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## Community News

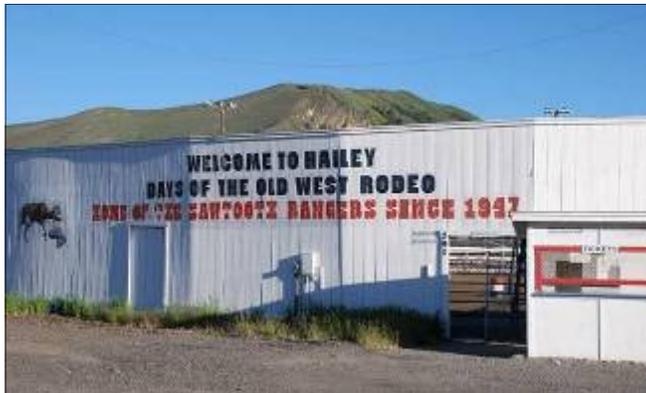
### Public Hearings on \$3.5 Million Bond for Hailey Rodeo Park

The Hailey City Council is in the process of determining whether May 25, 2010 is the right time to bring a bond measure before Hailey voters to provide the city's match for a unique new recreational park at the site of the old rodeo grounds. The council will ask for public comment on April 5 at 5:00 p.m., and on April 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Rick Davis addressed the city council on March 22, 2010 in these words: "The Hailey City Council pledged to assist in the endeavors of the Hailey Rodeo Park fundraising efforts by securing half the project costs with voter-approved funding. With that approach, it is anticipated that Hailey taxpayers will be assisted in the project by community-wide support from the entire Wood River Valley. The result will be a unique recreational facility which celebrates Hailey's history and brings new recreational activities and economic vitality to both Hailey and its surrounding communities."

Mayor Davis continued to say: "The fundraising efforts are strong... I anticipate that these fundraising efforts will be strengthened and accelerated by action of the City of Hailey to bring its promised support to Hailey voters for approval."

The council considered several funding options during that meeting, and voted on a 10-year bond measure which would raise \$3.5 million. The cost to taxpayers under this plan would be \$33 per \$100,000 taxable value. An owner



of a \$300,000 home with homeowners exemption would pay \$66 per year, or \$5.50 per month, in increased property taxes as a result of this bond measure. The council compared this option to one, among others, which showed that a bond for the entire \$6 million project would have cost taxpayers \$57 per \$100,000 valuation over 10 years, and \$36 per \$100,000 valuation over 20 years.

### Public Hearings \$3.5 Million Rodeo Park Bond

Monday, April 5 @ 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 12 @ 5:30 p.m.

Upstairs Meeting Room

Hailey City Hall

the council makes as a result of this third hearing will be the final decision in this process toward a potential May 25th election. If the ordinance is approved and the election called, further decisions on this project will be in the hands of Hailey voters.

The council began discussing a voter-approved match to fundraising efforts last fall as design plans for the multi-use recreational facility were commissioned from an architect.

Please take a tour of the proposed project on Hailey's website, where you will find the site plan, and architectural renditions of the project, and the various elements, including indoor ice rink, outdoor multi-use arena, expanded skatepark, and interpretive center. The fundraising brochure and FAQ's are posted there for your convenience as well.



Bond measures such as this are set by ordinance, and the council voted to read the first reading of the proposed ordinance. The second reading will be open to public comment at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2010. If the council determines, after that public hearing, to read the ordinance again, the third reading will be scheduled for public hearing on April 12, 2010. The vote



### Hailey Awarded Four Grants

Hailey was awarded four grants in early 2010:

1. **Idaho State Historical Society / State Historic Preservation Office, Certified Local Government Program, \$5,000 for an Intensive Level Survey of the Fox House.** This Intensive Level Survey will determine the Fox House’s potential for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility. If the property is found eligible, and the State Historic Preservation Office concurs, the work will also include writing the nomination for the listing on the NRHP.
2. **Idaho Office of Energy Resources, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program Phase 1, \$100,000 for a Regional Audit & Retrofit Program.** This grant was won in conjunction with six other jurisdictions (total award of \$700,000) to implement an energy efficiency audit and retrofit program accessible to residents. A separate portion of Hailey’s award will be used for energy efficiency upgrades to public facilities. (See this month’s issue of Our Earth on page 4 for more information.)
3. **U.S. Department of Energy / National Energy Technology Laboratory, \$83,202 for a Local Energy Assurance Plan.** This ARRA-funded 18-month project will result in a Local Energy Assurance Plan that coordinates with existing plans and involves coordination with numerous stakeholders such as local utilities and local, state and federal agencies. The plan will be modeled on the Public Technology Institute Local Energy Assurance Guidelines (<http://www.pti.org/docs-sust/LocalGovernmentEnergyAssuranceGuidelines.pdf>), and will consider renewable energy and Smart Grid technologies, as well as more standard approaches.
4. **Idaho Office of Energy Resources, EECBG Program Phase 2, \$234,000 for Renewable Energy Installation at the Woodside Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Hailey will install a 24.2kW PV solar system that uses a roof-top mounted fixed panel array upon the rooftop of the wastewater process plant building. This building’s process pumping, compressor, stirring and sterilization processes will consume 100% of the produced energy onsite. The project will also install an off-the-shelf energy recovery unit that reclaims rejected heat from a process building exhaust airstream and reintroduces this heat into the ventilation makeup airstream. The project will save an estimated \$864,000 in energy costs over the 25-year lifespan of the project.

