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Mayor's Message

Big Issues Around Water, Wastewater

Mayor Fritz Haemmerle has set an April 15 City Council meeting to address water and wastewater issues. Water service delivery and provision of a safe and sanitary sewer system are fundamental functions of city government. Decisions need to be made which may impact rates for both water and sewer services.

CITY WATER TO BE CURTAILED FOR IRRIGATION

Cities in Idaho will face challenges to keep their parks, playing fields, yards and trees green.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources is moving forward with its plan to conjunctively administer surface and groundwater uses. In the past, if surface water rights were curtailed in any given year, the groundwater rights would remain "on." Hailey has relied on its groundwater wells primarily for irrigation and fully during late-summer surface water calls. These days will come to an end after IDWR's groundwater modeling plan is completed.

The IDWR groundwater modeling plan is the final phase of a multi-year study necessary to implement conjunctive surface and groundwater management. Hailey will need to fund technical advice to the groundwater modeling study effort in order to protect its interests.

Hailey's water sources for irrigation include a spring source water right out of Indian Creek and Hiawatha Canal water rights. Homeowners' use of water has been primarily from city wells. Hailey will need to retain technical and legal experts to plan methods by which we can use our surface water rights more broadly. Some of the planned solutions may be costly.

Mayor Haemmerle is taking a proactive approach to keeping Hailey's parks, lawns and trees green. Details regarding new rates to begin funding the costs for technical experts and remedies will be discussed with the public during the April 15, 2013 City Council meeting.

HAILEY ARBORFEST!

**CELEBRATE ARBORDAY & THE MUD RUN AT
HOP PORTER PARK—SATURDAY, MAY 4**
See More Details Within

Mayor's Message (continued)

WASTEWATER BOND FOR DOME REMOVAL AND IMPROVED BIOSOLIDS TREATMENT

Mayor Haemmerle made a recent tour of Hailey's wastewater treatment plant, and reported to the city council that the treatment facilities which were built 14 years ago are operating wonderfully. However, the wastewater sludge processes are being handled in 37 year-old tanks under the old dome, and are highly dangerous and inefficient. Removal of the unsafe and antiquated dome should occur, replacing it with new biosolids basins and dewatering equipment beneath a simple roof. The result would be a Class B sludge, which could be dried on site. Currently, Hailey hauls liquid sludge to drying beds at the Ohio Gulch landfill, an inefficient process which requires costly frequent trips with a specialized tanker truck. Eliminating or reducing hauling costs would represent operational cost savings and higher efficiencies.

Engineer reports and estimates for such a project were reviewed and discussed during last month's Hailey City Council meetings. A 30% conceptual design had been engineered, showing cost estimates with a wide margin for error. In order to narrow the cost margins to a range the city can rely on, further engineering is needed.

The Hailey City Council's April 15 meeting will focus on a rate increase needed to commission more engineering. Alternatively, the council could prematurely take this matter to voters to have the bulk of the engineering included in a project bond. With such a wide margin of error in the project estimate, however, voters would be asked to pass a bond at the high end of the estimate, potentially setting in place bond rates higher than needed.

Calendar

Important dates

City Council.....	4/01/13, 4/15/13
Hailey Arts Commission.....	4/04/13
Historic Preservation Commission.....	4/04/13
Hailey Library Board.....	4/17/13
Hailey Urban Renewal Agency.....	4/05/13
Parks & Lands Board	4/02/13
P&Z Commission.....	4/08/13, 4/22/13
Tree Committee.....	4/11/13

EARTH DAY TURNS 43!

FIND A WAY (HOWEVER SMALL) TO CELEBRATE ON APRIL 22ND

THE 1ST EARTH DAY WAS DECLARED IN 1970 AFTER TWO US SENATORS GAYLORD NELSON (D-WISC.) AND PETE MCCLOSKEY (R - CALIFORNIA) ACHIEVED

A RARE POLITICAL ALIGNMENT. ENLISTING SUPPORT FROM REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS. RICH AND POOR. CITY SLICKERS AND FARMERS. TYCOONS AND LABOR LEADERS.



