



OUR TOWN

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An Expression of Gratitude

Shaping Hailey's Future

As Thanksgiving nears, the City of Hailey would like to say how grateful we are to serve such a vibrant, creative and generous community. One thing is clear to us: our citizens care about the future of Hailey, and want city leaders who serve the best interests of all who live here.

At an October 15 Town Meeting, residents joined with elected officials and city staff to discuss a number of important issues facing our town. Many excellent suggestions and ideas were given by community members, on subjects from recycling and saving gas to creating a Town Square. The most pointed questions and comments came during the Development Impact Fee and Business License discussions. City leaders and city staff thank all meeting participants for their willingness to share their points of view in a roomful of people. We have the utmost respect for the people of Hailey, and welcome more involvement in shaping our town's future.

The Town Meeting Presentation can be found on our website – www.haileycityhall.org. Handouts of the presentation can be obtained at City Hall.

Historic Preservation

Hailey Masonic Lodge Named to National Register of Historic Places

Thanks to the Hailey Historic Preservation Commission and the local Masons, on September 12, 2008, the Hailey Masonic Lodge was entered in the National Register of Historic Places. The lodge – at the SE corner of Bullion and 2nd Ave. – was originally constructed in 1937. The Rialto (Hailey) Hotel and the Liberty Theater were also built in this same time period.

The Hailey lodge was originally established in September 1884, by dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Idaho. In September 1885, the lodge was chartered as Hailey Lodge No. 16, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Membership in the lodge grew for many years, reaching a peak of 250 in the 1950s.

Through the years, the Masons met in a variety of locations. In late March of 1927, the Masons purchased the lot where the current lodge resides. In 1936, enough

funds had finally been raised to begin construction on a new lodge building. The building was completed in April 1937 and dedicated in a ceremony held May 11, 1937.



To see a copy of the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, which includes the fascinating, detailed history of the Hailey Masonic Lodge, please stop by City Hall.

Other projects of the commission include a current nomination of the Chase House to the national register, planned nomination of the Rialto Hotel to the register, an historical survey of the Rodeo Grounds, and, in collaboration with the Hailey Public Library, preservation of the Martyn Mallory photo collection.

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	11/06/08
City Council Meetings	11/10/08
.....	11/24/08
Historic Preservation Commission	11/25/08
Parks & Lands Board	11/04/08
P&Z Meetings	11/03/08
.....	11/17/08
Tree Committee	11/06/08
.....	11/20/08
Election Day	11/04/08
Veterans Day *	11/11/08
Thanksgiving **	11/27/08

* City offices closed.

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Plan Ahead for a Safe, Snowy Winter

The Public Works Department's primary objective during the winter storm season is to provide safe transportation, emergency vehicle access to all citizens, and support education and commerce during adverse weather conditions. The city has prepared equipment and personnel to meet the special needs associated with snow removal. Another important part of this preparation is to inform citizens of their role in the snow removal process. With this in mind, the City of Hailey would like to share a few tips that may make the snow more enjoyable.



DO NOT PARK VEHICLES IN THE CITY'S RIGHT OF WAY OVERNIGHT FROM NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH MAY 1ST.

The city plows at night whenever possible. It is permissible to move your vehicles into the Right of Way during the day to clean your driveway, but make sure to park them well out of the way at night to avoid any damage to vehicles. The city issues warning tags on vehicles and trailers parked within the Right of Way whenever possible. However, a tow truck will be called to remove vehicles that impede snow removal. Owners must pay tow company fees associated with storage and towing.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH CONTAINER IN THE RIGHT OF WAY DURING A SNOW EVENT.

The plow crews try very hard not to hit trash cans left out while they are plowing, but prefer that the cans not impact snow removal. Please keep your trash cans and all personal items back away from the roadway during a storm.

DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN BUILD SNOW CAVES OR SNOW FORTS NEAR THE ROADWAY SNOW BANKS.

Snow forts can seem like a lot of fun, but they are *extremely dangerous* when built in the city right of way or next to the road. When snow builds up we push the banks back to help with visibility at intersections. We cannot see children playing in these caves and do not want any accidents to occur.

