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Message from the Mayor **Sustainability Office To Merge With Public Works**

Mayor Haemmerle is pleased to announce that former Sustainability Coordinator Mariel Platt will become Hailey's new Public Works Operations Director in March, 2014. In her new position, Platt will work in team with Public Works Director/City Engineer Tom Hellen.

Platt will manage operations, implementing public processes, programs, and enhanced communication. The City Engineer's focus will be more predominately on infrastructure planning and development.



The Public Works Department is the city's largest department, which employs 19 full time employees, two to five seasonal employees, and utilizes two boards and currently one ad-hoc committee. Traditionally comprised of several divisions including water, wastewater, streets, parks, and engineering, Hailey developed its sustainability efforts through the department and also with the help of an EPA grant which funded a separate position, the Sustainability Coordinator. Now, at the conclusion of that three-year grant, Hailey has identified that sustainability efforts should be integral to the operational functions, rather than independent of the departments. The creation of the Public Works Operations Director position is intended to further integrate sustainable practices throughout the public works operations.

Under the leadership of Mayor Haemmerle, the City of Hailey has focused on public works operations, programs, and projects, including water conservation efforts and refining Hailey's 16 parks, with the goal of making each park useful. Platt, in her new position, will focus more specifically on programs that connect the public with their own infrastructure. Among other tasks, Platt will assist in water conservation and developing programs within Hailey's parks, ensuring that the parks are operated in a manner consistent with the goal of full community utilization of all Hailey's public space.

Meeting Highlights—Water Seminar **Water Conservation and Conjunctive Management**

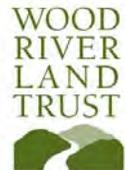
An all-day seminar on Conjunctive Management and Water Conservation is being hosted on Friday, March 7th in Hailey at the Community Campus. Seminar information is on strategies for sustainable and collaborative water use as we enter a new era of water administration and management. Morning speakers and panel will discuss:

- The WR Valley aquifer, hydrology and USGS-IDWR groundwater flow model
- Idaho Conjunctive Management and Rule
- Groundwater District formation
- Conservation, Mitigation and other Strategies

Afternoon workshops will be for water saving practices for agriculture, residential and commercial applications.

- How to install/convert to Drought Tolerant Lawns and Pollinator Gardens
- Commercial and Residential Landscaping– How to save 30-70% on water use
- Precision Crop Metrics for Agriculture
- New agricultural programs & data regarding water/energy savings from Idaho Power

Hosted by WRLT, UIIdaho Extension and The Nature Conservancy. More info at: <http://www.ext.uidaho.edu/blaine> or call 788-5585 to register; \$15 includes lunch. Scholarships available.



Calendar

Important Dates

City Council	02/03/14
Art & Historic Preservation Commission..	02/13/14
Hailey Public Library Board	02/19/14
Parks & Lands Board	02/05/14
Planning & Zoning Meetings	02/10/14
Tree Committee.....	02/13/14
Urban Renewal Agency	02/12/14
President's Day *	02/17/14

* City offices closed .

Hailey Public Library February Events

We packed the calendar this month. Find details here: www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Feb. 1st-28th: Blind Date with a Book.

There are plenty of books in the sea, Valentine. Let us set you up with a few. Check out and read a book with masked identity. Then fill out the Rate Your Blind Date Survey to enter a raffle. Ask for details.

Fridays at 10 AM: Story Time. This young children's story hour program is led by Jeanie Johnston. New folks always welcome

Friday, Feb. 7th from 3 - 5 PM: Valentine Card-making Workshop. Drop in for a sweetheart of a time creating a handmade valentine card for some-one special. Paper, glue, glitter, doilies, rubber stamps... all materials supplied until gone.

Tuesday, Feb. 11th from 6-7:30 PM: Expedition Asia: Flyfishing Uttarakhand and Jurassic Park. Bryant Dunn has been flyfishing the Himalayas since 2007. He'll share his adventures and wisdom alongside a slideshow presentation.

*****Tuesday, Feb. 18th from 5-7 PM: Hailey Public Library's 95th Anniversary Party***** Come celebrate the 95th anniversary of your library by enjoying refreshments, cake, and live music. The Hailey Arts Commission unveils their mosaic project, you help name the mascot bear, and a few special guests share their passion for the Hailey library. Check our website for full details.

Friday, February 20th from 6 - 7 PM: Adult Book Discussion. Meet new people and participate in thoughtful discussions with the adult book club. This month's discussion is on James Welch's *Fools Crow*.

Tuesday, Feb. 25th from 6 - 7 PM: Astrology Talk with Joyce Valenzano Come to learn what astrology is, what it is not, and how it can teach us about our strengths and weaknesses. For 6th -12th graders and interested adults.

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Hailey Fire Department Annual Report
The annual report from Hailey Fire Department is included with this edition of Our Town.



February Tree Tip

Give your trees a drink.

Winter droughts require watering as much as summer droughts. If temperatures permit, an occasional watering during the winter on young trees can be a life saver. Be sure to water only when soil and trees are cool but not frozen.



When winter lighting season ends, remove the lights from your trees. Light cords wrapped around tree trunks and branches impede the growth of trees, and can even kill them if too tight.

Tree Tip Courtesy of the Hailey Tree Committee

Conservation Grant

Protect Important Wildlife Habitat

The City of Hailey, with Grant assistance from the Blaine County Land, Water and Wildlife Program, will use conservation funds to erect information signs at trailheads accessing wildlife habitat on the north-eastern boundary of Hailey.

The Quigley area is the northernmost winter range for mule deer in the Big Wood River drainage. Red Devil, Hangman



Gulch and neighboring gulches are home to some 400-500 deer in winter. This is the highest density of wintering deer in the valley. Cold temperatures and snow make winter a stressful time for wildlife. When they are forced to move, stop feeding or get up from their beds or away from thermal cover they use precious energy in the form of vital fat stores.

The area is important to wildlife all year long, as a crucial winter range for deer and elk from December until late April, as a migration corridor for mule deer, and as a fawning area.

Recreationists are urged to consider recreating elsewhere in winter. When accessing the area, hikers and riders are asked to stay on trails, avoid creating new trails, move away from wildlife, and keep dogs leashed.