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Message from the Mayor

Mayor's Mid-Term Report

Two years ago Fritz Haemmerle took the oath of office as Mayor of Hailey. Shortly thereafter, he set goals with the City Council and staff. We present here a progress report on those goals.

Goal 1. Finish Werthheimer Park

Results: The Skatepark was refined, restroom added, and exciting skate demonstrations and competitions held.

The Welcome Center was built and occupied by a beautiful historical exhibit and the Hailey Chamber of Commerce. We achieved a higher LEED certification than we anticipated, LEED Silver.

Hailey Ice moved their outdoor rink to the Arena, and is in the final stages of a fundraising effort to finish the refrigerated ice rink, begun in 2010. Hailey Ice plans to be back under construction this April.

Events have been expanded in the Arena, from pro rodeo finals to pro bull riding events, and a circus. Signage has been erected, except for the marquee sign, on which a decision as to form was made near the end of December, 2013. That sign will be erected in early 2014.

Goal 2. Make a Decision on Quigley Annexation

Results: The annexation was denied, and in the aftermath of that decision Nordic ski trails were developed in Croy Canyon, with the trailhead at Lions Park. The Wood River Land Trust constructed the Bow Bridge, which now connects pedestrians and skiers from the Draper Preserve to Lion's Park across the Big Wood River. Hailey officials began to explore alternate locations for snow storage.

Goal 3. Concentrate on Woodside Project

Results: Believing that performance is better when projects are thoroughly finished before the next one is begun, Mayor Haemmerle focused his first year in office on the Woodside Boulevard construction and his second year on finishing the landscaping and roundabout. Also in the second year we informed, educated and enforced driving and parking rules new to the street.

Thwarted by a utilities delay claim filed by the contractor Knife River, the project is not yet closed out. With the claim still pending, the grantor is unable to close out the project. Final improvements, such as installing the art, must wait until the project is closed out with US DOT, who contributed \$3.5 MM in funding to the project.

The project has earned three awards, a Smart Growth award and two Public Involvement awards.

Goal 4. Adopt a correct form of Complete Streets

Results: By the end of 2012, Title 18 "Mobility Design" was adopted, which was a simplified version of the controversial "complete streets" effort of the previous year. A map identifying road types and applying sidewalks to appropriate road types was developed. Sharrows were installed on Bullion Street, marking pedestrian and bike routes. An ordinance was instituted to regulate bicycles in cross-walks on Main Street, through dismount zones intended to increase safety.

Goal 5. Reform Community Development Office

Results: The entire staff of the Community Development office is new, with a building official contracted through the Idaho Department of Building and Safety. The Community Development Director and CDD Coordinator are both focused on strong customer service to the business and development community. Results of their efforts include a completed Hailey Urban Renewal District, the Hometown Holiday Square, and economic development efforts resulting in the Cottages Assisted Living entitlements, and outreach to Boise State University.



Calendar

Important Dates

City Council	01/06/14
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....	01//02/14
Parks & Lands Board	01/07/14
Planning & Zoning Meetings	01/13/14
Tree Committee.....	01/09/14
Urban Renewal Agency	01/08/14
New Year's Day *	01/01/14
Idaho Human Rights Day *	01/20/14

* City offices closed .

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Goal 6. Work with Chamber and SVMA on Events

Results: The Hailey Chamber of Commerce have teamed with South Valley Merchant's Alliance and the City of Hailey to create many new, vibrant events. New in Hailey over the past 2 years have been ArborFest, IMPRA Final Pro Rodeo, Skatepark events, the Hometown Holiday Square, PBR Bull Riding, a circus, and improvements to Summerfest and Halloween Hoopla.

Goal 7. Work on Hailey Product

Results: Hailey staff and officials are more present to their community, which is their product. Woodside residents were involved in the Woodside project, the Adopt a Park program was expanded, streets are more frequently swept, park cleanup is done earlier in the spring, Keefer Park ballfields have been restored, street crossings have been improved and made more safe on Main Street, holiday lighting and flags have been added in downtown. Attention to detail and quality control are paramount.

Goal 8. Conclude Litigation

Results: Pending litigation over the demand by Blaine County that cities pay dispatch fees for a county service was concluded without litigation. A compromise was reached with resulted in more equitable fee formula for cities to support the centralized dispatch center.

The court decision in Cutters was appealed by Hailey, and the appeal will be concluded in 2014.

