



# OUR TOWN

*Sustaining Hailey's Community*

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## Mayor's Message

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### Hailey 2012 Survey Results

A professional survey was conducted in January, 2012 to seek the opinion of residents, businesses, employees and employers about city services and proposed projects. The purpose of the survey is to assist Hailey officials to better understand the attitudes and opinions about existing and potential city amenities and areas of service.

The survey results can guide the Mayor and City Council and staff in prioritizing capital improvements and delivery of city services. Certain projects entail safety related improvements that will factor into the city's priorities and may not be reflected in the citizen's opinions. City staff is even now working with the survey results in preparing department priorities for the city's annual goal setting workshop to be held in March.

The survey was tabulated by the professional firm Richard Caplan & Associates, who concluded that "Hailey residents and business persons continue to be satisfied with city government services and support a majority of the 29 capital improvement priorities the city has listed for the future." The survey results are compared to the results of a similar 2009 survey, and show a slight increase in support for the capital improvement priorities, from an average score of 2.94 to 3.11 satisfaction level. A higher degree of satisfaction in services was shown as well, as the 29 services that were rated increased from a 3.56 to a 3.66 satisfaction level.

You will find the entire survey under "Announcements" on our homepage – [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org). A quick summary here lists the top ten projects important to you:

- 1) rebates for water conservation;
- 2) reduction of pesticide and chemical use;
- 3) installation of holiday lighting in the downtown;
- 4) improved access to trails;
- 5) more walking or biking paths;
- 6) renewable power development;
- 7) increased energy efficiency of city fleet and buildings;
- 8) access to local ski facilities;
- 9) E Myrtle Street improvements from Main to the bike path;
- 10) more paths and trails for recreation.

The survey results show that you are highly satisfied with the location, service, and comfort of the library. You would like improvement in:

- 1) condition of alleys;
- 2) condition of sidewalks;
- 3) trash, water and sewer rates;
- 4) pedestrian safety;
- 5) snow plowing; and
- 6) city website.

A total of 242 completed surveys, compared to 456 in 2009, were received and tabulated. We thank you for your responses, which provides statistically valid results within a seven percent margin of error.

### City Council Decisions on Woodside Project Coming in March Meetings



**Open House  
CONSTRUCTION AHEAD**

**Woodside Blvd.  
Construction Project  
Details of Impacts for  
Woodside Residents**

April 4, 2012, 4:30-7:00 pm  
Woodside Elementary  
Cafeteria

## Calendar

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### Important dates

City Council.....	3/05/12, 3/12/12, 3/19/12
Hailey Arts Commission.....	3/01/12
Historic Preservation Commission.....	3/27/12
Hailey Library Board.....	3/21/12
Hailey Urban Renewal Agency.....	3/14/12
Parks & Lands Board .....	3/06/12
P&Z Commission.....	none
Tree Committee.....	3/08/12

## March Events at Hailey Library

www.haileypubliclibrary.org

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 pm; "Slow Cooker Cooking 101"** The Hunger Coalition and Nurture will present a free course at the library. Emphasis is placed on preparing lean protein and strategies to stretch your food dollars. Call 788-2036 to pre-register and receive a free slow cooker if you have not already received one. (one slow cooker per family)

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 pm:** Scholar Matthew Haynes joins the "Let's Talk About It" book club to discuss Refuge by Terry Tempest Williams. A library card is not necessary to participate.

**March 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm "It's time for the reaping... can you survive"** The library will be presenting a Hunger Games program. You must pre-register. Only 12 tributes can play! For grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12.

**Back by popular demand: Family Gaming Day @ Hailey Public Library.** Join us Sat. March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm.

**Fun for the Whole Family:** Board games, Card games, Legos, and Computer games!

**Who is the Mystery Reader?** Beginning February 23<sup>rd</sup>, join us for 5 Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15pm. Each week a surprise guest reader from our community will read a couple chapters from an exciting Mystery Cliffhanger! Who will the Mystery Reader be? What will happen next in the book? This program is geared for K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

**March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Gretchen Anderson (the chicken lady) will return.** The presentation will be held in City Hall's Council Chambers. Gretchen will give a power point presentation on buying baby chicks and chicken coops etc.

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## Public Works

### Water Billing Clerk Leaves Hailey After More than 4 Years of Service

Trina Isaacs, Hailey's Utility Billing Clerk has served the City of Hailey and its citizens since January 2008. As Hailey implemented its metered billing rates, Trina explained the rate changes to many customers, helped identify leaks and adjustments to accounts when leaks were repaired. In addition to her role at City Hall, Trina became active in Kiwanas Club and is currently serving as President of that club. She also has served as an ambassador for the Hailey Chamber of Commerce. Trina is moving to Oregon and will be missed. Stepping into her role will be a former Hailey employee, Shellie Gallagher.



## Community Development

### Quigley Annexation Public Hearings

The City Council began public hearings on a revised Quigley Canyon annexation plan on January 23, 2012 and **continued the public hearing to April 30, 2012** at which time a water rights appraisal and fiscal impact analysis will be presented and discussed. Further public hearing on general topics related to the Quigley matter is set for May, 2012.



## ATTENTION WOODSIDE RESIDENTS

The Woodside Boulevard project will be constructed in its entirety this year – from April to late 2012. Sign up for email construction updates and traffic info and provide contact information for someone in your household in case we need to reach you. (If you do not have email, please provide other means of reaching you.) Return this form with your utility bill payment (or mail it separately to City of Hailey, 115 S Main St., Hailey, ID 83333); fax it to 788-2924 or drop it off at City Hall. Sign up online by going to <http://www.haileycityhall.org/publicworks/engineering/WoodsideBlvd.asp>.