WHEN CLEARING YOUR DRIVE, PUT SNOW INTO YOUR YARD OR NEAR THE BANK ON THE DOWNSTREAM SIDE.

Please be considerate of your neighbors; if their driveway is just downstream from yours, push or blow the snow into your yard. Do not push or plow the snow back into the roadway after the plow has gone by, as it may impede emergency service access. City ordinance prohibits plowing snow across or onto any public street, parking area, alley or sidewalk.



Call 788-9830 x22 with questions about snow removal.

Water & Sewer Rate Changes

Effective every October 1 the Water & Sewer user fees are subject to change. Minimal changes occurred this October 1, 2008. The water monthly base rate on metered accounts increased by .23 cents to \$10.24 and the water bond decreased by .02 cents to \$4.45. The sewer monthly base rate on metered accounts decreased by \$2.05 to \$12.56 and the sewer bond decreased by .08 cents to \$6.49. The water monthly non-metered base rate increased by \$1.51 to \$39.54. The sewer monthly non-metered base rate decreased by \$1.10 to \$28.16.

Are You Planning a Private or Community Event?

By the time 2008 draws to a close, Hailey will have hosted 35 special events. From Springfest to the Northern Rockies Folk Festival to the Trailing of the Sheep Festival, special events bring vibrancy, enjoyment and economic opportunity to our community. There are also a number of private special events each year, such as large weddings or graduation parties, and Hailey is happy to host those events, too.

All of these events applied for and received a Special Event Permit. The Special Event Permit is required of all events meeting specific criteria established by the City Council. To make the process easier for applicants, the city has an assigned Special Events Coordinator, Trina Isaacs. Trina can help determine whether an event requires a Special Event Permit, and can assist applicants with the entire process. She can be reached at 788-9830 x22 or trina.isaacs@haileycityhall.org.

Please note: A completed application must be received by the Special Events Coordinator no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled event.



Hailey Signs Resolution to Support Solving Hunger Problem

Mayor Rick Davis and the Hailey City Council recently signed Resolution 2008-10, thereby providing its public support to help solve the hunger problem in Blaine County and recognizing the meaningful efforts the Hunger Coalition has made to provide food to the hungry.

Library to Host “Right Choice at the Right Time”

November is *National Hospice and Palliative Care Month*. The Hailey Public Library will be hosting a presentation called the “Right Choice at the Right Time” on November 13th at 6:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the *Hospice of the Wood River Valley* and co-sponsored by the *Idaho Commission for Libraries* and the *Idaho Library Association*. A guest speaker will present the following topics: planning for the living will and other end of life issues. A question and answer period will follow.



Hailey Hometown Holidays Parade Friday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

The Hailey Chamber of Commerce and the City of Hailey welcome the public to participate with a lighted float. (No entry fee required!) To register your float please email the Hailey Chamber of Commerce at info@haileyidaho.com or call 788-3484. Everyone is invited to come out to watch the parade and meet at Roberta McKercher Park for holiday festivities. The parade will begin at Bullion Square and end at Roberta McKercher Park. The city Christmas tree will be lit there, Santa will be in attendance, and caroling and hot chocolate will be provided at the Inn at Ellsworth Estate.



Our Town Survey

Please take a moment to share your thoughts on the Our Town newsletter. Surveys can be returned along with your utility bill payment or dropped off at City Hall. You may also take the survey online at www.haileycityhall.org. Thank you.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
1. Relevance and timeliness of content	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Communicates topics and issues clearly	<input type="checkbox"/>				
3. Layout and design aesthetically pleasing and easy to read	<input type="checkbox"/>				
4. Includes topics of concern to most citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>				
5. Is honest and fair in presentation of topics	<input type="checkbox"/>				
6. Stories offered are diverse and fresh from month-to-month	<input type="checkbox"/>				
7. Consistently and accurately conveys city goals	<input type="checkbox"/>				
8. Please rank the following Hailey government news sources:					
Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Online News Publication	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Our Town	<input type="checkbox"/>				
KECH Radio	<input type="checkbox"/>				
NPR/Boise State Public Radio	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Comments: _____

