



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Adopt-a-Park Feature

Lily & Fern

Founded in 1997, Lily & Fern specializes in perennial garden design, seasonal color, and flower baskets.



Downtown Hailey is adorned with flower barrels, flags and decorations to invite walkers around the business district. Lily & Fern can be credited for helping to establish the decade-long downtown flower program in Hailey.



Ten years ago, Lily & Fern owners Annie Cowden and Pam Lawrence launched a volunteer flower basket program, and raised funds from business owners to help support the effort. They braved the halls of city government to request funding, and were successful in securing the city's first small contributions to the program. The Hailey Chamber of Commerce continues the program each year.

Lily & Fern is the adopter of Jimmy's Garden, Hailey's beloved downtown water park designed by Dean Hernandez. Now for a second year as the park's adopter, Lily & Fern cares for the landscaping features of Jimmy's Garden, keeping weeds trimmed, flowers blooming, and a morning freshness about the beautiful park, pictured at top.



Mayor's Message

Enjoy Hailey's Summer Festivities

Hailey is full of activity this year. Volunteers have launched new events which promise to be annual events. We have folks to thank for this robust level of activity, such as:

- ◆ Hailey Tree Committee Chair Bill Josey for Arborfest and Mud Run the first Saturday in May.
- ◆ Hailey Parks Board member Lamar Waters for the Skate Comp held at the skatepark in June.
- ◆ Billy Olsen and the Powerhouse for the lawless fun brought each year with the Sheeptown Drag Nationals Bike Race.
- ◆ The Sawtooth Rangers, who put on the most awesome rodeo on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of each year.
- ◆ Hailey businesses who contribute to a fireworks show which booms off canyon walls and lights the night sky each 4th of July.
- ◆ The Chamber of Commerce and City Staff who help put on the July 4th Parade and new Freedom Street Dance, as well as Summerfest Carnival in June.
- ◆ The Hailey Police, Fire and Street Departments who help make action events such as the Criterium Bike Race safe on our downtown streets.

- ◆ Debbie and Stefanie O'Neill, who worked so hard to support Bob and Jani Bergdahl to Bring Bowe Back.
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**Community Drop-Off Locations
Glass AND Cardboard ONLY**

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS!

GOOD: Hailey citizens are recycling and diverting copious amounts of cardboard and glass at the Park and Ride location on the corner of River and Bullion Street.

BAD: Often this location exceeds receiving capacity and ends up looking like this...That's Bad.



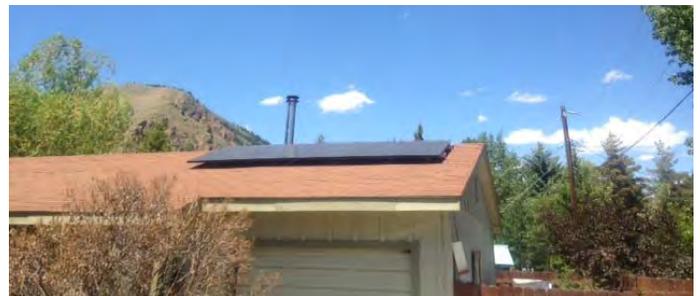
GOOD: There's a 2nd location at 617 S. 3rd Ave. — between the Senior Center and Hailey Elementary that longs for your cardboard and glass.

PERFECT FOR WOODSIDE, DEEFIELD, & FOXMOORE, AND OLD HAILEY RESIDENTS!



Hailey Gets Solarized!

Solar thermal or solar photovoltaic energy systems were installed on the roofs of eight (8) Hailey residences in June and one (1) more is expected soon. The projects were installed on a number of homes in neighborhoods throughout Hailey, including, China Gardens, Northridge, and Old Hailey. The average payback of the systems is 7-8 years, saving homeowners hundreds of dollars on utility bills each year thereafter. The systems vary in the energy that they off-set, from general electricity, hot water heating and space heating. The Hailey Community Climate Challenge provided a



\$2000 rebate to winners of the award, in addition to the Idaho State tax deduction and 30% federal tax credit.

