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Emergency Preparedness

Hailey Library to Host Emergency Preparedness and Planning Event

The Hailey Public Library has received a \$5,000 outreach award to host a free emergency preparedness and planning community event on Saturday, October 23. "Ready Hailey" will partner with local agencies and community organizations to bring information specific to emergency preparedness and planning to the community.

The goals of the event are:

1. Participants will have a better understanding of how to access information, both in an emergency and in planning or preparing for an emergency.
2. Participants will have an improved knowledge of emergency preparedness and planning.
3. Participants will better know what to do in an emergency.

The event will make use of select information and tools provided through FEMA's "Ready America" campaign (www.ready.gov). Also, Hailey will prepare and provide customized local emergency information specific to Hailey residents. Project partners will assist with providing this information and will work with Hailey to provide streamlined, easy to use materials that can be distributed to participants. Project partners will be in attendance the day of the event to talk about emergency preparedness issues, distribute materials and answer participant questions. There are 12 partners identified to date, including organizations such as St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, Idaho Power, the Red Cross, Hailey Police and Fire Departments, La Alianza Multicultural Center and Blaine Co. Disaster Services.

The event will also feature the distribution of 200 72-hour emergency kits. Half of the emergency kits will be assembled by volunteers, such as local Boy Scout troops, in advance of the event. The other 100 kits will be assembled by participants as a hands-on activity during the event.

Hailey's application for the award pointed to recent emergency situations (last winter's extended power outage and the Castle Rock Fire) as examples of the community's need for better knowledge and information

**READY
HAILEY**

**Don't miss this *free*
community event
on Emergency
Preparedness and
Planning!**

Date: Saturday, October 23

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Hailey Public Library

For more information, call the library at 788-2036.

of emergency preparedness and planning. With winter just around the corner, now is the time to either brush up on these skills, or begin to learn how to proactively prepare for emergencies.

Blaine County is fortunate to have local emergency service and response teams that have extensive training for emergency situations. These agencies recognize the need to plan, train and work together to assure the highest level of community safety. Among others, some of Hailey's activities in this regard include developing a Local Energy Assurance Plan and working with the Local Emergency Planning Committee on emergency planning and response issues. Hailey is also working with Idaho Power on its plan to build redundancy into the power transmission system. And Hailey is working hard to find creative ways to incentivize energy efficiency and renewable energy system deployment in the city.

Ready Hailey is a strong outreach component to citizens which identifies both citizen and government roles in various types of emergencies and trains practical steps to take before, during and after emergency events. Please join us for this fun and informative event!

This project has been funded in whole or in part with Federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Contract No. NOI-LM-1-3516 with the University of Washington.

Fall Book Club Coming in October

The Hailey Public Library will be starting its Fall/Winter bookclub on Thursday, October 28th at 6:30 pm.

“In the Wilderness,” by Kim Barnes is a book that takes place in Idaho during the 1960’s. Mechanization and the forests’ depletion drove many loggers into the cities, but Kim Barnes parents turned to fundamentalism to sustain their increasingly difficult life. The author struggled to live by the religion’s exacting doctrine, but her chilling descriptions of the harsh punishments make us understand why she ultimately had to leave it behind. Yet she conveys understanding and love for the rigid yet secure world of her youth in the haunting memoir of faith and loss in the Idaho wilderness.

Our guest scholar is Susan Swetnam, Professor of English at Idaho State University. Dr. Swetnam researches and writes narratives ranging from Idaho pioneer life stories and novels to Intermountain West history and culture.

Books are available for checkout. For more information please visit the library or call Sandy at 788-2036.

Storytime and Toddler Tales

- *Storytime* – Wednesday, 10:30 (3 to 5 years)
- *Toddler Tales* – Friday, 10:30 (18 to 36 months – parent supervision and participation required)



Ordinance Update

FEMA Floodplain Changes Could Affect Insurance Rates

The Planning and Zoning Commission recently recommended approval of a new study and map amendment to the FEMA floodplain. The map amendment would remove some properties in Elmwood, China Gardens and Little Indio Subdivisions. Hailey City Council will review the amendments on October 25th. If approved, property owners in the aforementioned subdivisions, which are currently in the floodplain, may be removed.

HIGHLIGHTED MEETINGS

1. **Conjunctive Water Management.** This meeting will consider possible mitigation options under future conjunctive management of ground and surface water in the Big Wood River Valley. At the regular City Council meeting, October 25, 5:30 p.m., City Hall upstairs meeting room.
2. **River Street Improvements Neighborhood Meeting.** This meeting is being conducted in support of a grant application to the Idaho Department of Commerce to improve certain sections of River Street. Two sessions: October 6, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m and 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., City Hall upstairs meeting room.



Fabrication is underway on “Timeless Portal” by artist Mark Stasz. The artwork will be installed at Roberta McKercher Park this fall. Made possible by the Hailey Public Art Fund, McDonald’s of Hailey, the Village at Hailey Center, the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, Hailey Rotary, Hailey Kiwanis, the Idaho Commission on the Arts/National Endowment for the Arts, Phil and Ann Puchner, Jim and Shirley Spinelli, Jeff and Gloria Gunter, and miscellaneous/anonymous donations.

October 23 Yard Waste Collection

On Saturday, October 23 Clear Creek Disposal will collect yard waste at the Hailey Park & Ride lot, saving residents a drive to Ohio Gulch, where yard waste may be dumped for free. Branches must be no more than 3' in length and 3" in diameter, no plastic bags and you must be able to load the debris into the dumpster provided.

When: Sat., October 23, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Hailey Park & Ride (Bullion & River St.)

Winter Holiday Volunteers Needed

The Hailey Chamber of Commerce and the City of Hailey need your help decorating our Main Street for Winter Holidays.

