



# OUR TOWN

*Sustaining Hailey's Community*

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## Sustainable Public Works

### Yard Waste and Compost Tips

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013 is Clear Creek Disposal's Spring Yard Waste Clean-Up Day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Resident are invited to bring grass, yard trimmings and branches to the Park and Ride Lot drop off location at the corner of Bullion and River Streets in Hailey. Limit branches to a maximum of 8 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter. The clean yard waste will be chipped into mulch.

**MULCH** is available at \$1/cubic yard plus a \$5 loading fee at Ohio Gulch Transfer Station. Spreading a thin layer of mulch around the base of plants will add nutrients to the soil, regulate soil temperature, slow weed growth and help to retain water. After you deliver this spring's yard waste you can pick up a load of last year's to use in your beds

**DISPOSAL** – Yard waste is second only to paper in municipal solid waste streams, per the Environmental Protection Agency. A free yard waste disposal program is offered to Blaine County households year round at Ohio Gulch Waste Transfer Station. Loads must qualify in order to be free and are limited to one pickup load or less of clean yard waste per week. Waste must be un-bagged grass, leaves and branches. It must contain no dirt, rock, root balls, construction waste, noxious weeds, trash, food waste, plastic or other inorganic materials. Loads containing inappropriate materials will be charged at the transfer station rate of \$55 per ton. All loads not covered may be subject to a \$10 fine. Additional yard waste loads will be charged \$10 each. For more information, contact the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station at 788-2351.

**GRASSCYCLE** – Grass clippings, if left to decompose, return nutrients to the lawn and do not add to the thatch. (Thatch is formed by the roots of the grass, not the actual clippings; roots are comprised of lignin which decomposes slowly.) It is recommended to mow so grass is never more than 2 to 3 inches tall and don't cut more than one-third of the blade (no more than one inch total).

## Adopt a Park Feature

### Clearwater Landscaping

Active for a second year in Hailey's Adopt a Park program, Matt Hoskins of Clearwater Landscaping offered to take on the challenge of Keefer Park this year. "Its all about proper food and water," said the soils specialist.



*Award Winning Design, Installation, and Service*

Hoskins called city hall with an offer to adopt this park after Mayor Haemmerle had announced that the ballfields would be closed this spring for repair of the soccer and baseball fields. His management of the irrigation system and fertilization will be targeted to restore the park to full health without reconstruction.



## Calendar

### Important dates

City Council.....	5/06/13, 5/20/13
Hailey Arts Commission.....	5/02/13
Historic Preservation Commission.....	5/02/13
Hailey Library Board.....	5/15/13
Hailey Urban Renewal Agency.....	5/15/13
Parks & Lands Board .....	5/07/13
P&Z Commission.....	5/13/13
Tree Committee.....	5/09/13
*Memorial Day.....	5/27/2013

*\* City Hall Closed*

## Public Safety

### Keep House Numbers Visible

An important element of public safety and emergency response is a clearly visible house number. The number should be large and easily seen from the street, without being obscured by landscaping or furnishings. Please make sure the house numbers on the property you own or occupy can be seen by visitors and emergency personnel.

## Public Works Department

### Hailey Parks Get Recycling Containers

Thanks to funding by the Parks Foundation and the work of the Wood River High School W.A.T.E.R. Club, the City will soon be getting recycling receptacles at Hailey Parks. Parks will have plastic (#1-5) and aluminum/tin recycling containers.

Hailey residents and visitors will now have a place to recycle at Hailey Parks, but that is only half of the equation. The other half is making sure the correct items end up in the correct container. When the recycling container gets contaminated with garbage or the wrong recyclable item, the entire container becomes contaminated. This results in disposing of the all contents of the recycling container as trash and defeating the purpose of having recycling containers in the first place.

When containers get contaminated, it not only defeats the purpose of recycling, but it creates big headaches for park crews.

Next time you visit a city park...



STOP



THINK



RECYCLE

### Odd/Even Watering is in Effect

With the lawn and garden irrigation season beginning, the Hailey Public Works Department reminds all citizens of the requirement to observe odd-even dates and watering time restrictions for irrigation. This law – enacted to preserve our precious water resources – is upheld by using the following process when a violation occurs:

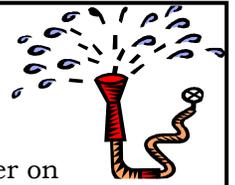
1st Violation - Door knob hanger with the violation marked

2nd Violation - Written violation letter from the City of Hailey

3rd Violation - Water turn off at the property with no further notice and a \$100 fee to have the water service reinstated.

### When Can I Water?

- ◆ Even numbered addresses water on even numbered days.
- ◆ Odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days.
- ◆ Must water before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.



Any questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at 788-9830, ext. 22.

### Thank you Keller-Williams Real Estate Co.!



*Hop Porter Park will receive a make over, thanks to the staff of Keller-Williams Real Estate Co. Over 20 volunteers will assist city crews on May 9 in a park clean up and restoration day.*

### CELEBRATE BIKE MONTH THIS MAY!



#### 8th Annual Bike Swap

May 17-18 at Sturtos in Hailey

Drop off bikes and bike gear on the 17th (10am-6pm). Shop on the 18th (8am-4pm)

#### Bike to Work/School Day

Friday, May 17 6:30-9am

Snacks, drinks & free stuff, courtesy of local sponsors.

#### Bike to School Challenge

May 20-31

Elementary students track their bike trips and win cool prizes.

For more information call: 788-RIDE (7433)  
[www.mountainrides.org](http://www.mountainrides.org)

## May Events at Hailey Library

Our events are online: [HaileyPublicLibrary.org](http://HaileyPublicLibrary.org)

**All Month:** *Idaho Booker's Dozen 2013* is the Idaho Center for the Book's traveling, juried exhibition of artists' books. It includes 15 titles coming from the U.S. and abroad. Please enjoy the display and info at our library throughout May.

