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Public Works News

Hailey to Install New In-Roadway Pedestrian Crossing Lights

City of Hailey Local Option Tax funds are being used to install two new sets of in-roadway pedestrian crossing lights on Highway 75 at the Croy St. and Myrtle St. intersections. These systems provide flashing LED lights to warn vehicles when a pedestrian is in the intersection, even in the daylight. Installation is scheduled to begin May 27, 2008 with completion within two weeks. During a portion of the installation Highway 75 will be closed down to one lane. This project was championed by former Mayor Susan McBryant in response to citizens' concerns with the safety of crossing Highway 75.

The solar powered units were purchased from two different companies – Lightguard Systems, Inc. and Traffic Safety Corp. – to provide a comparison of the systems. Information on the two systems can be found at www.lightguardsystems.com and www.xwalk.com.

The Local Option Tax was adopted in June, 2006 following a vote by the citizens of Hailey which authorized uses of the funds, including transportation enhancements and sidewalks.

City Parks & Trails

Woodside Park Nears Completion

This almost nine-acre park is starting to look like a park! Hailey's newest park, located on Moonlight Drive and abutting the hillsides on the eastern side of central Woodside, has been under construction for a couple of years, and should be substantially completed this summer.

- The park's two full-size basketball courts will have the lines painted and should be ready for play.

- Two restroom facilities will be installed this summer.
- The turf on the regulation-size soccer field will be ready for play this fall.
- Fencing for the ballfield is being completed this spring, and the infield will continue to be buffed out in time for play this summer.
- The park is well-connected to the popular Toe of the Hill Trail with a trailhead (and parking) at the north end of the park.
- Trees were planted last fall throughout the park, and with a gravel pathway define a pleasant social "promenade" along the west edge.
- Picnic shelters and play structures will be completed this summer.

All aspects of the park were designed and constructed to minimize water consumption and required maintenance:

- Tree varieties were selected from the *City of Hailey Tree Planting Guide* to ensure compatibility with our high desert climate (there are only ten aspen trees and no Colorado Blue Spruce trees!).
- Heavy-duty turf requiring more water and maintenance was only used on the soccer field and baseball outfield; the rest of the grasses use less water.
- The park transitions nicely into the native grasses and sage hillsides that border the park to the east, using drought-tolerant grasses.

We hope to have a Grand Opening Celebration Event later this summer, to which the public will be invited, but in the meantime, please enjoy the park.

Quigley Canyon Annexation

Public Hearings

June 18, 19, 24-26 and 30, 2008
5:30 p.m.

Hailey City Hall

July is "A Month of Art" in Hailey

The Arts Commission, Mayor and City Council invite everyone in Hailey to enjoy the many art events taking place in July. Summer is regularly filled with many performances by the Company of Fools at the Liberty Theater, live music on Wednesdays in the "Back Alley Parties" at the Wicked Spud, "The Artist's Market" every Thursday at the Farmer's Market, and "Gallery Walk" on July 18th.



This July, the Arts Commission has developed several new events for the month, including: "Art on the Streets," which partners local area artists with businesses in a month-long exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints,

photographs and sculpture. Monday July 14th is "A Night of Music," with over a dozen restaurants and bars hosting free, live musical events from 4 to 9 in the evening. Please come out and join the fun!

Hailey Public Library

It's Time for the Hailey Garden Tour

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Eight exciting gardens in the Quigley Road/Deerfield area in East Hailey

Tickets: Purchase the day of the tour at a kiosk on Quigley Road

For more information: Ronica Henning, 788-3215 or call the library, 788-2036



Also Coming Soon at the Library: Receipt Printers!

The library's newest tech update will provide a list of materials checked out on your account each visit, along with the due dates for each item and a receipt for fines or fees paid. This labor-saving tool will enable HPL staff to provide even better customer service.



Upcoming Events

Back Alley Parties @ the Wicked Spud

June 4 – September 6, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Hailey Chamber / SVMA Celebrate Summer South Valley Carnival

Mint Bar Promenade
June 6, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Details: 788-3484

The Farmers & Artists Market

Main St. North of Sturtevant's
Thursdays through October 9, 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Sun Valley Center for the Arts Summer Concert

Hop Porter Park
June 27, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Details: 726-9491

Friends of the Hailey Public Library Garden Tour

June 28, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Details: 788-2036

Blaine County Recreation District Rock N' Ride

June 29, Noon – 8:00 p.m.
Details: 788-2117

Preventing Electrical Fires

As we become more and more dependent on technology, we are tethered ever tighter to electricity. It powers our computers, lights our homes and brews our morning coffee. Because electricity can be a reliable friend, we sometimes forget the incredible power it has.

According to the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), electrical distribution and lighting equipment were involved in an estimated 20,900 reported home structure fires in 2005. These fires resulted in 500 civilian deaths and 1,100 civilian injuries, with \$862 million in direct property damage.


Such fires can be prevented by treating electricity and the devices that use it with respect. The Hailey Fire Department is urging all Hailey residents to get grounded in the basics of electrical safety and help reduce the number of electrical fires in our community. Here are just a few simple things you can do:

- Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords.
- Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Avoid pinching cords against walls or furniture or running them under carpets or across doorways. This can cause a fire.
- Use extension cords for temporary wiring only.
- If outlets or switches feel warm, shut off the circuit and have them checked by an electrician.
- Call a qualified electrician or landlord if you have:
 - ⇒ recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers.
 - ⇒ a tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance.
 - ⇒ discolored or warm wall outlets.
 - ⇒ a burning smell or rubbery odor coming from an appliance.
 - ⇒ flickering lights.
 - ⇒ sparks from an outlet.

Please join us for our monthly adult fire safety class on June 26. See the callout box on this page for more information.

When Can I Water?

- Odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days.
- Even numbered addresses water on even numbered days.
- 31st of each month, no one waters.
- Must water before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.



Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	06/03/08
City Council Meetings	06/09/08
.....	06/23/08
Historic Preservation Commission	06/24/08
Parks & Lands Board	06/03/08
P&Z Meetings	06/02/08
.....	06/16/08

**Hailey Fire Department
presents
Adult Fire Safety
Fireworks & Outdoor Activities**

Date: Thursday, June 26
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Hailey Fire Station
 617 3rd Ave. South
More Info: 788-3147