



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Message from the Mayor

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.

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

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

More info at: <http://www.ext.uidaho.edu/blaine> or call 788-5585 to register; \$15 includes lunch.

Kaitlyn Farrington and Hailey Fire Chief Craig Aberbach share a moment prior to a "Welcome Home" parade through Hailey. Kaitlyn won gold again from Hailey; **Mayor Haemmerle** presented the gold medalist with a Key to the City pendant.



Water Quality

Backflow Prevention Program Begins

Hailey will implement a comprehensive backflow testing program this season. All residential irrigation systems fall under Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulations for irrigation system testing of backflow prevention devices. Inspections of businesses, a more extensive process, fall under DEQ rules as well.

A backflow device is a mechanical piece which keeps dangerous chemicals from entering the city water system. The most common is a double check valve which is used on irrigation systems. There are other devices that provide greater protection in certain business environments and circumstances .

How will the inspection program be implemented?

1. A brief survey is distributed with this mailing. All customers, both residential and business, are asked to return the survey immediately.
2. From your survey information we will be able to help you identify whether or not you need an inspection, and what type. A list of certified testers will be provided on our website
3. You may use a certified tester of your choice. Your landscape company may have some recommendations and be able to perform your test during spring irrigation turn-on activities. The scheduling and cost of tests are your responsibility.
4. We will maintain a data-base of your backflow equipment and tests, from which we will be able to send reminders and information relative to the annual process.

Questions can be directed to Hailey's utility billing clerk at 788-9830 ex 22 or to utility.billing@haileycityhall.org

Calendar

Important Dates

- City Council 03/03/14 and 03/17/14
- Art & Historic Preservation Commission..03/13/14
- Hailey Public Library Board03/19/14
- Parks & Lands Board03/05/14
- Planning & Zoning Meetings 03/10/14
- Tree Committee.....03/13/14
- Urban Renewal Agency 03/12/14

Hailey Public Library March Events

We packed the calendar this March. Complete details are at: www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Watch for Teen Tech Week: "DIY @ your library," where teens will have an opportunity to create and share ideas.

Tuesday, March 4 from 6pm-7:30pm: *Dog Trainer: Featuring Barb Williams.* Communicate better with dogs and learn why attention work is important. Please leave your dog with a sitter.

Tuesday, March 11 & 25 from 6:00 – 7:30pm: *Sculpting 101.* This is a two-part sculpture class. Registration will be required. See details online.

Tuesday, March 18 6-7:30pm: *Living with Wildlife.* Lee and Robin Garwood offer ways to coexist with songbirds, moose and predators.

Thursday, March 13 from 6pm-7:30 pm: *Knitting and Crocheting Maker Space Finale.* Bring a small plate of cookies or brownies and celebrate your good work...until next season.

Thursday, March 20 from 6 – 7 PM: *Adult Book Discussion.* Willa Cather's *The Professor's House* is the last book in the Western Fiction series.

Thursday, March 27 from 6 – 7:30 PM: *Plant Yourself During Staycation.* It is finally here: a valley-wide Seed Exchange program. See a film, and learn the details of participation.

Thursdays from 4-5pm: *TNT Thursdays* allow our tweens and teens, ages 10 – 18, to enjoy an hour of crafts and gaming. Drop in.

Fridays from 10-11AM: *Story Time* is an interactive story hour for young children and their guardians. All are welcome.

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Meeting Highlights

Conditional Use Permit for Schools



Hailey Planning & Zoning Commission - March 10, 2014

Amendment to the Hailey Zoning Ordinance to establish schools as a conditional use in residential areas, instead of a permitted use, to be forwarded to the Hailey City Council for consideration in April, 2014.

The purpose of the amendment is to insure that schools are planned in a safe manner consistent with the design of the neighborhood. Generally, it is believed that schools belong in residential neighborhoods, and should be designed in a manner to fit the neighborhood in terms of the size of the school property, the open space around the school, traffic considerations, and sufficient parking.

Permits

Landscaping, Fences and Trees

Trees within city right-of-ways are considered public trees. Trimming or removing them is allowed only with a permit.

Landscaping projects in the right-of-way must be approved through a city encroachment permit. The permit is designed to guide landscaping projects with safety in mind; traffic visibility, proper grade and drainage for longer lasting asphalt, and placement so that snow plowing doesn't destroy your finished product. Any grading, planting, curbing, installation of pavers, driveways, berms, or walls are subject to an encroachment permit.

Fence Permits are easily obtained from the Community Development Department. A simple description of the fence, showing materials, height, and placement on the property is required. The fence permit is subject to a \$30 fee.

Hailey Tree Committee Seeks Members

Consider joining the Hailey Tree Committee. This vibrant group won the 2013 Committee Effort and Vision Award for creating the Wood River Valley Tree Guide, and ArbroFest!



The committee currently meets the second Thursday of each month from September through May to plan and manage Hailey's urban forest (no meetings in summer). Call 788-4221 x 18 with questions. Submit a letter of interest to heather.dawson@haileycityhall.org.

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of our local
Olympians.