Sustainability

City Staff Race to Reduce Energy

In honor of Earth Day on April 22nd, City staff will begin implementing no-cost measures to reduce energy usage at all city-occupied buildings. The Energy Dare is a friendly competition among city staff that runs from April through June. Results will be reported in the May-July editions of Our Town. Possible future phases and challenges may follow. The winning building will be awarded with a small prize and big notoriety.

The Energy Dare will reinvigorate those behavioral changes that building occupants may have forgotten. Changes in building occupant behavior can save money and energy. Changes don't require much more than remembering to turn off the light. Well, maybe a little more—the following are some examples of what building occupants will be reviewing and reminding each other about over the next 3 months:

- * Use natural light when it's enough—don't over light out of habit.
- * Use blinds to help heat and cool a space.
- * Program/re-program thermostats. Set 10-15 degrees lower in the winter and higher in the summer on evenings and weekends.
- * Turn off computers and printers at night.
- * Set office equipment to sleep mode after 5 min. of inactivity.
- * Unplug phantom loads when not in use (coffeemakers, desktop printers, radios, phone chargers, etc.)

Since 2007, the city has saved over \$80,000 on energy expenses by retrofitting buildings and making behavioral changes that reduce natural gas and electricity consumption. It is time to re-commit to conservation!



Public Safety

New Bicycle Safety Rules in Place Dismount at Crosswalks on Main Street

A new ordinance went into effect in early April which requires bicyclists to dismount and walk their bicycles in crosswalks located on Main Street and other potentially dangerous crosswalks throughout the city. The areas where dismount is required will be marked with a sign painted onto the sidewalk. Look for these signs and teach your kids bicycle safety. Walking bikes across the road allows motorists more time to stop and potentially avoid accidents.

Public Works

Alley Clean-Up Project Starts In Alleys Between Main & First, Main & River

Mayor Haemmerle has launched an alley clean-up effort, which will begin in the alley between Main Street and First Avenue. When that alley is completed, the work will move to the alley between Main and River Streets.

The platted alley width is 26 feet, and in many areas the alleys have been narrowed by fences, sheds, landscaping, and debris. Property owners are asked to utilize the early spring for cleaning up their portion of the alley, and to have their clean-up work completed on or before May 18, 2013 - Clear Creek Disposal's Clean Sweep day.

Following the clean-up, Hailey City crews will begin work on May 20, 2013. First, water meter vaults or sewer manhole elevations will be adjusted to the new alley contour. Where asphalt currently exists, it will be milled and reshaped. A 1-inch overlay of asphalt will seal the top. The new alley will be constructed to hold a 15-year life.

All of this work in the alley between Main and First Avenue is planned for completion prior to the July 4th festivities. In the weeks that follow, the alley between Main and River Streets will undergo the same resurfacing process.

Winter Lights Turned off in April

Hailey's beautiful winter lights will remain on until the end of ski season. Following the closing of the ski resort for slack, Hailey's lights will be turned off to make way for green trees and hanging flower baskets and whiskey barrel planters.

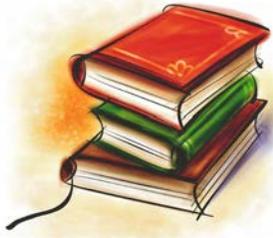


April Events at Hailey Library

www.haileypubliclibrary.org

National Library Week is April 14-20.

Check us out in person, and online.



April 22-28: *Preservation Week @ Your Library.* During this time, libraries share their special collections and may explore ways for you

to highlight and preserve your own. We invite you to see the Wood River Valley as it was in the 1900's by viewing **the Mallory Collection**. Learn about the collection now by visiting our website.

Tuesday, April 23 at 6 pm: *Idaho Author Scott Marchant*. Enjoy the great outdoors with insider hiking information from Scott Marchant, author of *The Day Hiker's Guide to Stanley, Idaho* and *The Day Hiker's Guide to Sun Valley & Ketchum*.

