



# OUR TOWN

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## Public Works

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### Why Should I Get Flood Insurance?

- If you do not have flood insurance, do not wait for the next flood to apply. There is a **30-day application waiting period** before the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) coverage takes effect, however it is common to have delays of up to 60 days if any part of the application is incomplete. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.
- Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because the City of Hailey participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal Government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been previously flooded.
- Some people have purchased flood insurance because the lender requires it as part of their mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually, these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. During a flood, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure. Therefore, if you are covered, check out the amount and make sure you have contents coverage.
- Even people who are not located in the "official" flood plain may be susceptible to flooding and may purchase flood insurance.

If you have questions about whether you are in a floodplain the City of Hailey is able to provide basic information for you to review. Please call the Public Works Department at 788-9830 for more information.

## Community Development

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### FMA Site Redevelopment Workshop

A follow up workshop will be scheduled in April to review conceptual land use scenarios and potential phases for the redevelopment of the Friedman Memorial site within the City of Hailey. These scenarios will be based on the input from the three community workshops held February 15th, 16th and 17th. The discussion at the workshop will result in a preferred phased redevelopment plan for the site to be presented to the City and FMAA. Contact Beth Robrahn at 788-9815x13

or [planning@haileycityhall.org](mailto:planning@haileycityhall.org) for more information. Visit [www.flysva.com](http://www.flysva.com) for information from the February workshops.

## Calendar

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### Important Dates

City Council .....	03/14/11, 03/28/11
Hailey Arts Commission .....	03/03/11
Historic Preservation Commission .....	03/29/11
Parks & Lands Board .....	03/01/11
P&Z Commission .....	no meetings scheduled
Tree Committee .....	03/10/11

## Library

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### March Events

- **Bilingual Story Time/Hora De Cuentos Bilingues**  
Tuesday's at 5:00PM/Los Martes a las 5:00PM
- **In the Time of Butterflies (Book Discussion)**  
March 17th, at 6:30PM  
Speaker: Kari Haugen
- **Facebook 101 Class**  
March 22nd, at 6:00PM  
A basic understanding of computers is needed  
Taught by Ramona Duke
- **Club De Lectores En Espanol/Noche De Discusion**  
Jueves, 31 De Marzo a las 7:00 de la noche  
En la Biblioteca Publica de Hailey

**The library will be closed March 30th.**

For more information please visit  
[www.haileypubliclibrary.org](http://www.haileypubliclibrary.org)

### HIGHLIGHTED MEETINGS

#### Title 18—Complete Streets (CANCELED)

- A workshop was previously scheduled for March 14th's City Council meeting. The workshop has been postponed to an undetermined date.



# OUR EARTH

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## Indoor Air Quality

### **A Breath of Fresh Air**

People spend most of their life indoors (even in this valley). During the winter months, people tend to spend even more time indoors, which happens to be the time of year when our buildings get stuffy and fresh air isn't introduced as regularly. The indoor air quality (IAQ) of buildings, including homes, can be more harmful to your health than outdoor air quality. Carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), mold, and radon, are all common indoor air quality pollutants that can affect the health and productivity of building occupants. Poor IAQ can be especially hazardous to elderly, children, and those with asthma or other health problems. Headaches, nausea, irritated eyes, nose, and throat are all just a few symptoms of poor IAQ.

There are two primary ways to improve IAQ, one is to reduce the amount of pollution being released at the source and the other is to increase ventilation so fresh air replaces polluted air. Improve your IAQ by 1) replacing central heating and cooling system filters regularly, 2) using low VOC paint, sealants, varnishes, furnishings, building materials, and cleaning supplies, 3) ventilating properly and adequately, especially in bathrooms and kitchens, and 4) installing radon-mitigation measures.

For more information visit: [www.epa.gov/iaq](http://www.epa.gov/iaq)

## Sustainability at the City

### **Study Investigates New Technologies to Reclaim Water and Energy Resources at the Waste Water Treatment Plant**

A feasibility study, conducted by Whole Water Systems, LLC, was recently made possible by a grant award from the Idaho Office of Energy Resources. The study explored the potential for a vertical-shaft bioreactor to process and treat sewage in a manner that would recover nutrients, energy, and water from the treatment process, which could then be used to heat buildings, produce high quality fertilizer, and reclaim water.

The findings of the study reported that there is enough wastewater biosolids in Hailey to support this type of technology. As a result of the wastewater processing technology, the analysis estimates that there could be enough heat recovered to heat 32 average Idaho homes. In addition, 8.8 million gallons of water could be reclaimed and 2,000 cubic yards of fertilizer could be provided.

These resources could be utilized in a number of ways; one of which could be a community garden center or the resources could be made available locally for other agricultural or landscaping purposes. The technology has relatively no impacts, requires minimal land resources, and has the possibility of generating revenue or off-setting operational costs.



*Hailey Waste Water Treatment Plant  
(photo by Roger Parker)*

For more information on the study, please call Tom Hellen, Public Works Director, at 788-9830 for more information.

### **Sustainable Building Facts**

1) The green market was 2% of non-residential construction starts in 2005; 12% in 2008; and grew to be 28%-35% in 2010.

Source: McGraw Hill Construction (2010). *Green Outlook 2011: Green Trends Driving Growth*.

2) Improvements to indoor environments that provide healthy indoor air quality are estimated to save \$17-48 billion in total health gains and \$20-160 billion in worker performance.

Source: Fisk, W (2000), *Annual Review of Energy and the*