### What’s Happening at Your Library?

- The Hailey Public Library now has *Barron’s* and *The Wall Street Journal* available in the periodical reading area.
- On April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. a presentation of the Mallory photo collection will be held in the upstairs meeting room of Hailey City Hall (above the library), with Rose Mallory narrating.
- Staff at the library is planning for the Summer Reading program which will begin June 7<sup>th</sup> and end August 6th.
- Check out the Library web site for further information on our programs or call 788-2036.
- The Hailey Public Library would like to express its sincerest appreciation to the Papoose Club for a \$1000.00 grant award to assist with purchasing appropriate reading materials for children of Spanish-speaking families and for students in grades first through eighth who are in the Dual Language Immersion program offered by the Blaine County School District.
- Everyone is invited to visit the library and see the latest titles!



### Calendar

#### Important Dates

Arts Commission .....	04/01/10
City Council.....	04/05/10, 04/12/10, 04/26/10
Historic Preservation Commission .....	04/27/10
Parks & Lands Board .....	04/06/10
P&Z Meetings .....	04/05/10, 04/19/10
Sustainable Building & Planning Advisory Committee .....	04/20/10
Tree Committee .....	04/13/10

## Annual Sewer Rate Adjustment To Take Affect April 1

Your sewer rate may be adjusted effective April 1 depending on your winter water use. Please take the time to look at your May 1, 2010 bill to review this possible change. If you have a change in your sewer rate and have questions please call Trina Isaacs, Public Works Administrative Assistant at (208) 788-9830 ext. 22.

The water you use from November through March determines your sewer rate for the immediately following April 1 through March 31. Sewer rates are a combination of a \$12.12 base rate and an additional \$2.48 per 1,000 gallons. The average of those five months of metered water usage is taken to calculate the monthly rate to charge for sewer.

If five month average water use per/mo is:	The sewer rate will be:
1,000	\$14.60 per month
5,000	\$24.52 per month
10,000	\$36.92 per month

## Odd/Even Dates and Watering Time Restrictions Effective May 1

With the lawn and garden irrigation season beginning, the City of Hailey Public Works Department reminds all citizens of the requirement to observe odd-even dates and watering time restrictions for irrigation. This law – enacted to preserve our precious water resources – is upheld by using the following process when a violation occurs.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Violation** / Door knob hanger with the violation marked
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation** / Written violation letter from the City of Hailey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Violation** / Water turn off at the property with no further notice and a \$100 fee to have the water service reinstated

### ODD / EVEN WATERING SCHEDULE

Properties with an address ending in an **even** number (**2, 4, 6, 8, 0**) water only on dates of the month that end in an **even** number (**2, 4, 6, 8, 0**).

Properties with an address ending in an **odd** number (**1, 3, 5, 7, 9**) water on dates of the month that end in an **odd** number (**1, 3, 5, 7, 9**).

No Hailey properties on city water should be watering on the 31<sup>st</sup> of any month. Use this date to reset your irrigation system.

Please beware that storms have reset clocks to inappropriate times. All clocks should be checked for the correct schedule after any power outages.

### WATERING TIME RESTRICTIONS

Watering is not permitted at all during the midday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In terms of irrigation system timers, consider that watering is permitted from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and/or from 6:01 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on the appropriate odd or even dates for the address. Premium watering times are between midnight and sunrise as the coolest and calmest conditions then exist, producing the least water evaporation.

The Public Works Department encourages homeowners spend time either on their own or with a landscape company to make sure their irrigation system is in good shape for the season and that they understand how to program it for its appropriate timing each month.

Any questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at 788-9830, ext 22.

### Clerk's Office

## Census Day is April 1st

In the March 8, 2010 Hailey City Council meeting Mayor Davis asked the community to participate in the Census 2010. Hailey's participation rate from the 2000 Census was 64% with the national average at 72%. Mayor Davis would like to see Hailey's 2010 participation rate at 82%.

Our community's future relies on the 2010 Census. Do what's right; take 10 minutes to complete and mail back your census form.

If you have not received a form please visit one of the following locations:

City	Type	Location	Dates	Time
Hailey	QAC	Albertson's	3/10-4/19 T,Th,F	3-8 pm
Hailey	QAC	Atkinson's	3/1-4/19 Sun,T,Th	1-6 pm
Hailey	BC	Blaine County Annex	3/3-4/19 M-Th	1-6 pm
Hailey	BC	Community Campus	2/26-4/19 M-F	Campus hours
Bellevue	QAC	Atkinson's	3/1-4/19 M,W,Sat	1-6 pm
Bellevue	BC	Hunger Coalition	3/19-4/19 M-Th	9 am-2 pm
Ketchum	QAC	Atkinson's	3/11-4/19 M,W,F	1-6 pm
Sun Valley	BC	City of Sun Valley	3/11-4/19 M-F	8 am-5 pm

**Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC)** – people are available certain hours to answer questions.

**Be Counted site (BC)** – forms are available for you to take, complete and mail to the Census.