



OUR TOWN

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Mayor's Message

Hailey Prepares for Grand 4th of July

The Hailey Independence Day Celebration is one of the long-standing traditions of our community. As Hailey's demographic has changed over the years, this annual event has also evolved. The City of Hailey and the Chamber of Commerce sponsor a parade, kid's carnival, Shoot Out Gang performance and food court. The rodeo has been a staple of this celebration, involving groups such as the Sawtooth Rangers and the Idaho Grange. A first-rate fireworks display has been established, supported over the past dozen years by donations from our business community and residents. Our two outstanding antiques markets are anxiously awaited each year. Last year, the first annual 4th of July Criterium bike race was a great success, and many are eager to attend that thrilling event again this year. We look forward to seeing our community and visitors out in the streets of Hailey.



We recognize that the economic downturn has affected our community in many ways. Because donations to the fireworks fund each year have been more than sufficient to cover the fireworks display and advertising costs, our fireworks fund has grown from its initial endowment of \$50,000 to its present value of \$137,250. As such, we have not instituted a fundraising drive this year, knowing that many businesses, families and individuals may not be able to make a contribution. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to the fireworks fund in the past. Our major business donors will be recognized and thanked in this year's promotion, but will not be asked to contribute this year. Please be assured that an outstanding display is planned from the fund's reserves. Enjoy the show!

Rick Dawn

Hailey Tree Committee

Hazardous Trees to be Removed by Volunteers

The Hailey Tree Committee has identified several hazardous trees in Hailey's parks, and has recommended their removal or trimming. As a community service, Davey's Tree Service, working on behalf of Idaho Power Company, has volunteered to remove or trim the identified trees in Hop Porter Park. The work will begin on Friday, June 12 and will continue throughout that weekend until completed.

The subject trees were marked by the Tree Committee with red ribbon for removal, and green ribbon for trimming. Signs will be placed upon the trees the first week of June, identifying the hazardous trees and explaining why the tree must be removed for the safety of park users. Should citizens be concerned over a particular tree, they are encouraged to call the Hailey Public Works Department for further dialogue.

Most of the hazardous trees in Hop Porter Park are a hybrid poplar, which is generally an undesirable tree for parks. As trees such as these are removed, underplanting different species to take their place will create a more beautiful park. The Tree Committee is developing a replacement plan for the trees which are removed, and replacement plantings will be budgeted for and begun this fall.

In addition to the work at Hop Porter Park, the tree at the southeast corner of Jimmy's Garden has also been identified as hazardous. A group of volunteers called Blaine County Tree Preserve has offered to significantly trim the tree. Their effort is to preserve the life of the tree as long as possible, allowing the already established underplantings to grow and create shade for the park, before the old tree must be fully removed. The tree will undergo continual inspection, especially after a wind event, to ensure that it remains safe.

The city is grateful for all of these volunteer efforts. We encourage citizens to donate trees to the underplanting and tree replacement efforts of the Tree Committee. The City of Hailey treasures its public trees and commends the Tree Committee in proactively managing this priceless resource.

It's Bicycle Season!

Summer is here, and cyclists are out in full force. Using pedal power is a great way to improve health, save gas and reduce the cars on the road. And it's fun! The largest public safety issue with bicycles in Hailey relates to how cyclists enter motor vehicle routes and crosswalks. We hope the following information will be helpful to you as you cycle your way through the summer.

REVIEW THESE RULES OF THE ROAD

Motorists should use extra caution during the busy bike season. Please look twice at intersections and before backing out of parking spaces...cyclists can be difficult to see.

Cyclists should follow the "rules of the road." In Idaho, that generally means following the same rules that apply to motorists, with a few additional rules and a few minor exceptions.

One exception of note are the rules regarding stopping. When approaching a stop sign (including the stop sign bollards on the Wood River Trails), cyclists are required to slow down and, if required for safety, stop before entering the intersection. Cyclists must yield the right of way to motor vehicles either in or approaching the intersection, if those vehicles constitute an immediate hazard. If no such hazard exists, or the cyclist has yielded the right of way as required, then the cyclist may cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping. (At a four-way stop, the vehicle that has stopped first at the intersection – be it a bicycle or a motor vehicle – has the right of way.)

Cyclists must stop at a red light, except that a cyclist, after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right of way if required, may cautiously make a right-hand turn without stopping.

Another common question concerns riding bicycles on Hailey's sidewalks. There is no law prohibiting cyclists from riding on sidewalks. However, cyclists are required to yield the right of way to any pedestrian, and must give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian or another bicycle. When approaching a crosswalk, please remember that crosswalks are intended for pedestrian use; cyclists should dismount and walk their bikes across.

When riding at night, bicycles are required to be equipped with a light emitting device visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front, and with a reflector clearly visible from the rear of the bicycle.

While helmets and mirrors are not required under Idaho or city laws, the city encourages all riders to use this safety equipment.

For more on bike rules and regulations, refer to Title 49, Idaho State Code, at <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title49/T49CH7.htm> and the Hailey Municipal Code, Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, at http://www.haileycityhall.org/codes_plans/index.asp.

