



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Calendar

Important dates

City Council.....	11/14/11, 11/28/11
Hailey Arts Commission.....	11/03/11
Historic Preservation Commission.....	10/25/11
Hailey Library Board.....	11/16/11
Parks & Lands Board	11/01/11
P&Z Commission.....	11/07/11, 11/21/11
Tree Committee.....	11/09/11
Urban Renewal Agency.....	11/09/11

Woodside Boulevard Project Status

The Hailey City Council rejected the Woodside Boulevard project bids in September because the project cost was unaffordable at the time the bid decision was made: \$6.8 million project cost with \$3.5 million grant (50/50% grant and match funding), instead of \$4.4 million project cost with \$3.5 million grant (75/25% grant and match funding), as applied for in the grant application.

There is enormous value to receiving a 50/50% grant award for a project of this importance. Hailey's reason for not pursuing the bid was based on the fact that Hailey's financial resources were insufficient by \$2 million to meet the higher project cost.

Additional Funding Needed: Staff was authorized to pursue additional funding sources through the Tiger II program or other grant programs. We found that the prospect of securing additional TIGER II funding is not likely prior to October 2012, which is too far out in time for the city to make necessary decisions about the project. A timeline that condenses the project to the 2012 construction season is likely to produce lower project costs of 1/4 million. Additionally, the grant is an Economic Recovery grant, so infusing the funds into the economy in construction season 2012 instead of both 2012 and 2013 better meets the goals of the grantor.

Possible Project Revisions: With no additional funding available from grants during the necessary timeline, Hailey is in a position to consider whether revising the scope of the project, to reduce project costs, is feasible under the grant. US DOT has been asked if the project could be revised to save costs by changing any, some, or all of the following elements:

- Reduction in width of the sidewalks from 6 to 5 feet.
- Removal of some bus pull-outs.
- Revising the construction plan near Sweetwater, where the road has been recently improved, to simply adding enough asphalt to tie into the bike lane, rather than doing a complete overlay of that section.

If all these elements are accepted by the grantors, the project cost would be reduced by approximately \$1 million.

Final Decision on Project: The city council will make a final decisions on the project on November 14th at the city council meeting. The cost of the project will be evaluated against the city's resources. Prioritization between the Woodside Blvd Project and the River Street Grant project will be necessary. Re-scopes that have been approved by US DOT will be fully discussed, including the base premise as to whether Hailey should continue the project with the revisions.

To Revise or Not Revise: Some reasons include that we have already fully engineered a project that reaches the highest standards of safety and livability, with performance measurements in place to quantify how a street design for all users will change the use of the street, sidewalks, bike paths, and traffic patterns in the subdivision and beyond. Hailey could retain the project design, and plan implementation of it piece by piece over the next several decades. This method would incur no further redesign costs, and eliminate the Construction Inspection and Davis Bacon wage costs required by the grant.

Arguments for program revision(s) are that we have no identified source of funding for to implement the project piece by piece. Loss of the federal grant is loss of an immediate and significant source of funding by which to make necessary safety improvements to the street and to avoid high maintenance costs on rebuilding a street that is beginning to fail.

Many livability improvements would still remain in a revised project, as well as significant safety improvements long asked for by residents. These include sidewalks, an improved intersection at Fox Acres Road, and a traffic light at SH 75 and Woodside Boulevard. Some items cut now could potentially be added back in over time after additional sources of capital funding are identified and obtained in the future.

Fox-Worswick House Listed on National Register



The Fox-Worswick House (now the Wood River Land Trust) has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The building is located on the northwest corner of the E Bullion Street and N 2nd Ave intersection.

The three other buildings at the aforementioned intersection – Eben S. and Elizabeth Chase House,

William T. and Frances Heckman Riley House (Masonic Lodge) and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church – are also listed in the NRHP, making this location an historic crossroads.

The Hailey Historic Preservation Commission (HHPC) has completed production of a commemorative booklet about these four buildings. The Historic Hailey Crossroads booklet is available at these locations: Hailey Chamber of Commerce, Hailey Public Library, Blaine County Historical Museum, Episcopal Church, Wood River Land Trust, Hailey City Hall and the City of Hailey website.

TAG Historical Research, Judy's Design House, Express Printing, the HHPC and Hailey staff produced the brochure with grant funding from the National Park Service through the Idaho State Historical Society.

City Hall gets Lean and Green

In October, the second floor of City Hall replaced ten, 28 year old roof-top heating and cooling units with high efficiency electric heat pumps. It is estimated that the units will save the city approximately \$3,500/yr on heating and cooling expenses. The retrofit is just one step the city is taking to obtain it's goal of 15% reduction in green house gases by 2015, using 2005 as a baseline. It also helps save tax payers' money by reducing facility operation costs (i.e. the cost to heat and cool the building). In addition, The project qualified for Idaho Power's Easy Upgrades program, which provided a cash rebate of \$5,970 to the city for installing energy efficient equipment.