**Tuesday, May 7 at 6 pm:** *Free Class: Indoor Herb Garden.* Green thumb Amy Anderson of Webb Landscape, Inc. discusses the delights of maintaining a year-round indoor herb garden. Learn which plants grow best indoors and how to care for them. Drop in with friends.

**Thursday, May 9 at 6 pm:** *Free Class: A Taste of Healthy Cooking.* Space is limited, sign-up required. Nutrition and convenience can co-exist. The Hunger Coalition shares a brand new slow cooker class at the library. To check if seats are still available, call the library at: 208-788-2036.

**Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am – 5 pm:** *Mother's Day Cards.* Come make something special for the moms in your life. Supplies will be available to anyone wanting to make a card.

**Saturday, May 11, 2:00 pm:** *Story Mania.* As we gear up for Summer Reading programs, our Saturday story hour will go on break. This is the last Saturday adventure until the fall, when we revisit story times. Wednesday Story Mania continues all summer long at 10:30 weekly.

**Tuesday, May 14 at 6 pm:** *Free Class: Flora and Fauna of the Wood River Valley.* Get to know your local environment with U.S. Forest Serviceman David Skinner. A slideshow enhances this class.

**May 20 – June 7:** *Spuds in Your Duds.* Adults, put a fun spin on this summer's reading theme: Groundbreaking Reads. Grow a potato in a pair of old jeans. Supplies provided; dirt not included.

LIBRARY EVENTS

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*WATER Club dresses as a rainbow for the Best Team Spirit competition*

to participate alongside you. It's simple: meet at 9 a.m. at Hop Porter Park where you can collect supplies, indicate which streets you'll clean, and grab a donut, then fan out to pick up the winter's leavings of litter. We'll meet again at noon for lunch donated by KB's, and the awarding of prizes for categories like Best Team Spirit (costumes, at the least!), Most Bags Collected by an Individual, and Weirdest Item Found. There will also be a Facebook photo contest this year. Clean Sweep is fun and also sets a great example of civic pride. Participation is free. Please join the ERC and your friends and neighbors for Clean Sweep on May 11. Youth and business groups, please give the ERC a heads up that you are participating. Questions: 726-4333 or email [lhorton@ercsv.org](mailto:lhorton@ercsv.org).

## Community Involvement

### ERC Clean Sweep is May 11

Clean Sweep is the only time each year when the valley community turns out to clean up our towns. The Environmental Resource Center (ERC), organizer of this event for 19 years, hopes you'll put May 11 on your calendar and marshal your friends, family and co-workers

## SPEND MEMORIAL DAY IN HAILEY

The Annual Memorial Day Ceremony honoring fallen soldiers will be held at the Hailey Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27th.



## Public Works Department Irrigation Season Reminder

With the onset of spring weather and start of the irrigation season homeowners are cautioned to pay particular attention to backflow prevention. To assure the safety and integrity of the City of Hailey water system, all irrigation systems are required to install an appropriate backflow protection device. An irrigation system permit is also required and can be obtained at City Hall or on our website at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org). There is no fee for the required permit and inspection. Appointments for inspections should be directed to our Public Works Department at 788-9830, ext. 17.

### Backflow

Backflow is the reversal of water flow from its normal direction - the normal direction being from the source to the tap. This reverse flow can send a customer's contaminated water back into the public system's safe drinking water supply.

Backflow is normally caused by either *backpressure* or *backsiphonage*. Backflow will occur through any unprotected cross-connection whenever backpressure and backsiphonage conditions exist.

**Backpressure** occurs when the pressure within a plumbing system is greater than the pressure of the incoming water supply. This "within-the-system" pressure pushes contaminated water "back" toward the safe drinking water supply.

**Causes:** Backpressure can be caused by the installation of pumps that increase pressures above the pressure of the water system supply, thereby forcing undrinkable water in the opposite direction of normal flow and back into the safe water supply line.

Steam boilers can also cause backpressure (or other equipment that heats water causing thermal expansion and resulting in pressures in excess of the incoming water pressure).

Elevated piping or tanks can also cause backpressure.

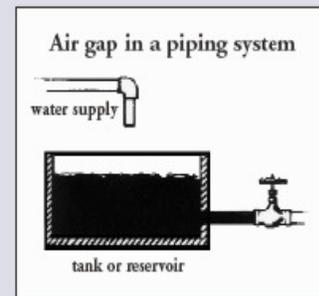
**Backsiphonage** is a backflow caused by a negative pressure (i.e., a vacuum or partial vacuum). This vacuum effect is similar to drinking water through a straw - water and possibly substances from a contaminated source are pulled back or sucked up into a potable (drinkable) water supply.

**Causes:** Backsiphonage (or a vacuum) can occur when there is a stoppage of water supply due to, for example, nearby fire fighting or a break in a water main. Simply flushing the water pipes to clean them may cause this phenomenon.

When this condition occurs, if you have an unprotected cross-connection (like an immersed hose filling a bucket of concentrated herbicide, or a garden hose submerged in a horse watering tank), the matter at the end of the hose will be sucked back into the public drinking water system, starting at the customer's house. ■

### Preventing backflow

*A backflow preventer is a means or mechanism to prevent backflow. The best and simplest means of preventing backflow is the air gap, which provides a physical separation between the end of a water supply outlet and the flood-level rim of a receiving vessel.*



*If an air gap is not possible, the next best mechanism for preventing backflow is a mechanical backflow preventer, which provides a physical barrier to backflow. Such devices or "assemblies" stop water from coming back into the safe drinking water supply system through spring loaded check valves thus preventing backpressure or backsiphonage. Of course, only use approved assemblies.*