Thursday, April 25 at 6 pm: *Idaho Author Matt Liedecker*. Go deeper into the hiker's experience with tips and stories from the author of *Exploring Sun Valley: a Comprehensive Guide to the Boulder, Pioneer, and Smoky Mountains*.

Each Wednesday at 10:30 am, Saturday at 2:00 pm: *Story Mania* encourages passion for libraries and reading through themed story hours and craft activities. Join us weekly for book-lovin' fun.

Each Thursday from 4 – 5 pm: *TNT Thursdays*. Youth ages 10 – 18: What are you waiting for? Come rock this teens-and-tweens-only library hour! Bring friends to the alternating weeks of crafts and gaming on Xbox and Wii.

Community Development

Home Occupations in Hailey- Work from Home, but Don't Disturb Neighbors

The City of Hailey allows "Home Occupation" businesses in all residential zones as a permitted use, with certain restrictions. In short, there should be no outward appearance that a home occupation is being operated out of a home. If your neighbors can live next to you for several years and never know you are operating a home occupation, then you are most likely in compliance with the city ordinance. If this is not the case, you will want to review the criteria below to ensure you are complying fully with the municipal code.

The Hailey City Zoning Ordinance specifically defines a home occupation as "A business-related activity conducted entirely within a dwelling which is incidental and secondary to the use of a dwelling as a residence and does not negatively impact the surrounding neighborhood. A day care business located within a dwelling is not considered a home occupation for the purposes of city business licensing." In addition to this definition, a home occupation must also meet the following criteria:

- The home occupation shall not change the residential character of the dwelling or neighborhood.
- There shall be no exterior advertising.
- There shall be no sale or rental of stocks, supplies or products conducted on the premises.
- There shall be no exterior storage on the premises of material or equipment associated with the home occupation.
- There shall be no offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat, or glare noticeable at or beyond the property lines. There shall be no operation of power tools, whether indoors or outdoors.
- The home occupation shall not create the need for additional parking.
- The home occupation shall employ no unrelated person who is not a permanent resident of the dwelling.
- There shall be no significant increase in traffic in the vicinity of the dwelling as a result of the home occupation.
- Storage of explosive, combustible or hazardous materials shall conform to the regulations and restrictions of the IFC and IBC.

If you have any further questions regarding home occupations or any other Hailey zoning, building or economic development questions, call the Community Development Department at 788-9815.



LIBRARY EVENTS

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Trees and Obstructed Traffic Views



Hailey is preparing to perform safety maintenance on trees which create a traffic hazard. Please call or email to report a tree which you've noticed compromises traffic safety. 788-4221 x 14. tom.hellen@haileycityhall.org

Saturday, May 4th, 2013
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

ArborFest @ Hop Porter Park
 CITY OF HAILEY

Trees, Community, Earth

- Kids Bouncy Forest
- Free Tree Seedlings
- Meet Smokey Bear and a Forest Ranger
- Face Painting
- 10:30-11:30 Kids and Trees
Learn about the forest with Susan Kranz with USFS, Sawtooth NRA
- Tree Planting Demo with Jeff Beacham
- Evolving Tree Mosaic by Hailey Arts Commission
- 12:00 ArborDay Proclamation
- 12:05-1:00 pm Live Local Entertainment
Lead by RL Rowsey
- 1:00 Mud Run Begins!
Registration opens at 11:00 am
Mudhoney forerunners!
Divisions include: Recreational/Costume and Competitive: Team, Mens and Womens Solo Kids, and more!
- Food, Drinks, Local Vendors and more!

For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/haileyarborfest.com

RELEASE OF LIABILITY/LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

By signing below, I, _____, acknowledge that the ArborFest competitive events are likely to be hazardous and may result in accident or injury to the participant. With full knowledge of these dangers, and intending to be legally bound, I hereby agree for myself and on behalf of all of my family and heirs to RELEASE the City of Hailey and any of its representatives, agents, directors, officers, members, and owners of any equipment or property upon which the park is located, including but not limited to any and all liability claims, demands or any causes of action, and NOT TO SUE OR OTHERWISE make ANY CLAIMS against the City of Hailey or Owners whatsoever which may arise during my participation in any activities at ArborFest.