BIKE LANES & BIKE ROUTES

Woodside Boulevard currently has the city's only continuous striped bike lane. Other segment bike lanes are provided to area schools.

The primary bike route through Hailey is the Wood River Trails bike path. This bike route is crossed by streets, and at these intersections motor vehicles have the right of way. Although bright warning signage has been installed to caution motorists that they are approaching an intersection, it is the cyclists that are required to yield the right of way.

BIKE RACKS

Any business wishing to install a bike rack should check with the Hailey Planning Department before ordering a rack to inform themselves of design and placement standards for bike racks in Hailey. Parked bicycles and pedestrians have competing needs, and sidewalk safety for pedestrians is paramount.

The Hailey Park & Ride lot has a bike rack for bus commuters, and this

summer watch for additional bike racks at the Main & Maple, Main & Myrtle, Elbie's, and Main & Cobblestone stops. Mountain Rides busses are equipped with a limited number of bike racks so you can take your bike with you. (Please be prepared to leave your bike behind if the bus bike racks are full.)

BIKE RESOURCES

Check out these resources for more bicycling information:

www.woodriverbike.org

www.bikeleague.org

www.mountainrides.org

www.roadanddirt.org

www.bwbt.org

www.bcrd.org

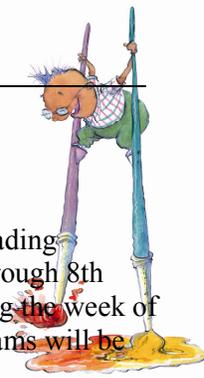
<http://itd.idaho.gov/SR2S/>

BIKE PATROL

Hailey Police Department owns three bicycles which are used by officers during events, such as Bike to School days and the Fourth of July festivities. These bicycle patrols give police officers more flexibility in crowds, while maintaining mobility. They also improve the officer's accessibility by the community, one of the primary goals of our police department.

Missing a Bicycle?

The Hailey Police Department has several dozen recovered bikes in storage, of a wide variety of sizes and makes. HPD has been unable to match the bikes to stolen bike reports. So if you are missing a bicycle and have not filed a stolen bike report, please call Officer Larry Clark at 788-3531. Unclaimed bikes will be sold at auction this summer.



Calling All Kids...

It's time for summer reading!

The library is offering its 2009 Summer Reading Incentive program for youth entering 1st through 8th grades. Come to the library to register during the week of June 1st through 5th. Special activity programs will be offered each Thursday.

Hailey Public Library cards are required; please call 788-2036 or check our website (www.haileypubliclibrary.org) to find out more.

Summer Storytimes



Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
(3 to 6 yrs)
Parent supervision and participation requested if needed.



Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Toddler Tales
(18 to 36 months)
Parent supervision and participation required.



Introducing Friday Movie Days at the Library

The Hailey Public Library presents the "countdown" to *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. Starting June 5th through July 10th the library will show Harry Potter movies at 3:30 p.m. Please join us in anticipation of the next movie release.

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Library closed July 3.

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	06/04/09
City Council Meetings (Regular).....	06/08/09
City Council Meetings (Quigley).....	06/09/09
.....	06/11/09
Historic Preservation Commission	06/30/09
Parks & Lands Board	06/02/09
P&Z Meetings	06/01/09
.....	06/15/09
Sustainable Building & Planning Advisory Committee.....	06/03/09
.....	06/17/09
Tree Committee	06/04/09

Summer 2009 Special Events

CAMP RAINBOW GOLD FUNDRAISER

June 6, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
609 Main St. S
Details: 788-2305, ext. 4024

FARMERS & ARTISTS MARKET

Thursdays, June 11 – October 8, 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.
South Side of Bank of America, Main St.
Details: 788-7052

THE SUMMER CARNIVAL

June 12, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.
1st Ave. between Carbonate & Bullion
Details: 788-3484

FANDANGO

June 19, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
The Center in Hailey
314 2nd Ave.S
Details: 726-9491

BACK ALLEY PARTIES

Wednesdays, June 24 – August 26, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Wicked Spud Stage
Details: 788-7827

JULY 4TH PARADE

July 4, Noon
Main St.
Details: 788-3484

BCRD AND SUN VALLEY ROAD & DIRT

4TH OF JULY CRITERIUM
July 4, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Downtown
Details: 788-2117

HAILEY'S ANTIQUE MARKET

July 3-5, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Roberta McKercher Park
Details: 788-9292

HAILEY'S MAIN ST. ANTIQUE SHOW

July 3-5, 9:00 – 7:00 p.m.
730 Main St. N
Details: camcam@pmt.org

NORTHERN ROCKIES FOLK FESTIVAL

July 31 – August 1
Hop Porter Park
Details: 788-3947

KIWANIS / VALLEY MOTOR CLUB CAR SHOW

August 8, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Roberta McKercher Park
Details: 788-3484 or 720-7091

Listed events hold a City of Hailey Special Event Permit.