Goal 9. Enhance FMAA Communications

Results: Communication between City of Hailey FMAA representatives and FMAA staff have been enhanced. Hailey's voice on the FMAA board is strong and influential in an effort to limit expansion of the airport.

Goal 10. Make sure Jimmy's Garden fountains work.

Results: Pumps and parts were retrofitted at Jimmy's Garden. This favorite seasonal park will be opened each year prior to Memorial Day Weekend.

Goal 11. Music in Hailey

Results: The business community has taken over producing music in downtown Hailey. Sun Valley Brewery, the Wicked Spud, and Power House all produce music outdoors during the summer to create downtown vitality.

Goal 12. Historic Preservation

Results: The Welcome Center exhibits at Wertheimer Park were launched, and in July 2014 a travelling

Smithsonian Exhibit entitle Hometown Teams will visit the Welcome Center and Blaine County Historical Museum. Hailey Crossroads brochure was developed, and the Arts Commission was joined with the Hailey Historic Preservation Commission to increase synergy.

Goal 13. Launch Alley Clean-up Program

Results: The alley improvement program was launched in 2013, with all the alleys in the commercial district cleaned and paved. In 2014, clean-up and mowing activities will occur in alleys between First and Third Avenues in Old Hailey.

Goal 14. Use Open Windows in Downtown

Results: With the encouragement of city officials, vacant buildings in downtown have been used to display ads and bring vibrancy to downtown.

Goal 15. West Hailey developed for Recreation

Results: The Bow Bridge was built to connect Lions Park to the Draper Preserve, wetlands have been restored, and BCRD has established Nordic Trails from Lions Park along the river and west into Croy Canyon.

Additional Items: Life safety is a critical element of city government. Mayor Haemmerle and the Chief Gunter make weekly visits to the Hailey Skatepark to insure the safety of children. Hailey participated in protecting the community at large during the Beaver Creek Fire, and launched HaileyRecovers.org, a data base for connecting help with those who need it during emergencies. Hailey recruited and hired a new fire chief.



Hailey Public Library January Events

Our staff wishes you a Happy New Year. Visit your Library online:

www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Wednesdays at 10:30am: Story Mania. Help young children build a love of libraries and books by participating in this interactive story hour. Each weekly you'll enjoy a new theme of stories and crafts. New folks are always welcome to join in.

Thursdays from 4pm – 5pm: TNT Thursdays. Ages 10 – 18 enjoy gaming on Wii and Xbox, and a new craft or activity each week. Drop in solo or bring your friends. Game selection starts with: Kinect Adventures, Borderlands 2, Halo 4, and Super Smash Bros.


Thursdays from 6pm – 7:30pm: Knitting and Crocheting Maker. Bring your Project and materials each week to knit and crochet in good company. Make something at your library.

Thursday, Jan. 16 from 6pm – 7:00pm: Adult Book Club Discussion. All are welcome to join in a discussion of Leslie Marmon Silko's *Ceremony*. The main character, Tayo, experiences battle fatigue after fighting in WWII. While his comrades seek alcohol, Tayo turns to the tribe for a healing ceremony. Books available at the library.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
HAILEY COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHALLENGE PREMIERE
A DOCUMENTARY HOSTED BY MARIEL HEMINGWAY
AND FEATURING FOLKS YOU KNOW

HAILEY COMMUNITY
 a **FILM** about
bikeshare, construction
waste recycling, energy
audits, renewable energy,
green building, material
salvage, LED streetlights

Local Action

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH
6:30 PM

COMMUNITY CAMPUS
PERFORMING ARTS THEATER
1050 Fox Acres Rd, Hailey

HAILEY COMMUNITY
 **Sustainable Benches
Showcased at the Ice Rink**

Michael Walsh's 2nd year Residential Construction Academy class at Wood River High School has partnered with the City's Hailey Community Climate Challenge and the Building Material Thrift Store to create two benches made from salvaged materials purchased from the Building Material Thrift Store. The students designed two difference benches, selected the salvaged materials and constructed them for use in Hailey Parks and other public spaces. Both benches will be showcased through the winter at Werthheimer Park's ice rink. The effort will promote repurposing salvaged materials—in this case to create interesting and functional art pieces for the public to enjoy.



Holiday Boxes and Tree Disposal

After the holiday season, there are many ways to dispose of waste responsibly. Corrugated cardboard boxes, collapsed, can be placed in the cardboard recycling bins at one of Hailey's cardboard recycling locations:

- north edge of the River Street Park & Ride lot, or
- Hailey Fire Station parking lot on Third Ave S.