I intend this RELEASE OF LIABILITY to be effective whether or not any loss, damage, injury or death RESULTS FROM THE NEGLIGENCE of the City of Hailey. I understand that negligence means a failure to do an act which a reasonably careful person would do, or the doing of an act which a reasonably careful person would not do, under the same or similar circumstances to protect him or herself, or others, from accident, injury or death.

I agree to be solely responsible for my own safety and to take every precaution to provide for my own safety and well-being while participating in activities sponsored or conducted by the City of Hailey, including inspecting all equipment and make my own assessment as to whether it is safe and free from all defects. This RELEASE AND WAIVER is given in the interest of permitting the City of Hailey to exist and serve the community and to enable myself and others to feel free to donate our services and to help each other without fear of liability. I understand that any claim for coverage of medical bills will be submitted to my own insurance company.

I understand photographs and video will be taken of ArborFest activities. I grant permission for the use of my name, image, likeness, voice, and performance for all promotional material associated with ArborFest or the City of Hailey, or any spin-offs, sequels, or stock uses of the material which may follow. These permissions are granted for film and video media, internet, audio, and print media, merchandising or commercial tie-ins, in all media now existing or yet to be invented.

This RELEASE AND WAIVER has no expiration date.

IF ANY PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW.

I am the legal guardian of the above minor participant and have read the above application and RELEASE AND WAIVER. I hereby consent to the terms stated above and RELEASE AND WAIVER on behalf of named minor participant, and give my consent to the participation of the above named minor in all activities.

ArborFest Mud Run

Hop Porter Park, Hailey - May 4, 2013

FAQs

WHAT IS THE ARBORFEST MUD RUN?

A Mud Run is a race with the objective to conquer obstacles while getting muddy and having fun! These races have become very popular throughout the world, and we are proud to be hosting the 2nd annual ArborFest Mud Run in the Wood River Valley. Our objectives are clear (unlike mud): create a fun and challenging event to draw mud-loving, extreme sports enthusiasts into our area with proceeds to benefit trees and local businesses in Hailey.



Family members, friends and other people not interested in competing in the race challenge are invited to the site for the day to cheer on their muddy loved ones, and enjoy a festival atmosphere with food, beverages, and live music. The ArborFest Festival opens at 10:00 am and ends about 4:00 pm.

WHAT RACE CATEGORIES ARE THERE?

Identify one or more race categories that is right for you:
 1:00 pm - Forerunners with the Mud Honeys
 1:15 pm - Kids Recreational Costume - 5 minutes plus 1 lap
 1:30 pm - Men & Women's Solo Recreational Costume - 10+1
 1:45 pm - Team Recreational Costume - 15 minutes plus 1 lap
 2:15 pm - Ladies Solo Competitive Division - 20 min + 1 lap
 2:24 pm - Mens Solo Competitive Division - 20 min + 1 lap
 3:15 pm - Teams Relay Competitive Division - 30 min + 1 lap

DO I HAVE TO SIGN A WAIVER?

Yes. Please understand our course is challenging and the mud is thick. You or your kids should not participate if you have concerns. You must complete a waiver to participate; kids waivers required in advance. The waiver also allows your photograph to be taken and possibly used in news stories, Our Town, ArborFest facebook page, and other websites.

We've provided the waiver language on another page of this publication, for your consideration and review.



WILL THERE BE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND SPECTATORS?

Absolutely! We will have a fun festival in full swing all day, starting with Arbor Day celebrations at 10:00 a.m. and continuing with food, beverages, live music and a kids play area. Remember the event is free.... come and enjoy. Bring coin for purchase from vendors like food and beverage.

THE PROCEEDS FROM THE MUD RUN

This year the entire ArborFest is **FREE**. In future years, an entry fee will be charged for the Mud Run. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Hailey Tree Committee. Their mission is to promote sound arboricultural practices and tree diversity, and to promote public education about the importance of trees. More simply put – Trees Are Good! Donation baskets will be available.