Let us make our hometown look vibrant and sparkly with holiday cheer!

Community volunteers and suggestions are needed and welcome! Please call the Hailey Chamber to sign up at 788-3484.

Public Works

Irrigation Changes in Parks Set Stage for Conjunctive Management Plan

The City of Hailey is happy to announce modifications to the Deerfield and Curtis Parks irrigation systems that will result in a more environmentally friendly system, dovetail with elements of Hailey's conjunctive water management options, and generate substantial cost savings to the city. The city has existing surface water rights from the Hiawatha Canal that are available to allow irrigation of the parks with surface water. Benefits from using surface water include reducing the use of ground water and pumping from wells, the lack of disinfecting chemicals in the surface water, and establishing surface water uses in order to help continue to maintain city water rights.

The modified irrigation system will be used in the early part of each summer until water in the canal is no longer available, at which time the park irrigation may revert back to using city well water. The system is designed to reduce operating pressures as well. These pressure modifications will reduce the operating costs, increase the life of the sprinkler heads, and reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation due to overspray. Conservation elements such as these, as well as surface water rights usage, are important elements of Hailey's proposed Conjunctive Water Management Plan*.

* See Highlighted Meetings on page 2 of this newsletter.

OCTOBER EVENTS

1ST ANNUAL FALL FEST

October 2, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Wicked Spud

Details: 788-0009

1ST THURSDAY IN HAILEY

October 7, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Carbonate St. between Main and 1st Ave.

Details: 788-3484

www.haileyidaho.com

14TH ANNUAL TRAILING OF THE SHEEP FESTIVAL

October 9, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Roberta McKercher Park

www.trailingofthesheep.org

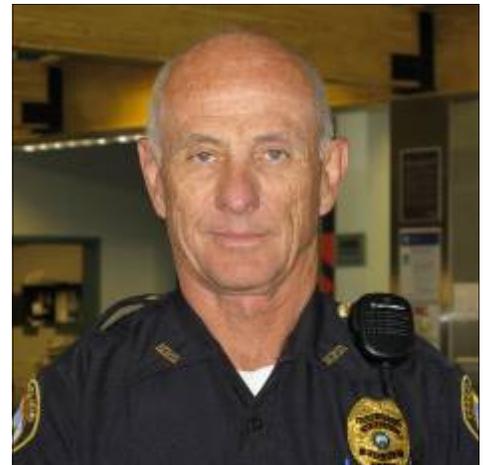
COMPANY OF FOOLS PRODUCTION OF *WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?*

October 13 – 30

The Liberty Theatre

578-9122 or www.companyofools.org

Hailey Police Department Officer Lee Frost was named the Friedman Memorial Airport Employee of the Quarter for the 2nd quarter of 2010. The Employee of the Quarter is nominated and voted on by the tenant managers at the airport.



Calendar

Important Dates

City Council	10/11/10, 10/25/10
Hailey Arts Commission	10/07/10
Historic Preservation Commission	10/26/10
Parks & Lands Board	10/05/10
P&Z Commission	10/04/10, 10/18/10
Tree Committee	10/14/10



OUR EARTH

Our Town, Our Future

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Just Bag It! Partner Promotes Sustainable Practices in Store

As a partner in Hailey's *Just Bag It!* project, Albertsons has done a great job of reducing the use of plastic bags in its store. But that's not all Albertsons is doing. This grocer has made significant improvements in other sustainability practices in its operations.

According to Donnie Green, Store Director, working on the *Just Bag It!* project



prompted discussions of what could be done better. Now, every department recycles paper, plastic and cans. With this simple change, Clear Creek Disposal now picks up Albertsons compacted waste biweekly; they had been picking up weekly. And according to Green, it looks like a pick up every third week may occur soon. Albertsons has also assigned two employees the responsibility of raising sustainability and recycling awareness among staff. Monthly meetings with store management assess progress and make improvements.

Albertsons has also begun providing tote boxes to customers for \$1. The boxes are sturdy, have handles, repel moisture and are reusable either in the store or for other uses. The totes have proven popular with customers.



On September 17, Albertsons conducted an in-store promotion called "Pay It Forward," where customers could purchase a re-usable bag for the

next person in line. Albertsons donated 120 bags to keep things moving, and all-in-all, the day was a big success. Customers purchased some 250 bags on this day, up from only 14 bags purchased on the same day last year. "The results are huge," said Green. "It's 250 bags in the community that weren't there before."

This article is the first in a series featuring Just Bag It! partners. Just Bag It! has been funded wholly or in part by the United States

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In The Community

Community Audit and Retrofit Rebate Program (CARRP) Proves Popular with Hailey Residents

Hailey was the first out of the participating governments, (Camas County, Blaine County, Fairfield, Sun Valley, Bellevue and Ketchum) to report a full reservation list after just 22 days from the start of the program. At the end of September Hailey had 18 applicants who had reserved the full \$2,000 each and 12 applicants on a waiting list. It is anticipated that additional funding will become available as those on the reservation list either: 1) decide not to participate, 2) do not meet the 90 day deadline to submit a final application, or 3) do not use the full \$2,000 rebate amount reserved for them.

The Planning and Building Departments encourage those that are still interested in participating to submit a reservation/waiting list application. If funds become available to those on the waiting list, they will be notified that funds have been reserved for them and that they have 90 days to submit a final application. For more information and to download the reservation/waiting list application visit: www.haileycityhall.org/building/CARRP/CARRP.asp.

Sustainable Building Fact

Passive solar design alone can reduce heating costs by 10-15% and increase the comfort of the building – making it cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. This does not add any additional cost to a building; it simply considers the building's orientation to the sun and incorporates appropriate roof overhangs and window placement. (World Business Council for Sustainable Development)