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Hailey Historic Preservation Commission

Rialto Hotel Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

In January, the Hailey Historic Preservation Commission was notified that its nomination of the Rialto Hotel (aka Hailey Hotel) to the National Register of Historic Places was successful. The hotel was listed on December 30, 2009. This is a well deserved recognition for the City of Hailey, the commission and Mr. Jerry Lundquist, the owner of the hotel.



The hotel was identified as historically significant because of its example of important commercial development in Hailey during the Great Depression. It was also identified as culturally significant, as it was the first Basque-American owned business to establish itself on Hailey's Main Street.

Local building contractor and later Hailey mayor John M. ("Jack") Rutter became involved in several building projects throughout southern Idaho at this time. He arranged a mortgage of \$11,900 with Julio Astoriquia. The mortgage covered the costs of the lots on Main Street and subsequent construction of buildings there. Rutter supervised the hotel's construction, which started in August and was completed on November 22, 1934.

The Astoriquia family owned the Rialto Hotel until 1973. It was the longest-operating Basque boardinghouse in Blaine County. The building was used as a bar and restaurant for several more years, and was renamed the Hailey Hotel in 1980.

Administration

Email Address Collection

The Open Meeting Act requires governments to communicate with constituents, largely through newspaper notices or posted notices around town. Both these methods of communication speak of a time gone by, when printed communication was the most modern and effective way to reach the largest number of people.

That objective, in today's world, may be better achieved through email. Your city government would notify you of urgent or interesting matters by email, in addition to all the other methods, if we had your email address!

Please send your email address to us with your utility payment this month. Write it on your check, a sticky note, or your pay stub, or simply call us at 788-4221 x 22.

Hailey Public Library

Learn How To Crochet!

On the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, join the library for an hour of fun and learn to crochet. People 10 years of age and older are invited. From dishcloths and pillows to sweaters and afghans, this traditional, versatile craft will keep you busy all winter long.

Participants should bring a ball of yarn and a crochet hook, and may feel free to bring current projects to share.

Dates this month are February 9 and 23. The program starts at 6:30 and lasts for one hour. Call the library at 788-2036 for more information

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	02/04/10
City Council.....	02/08/10, 02/11/10, 02/22/10
Community Oversight Committee.....	02/01/10
Historic Preservation Commission	02/23/10
Parks & Lands Board	02/02/10
P&Z Meetings	02/01/10, 02/16/10
Sustainable Building & Planning Advisory Committee.....	02/03/10, 02/17/10
Tree Committee	02/11/10
President's Day*	02/15/10

* City offices closed .