WHAT TIME DOES THE MUD RUN EVENT START?

Forerunners will demonstrate the course at 1:00 p.m. Plan to be with us for the day to enjoy all the festivities! Registration will begin the night before (Friday, May 3rd) at Hailey City Hall meeting room from 3pm to 6pm. Registration continues on Saturday from 10 am – Noon. The Arbor Day celebration will open at 10:00 a.m. with tree planting and seedling give-aways.

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AGE TO PARTICIPATE?

The minimum age is 10, with permission from a legal guardian. Anyone who is 10 years old or older by the day of the event can participate. Participants under the age of 18 must have adult check-in and sign waiver.

WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE?

You should arrive a minimum of one hour before your heat begins to check in. Your number will be assigned (and written on your forehead and arms), your age will be checked, you will receive a wristband. You can then check your personal items at the bag check area.

IS THERE PARKING AT HOP PORTER PARK?

Yes, and also at the parking lot at River Street. The park is in easy walking distance to downtown.

WHAT IS THE COURSE LIKE?

Our course will be unique, as all mud run courses are different. Ours will be a short track through Hop Porter Park, and is designed to be a 'criterium-style' race. Criterium races do not require a large amount of space, and are good for live spectators as they allow them to see the mud runners pass by many times. Obstacles this year include:

Sandy Beaches Start
Mud Pit crawl
Not 'Tired' Yet

Watch that Web(bing)
Humpty Dumpty Wall Climb-



WILL THERE BE WATER STATIONS ALONG THE COURSE?

Water is available at Hop Porter Park.

WHAT IF I CAN'T COMPLETE AN OBSTACLE?

There will be race officials at each obstacle. If you are unable to complete an obstacle, you will tell the race official, who will stop you from racing for a "penalty" period of time or give you a back-up option. Race officials will determine if an obstacle is completed in the correct manner.

WHAT IF I GET SICK OR INJURED?

There will be paramedics and/or EMS personnel at the event.

DO I HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM TO PARTICIPATE?

No, there are no areas where swimming is required. All mud pits are approximately 2-feet deep.



WHAT DO I NEED TO WEAR FOR A MUD RUN?

We recommend you wear old comfy clothes that will help protect you from cuts & bruises (long pants or running tights a great choice). We suggest you stay away from thick cotton materials that will absorb water and add weight to a difficult run (like cotton socks or sweatpants). Wear shoes with lots of traction to get you through the mud. Creative team costumes, while not speed efficient, are a crowd favorite! Check out your local thrift stores.

WHAT SHOULD I NOT WEAR?

Everything will get filthy, and possibly torn or lost, so nothing valuable should be on your body – no rings, earrings or jewelry of any kind – or anything else you really care about! Goggles or glasses are not recommended. AND, do you wear contacts?? What are you going to do if mud gets in your eyes? Either bring a backup pair or go without.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME TO THIS EVENT?

Cash for food & beverages after you race! (Donations are appreciated)
1 Trash Bag – Either for your filthy clothes and shoes or to sit on in your car if you don't want to change
1 Towel
A change of clothes & shoes
A backpack or bag to keep your items in while you are racing – we will have a bag check-in/out area

HOW DO I GET CLEAN FROM THE MUD?

There will not be a GREAT way to get clean, but that's part of the fun! We will have an outdoor shower area where you can rinse the major gunk. Changing tents will be on-site. Be sure to bring towels and a change of clothes.

WILL THE EVENT BE CANCELLED IF BAD WEATHER?

The event is intended to be 'all-weather' and will proceed unless extremely bad weather develops.

HOW DO YOU TRAIN FOR A MUD RUN?

We suggest a program that will incorporate core strength, cardio endurance and upper body strength. Start forming 4-person teams or plan a solo. We will have competitive and recreation divisions, and costumes are encouraged for both. Teams run the course together and do not be surprised if certain divisions run multiple laps.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

We are always looking for ArborFest volunteers! Just sent us an email to info@haileycityhall.org

FIND MORE FAQs www.haileycityhall.org