Even small scale solar projects such as these help 1) increase energy security and independence, 2) guard against future energy price volatility, 3) avoid greenhouse gas emissions, 4) save utility bill payers money, and 5) increase property values.

Why Did Sewer Rates Increase?

The Hailey City Council approved a 30% increase to sewer rates for a period of five months. The rate increase will capture enough revenue to pay for engineering of a new wastewater biosolids facility.

Wastewater biosolids (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, as the dome serves no purpose other than to house the sludge tanks. The dome would be replaced with a much smaller facility with new 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 one of the many operational cost savings and higher efficiencies to be gained through this process.

During the next year, Hailey city officials will begin talking to voters about a bond to pay for the project. The current higher rates will be in effect for five months, then decreased thereafter to a rate that is estimated to stay stable even if a \$4 million dollar bond is authorized by voters.

Calendar

Important dates

City Council.....7/01/13, 7/15/13
 Arts and History Preservation Commission.....7/11/13
 Hailey Library Board..... 7/17/13
 Hailey Urban Renewal Agency.....7/26/13
 Parks & Lands Board7/11/13
 P&Z Commission.....7/08/13, 7/22/13

Hailey Public Library June Events

More information: HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Tuesday, July 2 at 6 pm: *Author Talk: Kurt Koontz. A Million Steps*, due out in September, tells Kurt's inspirational story of a month-long, 500-mile walk on the Camino de Santiago. Traveling from France to Spain, Kurt learned about life, love and addiction. All are welcome.

Wednesday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m.: *Special Story Mania for Kids.* Author Molly Padulo joins this week's story hour and reads *Nothing Better*, her story about a retired racehorse and a little girl who become best friends. Bring your young horse lovers and cowfolk to the library. We're going to dig into reading.

Thursday, July 4: Today only, the library will be closed in honor of Independence day.

Friday, July 5: *Summer Reading begins for all registered participants.* 1st – 8th graders will turn in their reading logs on Friday or Saturday each week starting July 12 to collect incentives. Please note that the prizes must be earned in order, and collected each week on Friday or Saturday. It's O.K. to send in a reading log with a friend.

Thursday, July 11, 18, and 25: *Kindergarten Reading Initiative Workshops* continue for registered parents and their children. Designed to help parents prepare their young children to be successful readers, these workshops share knowledge of the Early Literacy skills. Thank you to the Friends, Idaho Commission for Libraries, and the Lee Pesky Learning Center for helping make this program possible.

Thursdays at 4 pm: *TNT Thursdays.* The gaming and craft activities of our weekly tweens and teens program continue. Youth ages 10 – 18 may bring friends, summer visitors or just drop in each week.

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City Staff Milestones

Come in to **Hailey's Community Development Department** to meet Kristine Hilt, coordinator for the department. Kristine assists Micah Austin, Community Development Director, in coordinating the planning, development, and building projects in Hailey.



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- ♦ The Hailey Arts Commission and Sheila Kelly for A Day of Chalk in downtown Hailey on July 13, 2013.
- ♦ Judd Mortenson, the producer of Professional Bull Riders Classic and late night concert at the Arena on July 26, 2013. The band will play until 11:30 p.m.
- ♦ Pete Kramer and the Northern Rockies Music Festival committee who have tirelessly put on Hailey's premier music event for 36 years.
- ♦ Jim Spinelli and all the Kiwanas Club members who bring an antique car show to Hailey each August.
- ♦ Reed Larson, the Sawtooth Rangers, and Intermountain Professional Rodeo Association (IMPRA), who have brought their associations championship finals rodeo to Hailey's Arena on Labor Day weekend.
- ♦ Danny Walton and Mountain Niceness Productions for bringing Mountain-World Jam Music Event to the Hailey Arena on July 20, 2013.
- ♦ Pastors Mark and Linda Clementz, Richard Calcagno, and all those from Wood River Assembly of God Church for organizing a youth outreach skateboarding event and concert at Hailey Skatepark and Arena on September 7, 2013.

