above the library)
In-Person Absentee Voting Closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 26

County Election—Primary Candidates in Local, State & National parties

Primary Election Polling Place:
All Precincts – Community Campus (old high school)

Primary Polls Open: 8:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Primary In-Person Absentee Vote Polling Place: Old County Courthouse Elections Office
In-Person Absentee Voting Closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 26

Emergency Preparedness

Spring Flood Planning

Every spring the City of Hailey prepares for potential flooding. Although this winter's snowfall and moisture content is actually "normal" for the area, the temperature patterns prompt increased flood preparation planning. Should the cold temperatures persist in the SNRA, where most of the snow pack lies, and be followed by a sudden and extended warm spell, there is sufficient moisture present that we could see flood conditions.

The county and the cities in the valley are already preparing and coordinating for a possible flood event. To date there has been one meeting with all entities to discuss the planning required, the coordination of efforts and the dissemination of information to the public. With a close eye on the weather and snow conditions, more meetings will follow.

In the City of Hailey our focus is on the Della View subdivision along the river. Our experience from two years ago, when snow pack was 150% of normal and we experienced record flooding, has been put to good use. We learned how changes in the river and the developed areas in west Hailey have changed the flood patterns that used to impact China Gardens but now create more intense flooding in the areas downstream.

We do not plan to place any sandbags along any streets should the river level rise to that point. Instead, the streets are used to carry the water more quickly back to the river. Restricting traffic, pedestrian and recreational access in flooding areas is a key safety

element, because of potential toxicities and the danger of fast flowing water. We post daily flood updates at the street barricades and on our website.

Hailey Public Library

Library Now Offers Free WiFi

The Hailey Public Library is pleased to offer its patrons free WiFi access. In addition, the library has been busy rearranging its computer and reference room areas. Please stop by and see what's happening in your library!

Quigley Canyon Annexation Application

Public Open House

An opportunity for the public to review the proposal, gather information and ask questions in preparation for public hearings scheduled in June.

April 30 and May 7

Two times each day:

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hailey City Hall

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	05/06/08
City Council Meetings	05/12/08
Historic Preservation Commission	05/27/08
Parks & Lands Board	05/06/08
P&Z Meetings	05/05/08
.....	05/19/08
Memorial Day*	05/26/08
Election Day	05/27/08
ERC Clean Sweep.....	05/10/08
Yard Waste Clean-Up.....	05/17/08
Fire Safety Class.....	05/22/08

* City offices open for absentee voting; closed for all other purposes.

City of Hailey Yard Waste Cleanup

Date: Saturday, May 17

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: Park & Ride lot at the corner of River and Bullion

Decomposable garden waste only, please. (See page 4.)



Where There's Smoke, There's Fire

It's finally spring – flowers, BBQs – and time to change the batteries in the smoke detectors!

On average, 30% of older homes do not have working smoke detectors. Most are just missing batteries. Others have been removed because they were an annoyance. Smoke detectors are very sensitive and can sound when you open the oven, take a hot shower, or because they were improperly installed.

Because fire can grow and spread so quickly, having working smoke alarms in your home can mean the difference between life and death. Once the alarm sounds, you may have as few as two minutes to escape. Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning devices available. Just having a smoke alarm in your home cuts your chance of dying in a fire nearly in half.

If you need a smoke alarm for your home, you can purchase one from any of the local hardware stores. If you are having trouble getting one for your home or have questions about installing one, please feel free to call the Hailey Fire Department at 788-3147.

On Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. the Hailey Fire Department will be holding the first of many monthly fire safety classes. The first class will be "Fire Safety Is Not Just For Kids." This class is designed for adults with or without children. In the class we will discuss general fire safety, the history of fire safety, proper techniques for home fire drills, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers. There is no cost for the class.

**Hailey Fire Department
presents
Fire Safety Is Not Just For Kids**

Date: Thursday, May 22

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Hailey Fire Station
617 3rd Ave. South

More Info: 788-3147



HAILEY PARKS, LANDS & TRAILS *Enhancing Your Quality of Life*

Since 1997, Hailey has added:

- 9 new neighborhood parks
- 21.75 developed (or soon to be developed) park acres
- 198.5 acres protected green space (hillside parcels)
- 2 miles separated 10' asphalt bike paths
- 2.8 miles community trail

Our community volunteers have given Hailey:

- World-class Hailey Skatepark
- Community ice at McKercher Park
- Hop Porter Park Playstructure
- Toe of the Hill Trail
- Jimmy's Garden
- And more

Hailey has spent \$981,000 in Parks & Trails development:

Funded by \$133,000 in grants & gifts
\$548,000 in developer contributions
\$300,000 in city contributions

And, that's just what Hailey has added in the last ten years.

Hailey's Goals:

- 10 acres parks per 1000 residents.
- Trail network that connects and encircles our community.
- Diverse recreation opportunities within walking distance of the greatest number of Hailey citizens.

How are we doing?

- 13 neighborhood and community parks
- 54.8 park acres
- 6.68 park acres per 1000 residents

(None of these numbers include the School District's 45 acres in 5 sport complexes.)

Our parks help provide the fields needed for Blaine County Recreation District and Y on Wheels programs.

Our parks are used for reunions, concerts, barbecues, birthday parties, ball games, weddings, church services, kids' fishing, community events, and more.