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Cell ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Home ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Work ph: \_\_\_\_\_  
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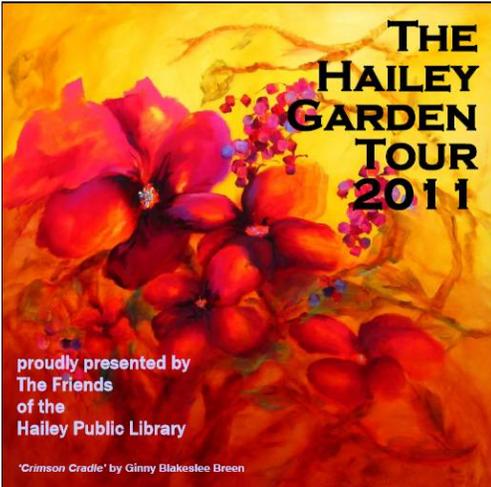
You can always contact us directly for more information:

**Tom Hellen, Public Works Director 788-9830**

**Heather Dawson, City Administrator 788-4221**

## Friends of the Hailey Public Library Seek Volunteers

The Friends of the Hailey Public Library is a long-standing non-profit organizations whose volunteer members raise money and advocate literary awareness on behalf of the Hailey Public Library. Known primarily for their famous



Hailey Garden Tour, which showcases gardens within different Hailey neighborhoods every year, the Friends of the Hailey Public Library is one of the town's cornerstones of identity and pride.

**This important group needs new members.** Membership has dwindled within the non-profit organization sufficiently to put the 25-year old Hailey Garden Tour at risk. We urge any citizens who are interested in carrying on this legacy to commit some volunteer hours on a short term, seasonal, or long-term basis. Please call Friends Vice President Geegee Lowe at 720-7395 or the Hailey Public Library at 788-2036 for information about how you can bring new creativity and vibrancy to this important organization.

Some of the past successes of the Friends of the Hailey Public Library include:

- Raising awareness and support for the acquisition of the **Fox/Brown building as the permanent home of the Hailey Public Library** and City Hall. Purchased in 1993 with a successful G/O bond, the building cost an outrageously low \$40 per square foot in the cornerstone downtown location, which price was offered by the philanthropic generosity of Janet Brown.
- Conducting the annual Friends of the Hailey Public **Library Book and Bake Sale in October** of each year, which raises money each year in a venue priceless for its treasures with a blend of books, magazines, and sweets in a festive fall atmosphere
- In addition to these annual events, the Friends of the Hailey Public Library have contributed a list of items from 1994-2010. In 2011, they provided the new computers patrons now enjoy.

- 1994 - Bookshelves for the new library building
- 1995 - Flower Beds
- 1996 - Air Conditioning, Pac Srarions Staff Computer training
- 1997 - Books
- 1998 - Computer room desks Library Staff training
- 1999 - Computers
- 2000 - Technology
- 2001 - 6 Wing Back Chairs Reading Room
- 2002 - Fish Tank Books & Kids Videos
- 2003 - Library Expansion \$17, 209
- 2004 - Computers, Folding chairs & Holder
- 2005 - Computers, New Orleans Katrina Donation Encyclopedia Britannica
- 2006 - Story hour Supplies, furniture, cushions, Tables & Rug
- 2007 - Chairs & Tables for Reading areas, Window Shades. Large Print Books
- 2008 - Kids Books, Staff Training Summer Reading
- 2009 - Library Shelving, Technology, Staff training Summer Reading
- 2010 - Photo Monitor, Shelving, Summer Reading, Staff Training



## 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.

### Save the Date!

Don't miss these All-New Hailey Events for 2012:

- ◆ ArborFest - May 5
- ◆ Skatepark Grand Opening - June 23
- ◆ Intermountain Professional Rodeo Association Finals - Labor Day Weekend Sept 1 and 2, 2012

## Hailey Police Continue Dog Control Measures for Dogs-At-Large



The Hailey Police Department continues its effort to reduce dogs-at-large within our community. Please let us know if we've made a difference.

Dog-owners, take a quick look at your pets' records to make sure licenses and vaccinations are up to date. Community health risks increase with unvaccinated dogs.

## Fire Department

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### 2011 Hailey Firefighter of the Year Earns 20-Year Service Award

**Scott Miley** joined the Hailey Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in January 1992. He continues after 20 year to be one of the department's most valuable members. In December he was awarded the 2011

Hailey Fire Department Firefighter of the Year. The award is given to that firefighter who demonstrates exemplary enthusiasm and dedication toward emergency services in Hailey. Miley has responded to house fires, wild fires, rescue and recovery operations, and all other types of emergencies. He is one of five members of the Hailey Fire Department who now has contributed over 20 years of service to the community.



Miley's family has a long history within the Wood River Valley since the mid-1970's. A 1983 graduate of Wood River High School, Miley is deeply vested in our community, owning his own business and raising two daughters here with his wife Jane Rosen.

The Hailey Volunteer Fire Department consists of men and women who are not full time employees, but who have the dedication necessary to train for and respond to all manner of emergencies twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a week. The department currently has 22 volunteers. In the recently tabulated 2012 Hailey Community Survey, the Hailey Fire Department if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Department at 788- 3147.