Paperboard (non-corrugated cardboard) is considered mixed paper and is recyclable in the blue curbside bin with other paper products on your trash day.

Christmas trees are composted and are gladly accepted at the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station Monday through Saturday 8-5 or you can drop off your tree for composting at the Hailey Park and Ride through Jan. 19th.

Fee Changes go into Effective December 1st

For the last few months customers have seen some changes, mostly decreases, to their utility bills following actions of the Hailey City Council to refine rates and the ordinances governing rates. Below are the primary objectives of the new fees and conservation programs:

- ◆ Generate enough revenue from rates to fund FY2014 budget expenses
- ◆ Promote water conservation while not overburdening citizens with excessive fees
- ◆ Reduce demand to curtail excess water use, which will further supply efforts
- ◆ Reduce water consumption to alleviate or postpone future impacts and expenses incurred by conjunctive management
- ◆ Maintain the health and aesthetics of Hailey’s urban landscape by proactively addressing irrigation deficiencies and curtailing excess water usage to more effectively and efficiently use water
- ◆ Create a more equitable rate system—pay for what you use/discharge to wastewater system.

November Bill (received at the beginning of December) was less, assuming water usage remained constant or decreased compared to October’s bill. There was a reduction in the bill based on the council’s intent to lower sewer rates in both October and November, 2013.

December Bill (received at the beginning of January) and each month thereafter —may be less or more, as previously stated and illustrated below.

- The new water and wastewater rates will apply.
- A temporary fee for wastewater engineering expenses will be reduced from previous months’ fees (May-September 2013), but not eliminated. The temporary fee is scheduled to expire September 2014.

April Bill (to be received at the beginning of May) **will be adjusted** to establish wastewater rates, based upon winter water usage. It is important to note that the new rate structure offers more incentives for decreased sewer bills based on wintertime water use. Minor faucet drips can increase your water usage by thousands of gallons per month. It is important to keep winter water usage low in order to gain the best wastewater rate in April for the following twelve month period.

Last month city water crews checks 30 services for leaks, and identified 12 leaks of which property owners were unaware. A credit is given when such leaks are fixed.. Please call the utility billing office if you have questions or concerns about your water use. 208-788-9830 ex 22.

Other Wastewater News Biosolids Project

What was the City Council’s decision regarding the production of Class A vs. Class B biosolids?

The market for biosolids reuse in the Wood River Valley is unknown at this time. Because of this, it is unknown if the City would be responsible for storage or disposal of Class A compost in the winter months and if there is potential for other increased operations costs. Additionally, there is likely not enough of a financial benefit from the sale of the biosolids material to provide a return on the capital investment to produce Class A biosolids. The City Council recommended moving forward with the recommended project in the Preliminary Engineering Report to produce Class B biosolids. This does not prevent the City from pursuing Class A biosolids in the future.

Utility bill costs for various usage scenarios—effective December 1st and billed with the January 1, 2014 utility bill enclosed.

Customer Example (based on typical usage— actual usage is determined by individual metered amount for each customer)	Average Winter Water Us- age (6 Mos)	Average Summer Water Usage (6 Mos)	Current Annual Wa- ter Bill	Proposed Annual Wa- ter Bill	Current Annual Sewer Bill	Proposed Annual Sewer Bill	Total Cur- rent An- nual Bill	Total Pro- posed An- nual Bill	Difference in Total Annual Bill
Townhouse - No Irrig	2,000	2,000	\$105.84	\$93.00	\$394.08	\$275.16	\$499.92	\$368.16	\$131.76 less
1 Person Residence	2,000	15,000	\$125.34	\$120.00	\$394.08	\$275.16	\$519.42	\$395.16	\$124.26 less
Large Lot - SFH	4,000	40,000	\$180.84	\$243.00	\$537.36	\$461.88	\$718.20	\$704.88	\$13.32 less
Single Family House	4,000	25,000	\$143.34	\$160.50	\$537.36	\$461.88	\$680.70	\$622.38	\$58.32 less
Single Family House	4,000	18,000	\$132.84	\$132.00	\$537.36	\$461.88	\$670.20	\$593.88	\$76.32 less
Single Family House	8,000	18,000	\$138.84	\$138.00	\$823.92	\$835.32	\$962.76	\$973.32	\$10.56 more
Large Water Consumer	25,000	25,000	\$174.84	\$222.00	\$2,041.80	\$2,334.00	\$2,216.64	\$2,556.00	\$339.36 more