The retrofit is part of the Regional Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), which among many

Highlighted EVENTS and MEETINGS

1. Quigley Annexation

- Monday, 11/07/11, 6:30pm. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

2. Woodside Blvd. Project

- Monday, 11/14/11, 5:30pm. City Council Meeting.

3. Hailey Turkey Trot

- Thursdays, 11/24/11, 10am. Starts at the Blaine County Aquatic Center.

other projects, funded energy audits and efficiency improvements on government buildings for Hailey and each of the 4 other cities and 2 counties participating in the Regional EECBG.

Cold frame construction —huge success

 Twenty attendees arrived at the Building Material Thrift Store on the morning of Saturday, October 15th, buddle up and ready to build. Eight cold frames were built and two were donated to the Hunger Coalition.

Facilitators, Tom Harned and Rebecca Bundy, shared how to build and use cold frames for season extension. The attendees took a team approach and ended up working with one another to help build the frames. Thanks to great facilitation, an abundant inventory of quality materials, and a simple design, the frame building process went smoothly, without any power saw mishaps.



Growing your own food and using reclaimed materials helps reduce the embodied energy and cost that go into creating new materials and transportation of some food items. Growing your own food is fun and often produces fresher and better tasting food. It's a win-win!
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Plan Ahead for a Safe, Snowy Winter

The Public Works Department's primary objective during the winter storm season is to provide safe transportation, emergency vehicle access to all citizens, and support education and commerce during adverse weather conditions. The city has prepared equipment and personnel to meet the special needs associated with snow removal. Another important part of this preparation is to inform citizens of their role in the snow removal process. With this in mind, the City of Hailey would like to share a few tips that may make the snow more enjoyable.

DO NOT PARK VEHICLES IN THE CITY'S RIGHT OF WAY OVERNIGHT FROM NOV. 1 THROUGH MAY 1.

The city plows at night whenever possible. It is permissible to move your vehicles into the Right of Way during the day to clean your driveway, but make sure to park them well out of the way at night to avoid any damage to vehicles. The city issues warning tags on vehicles and trailers parked within the Right of Way whenever possible. However, a tow truck will be called to remove vehicles that impede snow removal. Owners must pay tow company fees associated with storage and towing.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH CONTAINER IN THE RIGHT OF WAY DURING A SNOW EVENT.

The plow crews try very hard not to hit trash cans left out while they are plowing, but prefer that the cans not impact snow removal. Please keep your trash cans and all personal items back away from the roadway during a storm.

DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN BUILD SNOW CAVES OR SNOW FORTS NEAR THE ROADWAY SNOW BANKS.

Snow forts can seem like a lot of fun, but they are extremely dangerous when built next to the road. When snow builds up we push the banks back to help with visibility at intersections. We cannot see children playing in these caves and do not want any accidents to occur.

WHEN CLEARING YOUR DRIVE, PUT SNOW INTO YOUR YARD OR NEAR THE BANK ON THE DOWNSTREAM SIDE.

Please be considerate of your neighbors; if their driveway is just downstream from yours, push or blow the snow into your yard. Do not push or plow the snow back into the roadway after the plow has gone by, as it may impede emergency service access. City ordinance prohibits plowing snow across or onto any public street, parking area, alley or sidewalk.

Please call Trina Isaacs, the Public Works Administrative Assistant, at 788-9830 x22 about city snow removal.

Water & Sewer Rate Changes

Effective every October 1 the Water & Sewer user fees are subject to change. Minimal changes occurred this October 1, 2011. The water monthly base rate on metered accounts decreased by \$1.34 to \$7.45. The sewer monthly base rate on metered accounts increased by \$.72 to \$11.24. The water monthly non-metered base rate did not change and is still \$42.00. The sewer monthly non-metered base rate increased by \$2.91 to \$30.41.

SEWER RATES ARE BASED ON WINTER METERED WATER USE

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 \$11.24 base rate and an additional \$3.24 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/month is:	The sewer rate will be:
1,000	\$14.48 per month
5,000	\$27.44 per month
10,000	\$43.64 per month

LIBRARY EVENTS	<p>November at the Library!</p> <p>Spanish Book Club November 3rd, 6:30pm Club De Lectura en espanol will discuss "La increible y triste historia de la candida Erendira y de su abuela desalmada"</p> <p>National Gaming Day November 12th, 1-2:30pm. Teens and Tweens should plan to drop in and participate in some electronic as well as traditional gaming fun!</p> <p>Family Reading Week November 13-19th Hailey Public Library will be celebrating with games and play throughout the week at regular story times, Bilingual story time on Tuesday @5pm; Wednesday @10:30am, and Toddler Tales on Friday @ 10:30am. On November 19th from 1:00 to 2:30pm families will be playing board games, card games, Legos, online games and participating in the popular Book Walk and have a chance to take home a new book.</p> <p>www.haileypubliclibrary.org</p>	LIBRARY EVENTS
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