



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Message from the Mayor

May Elections Important to Hailey

Mark your calendars and vote on May 20, 2014

In less than a month, you will be asked to decide on two important financial measures for the City of Hailey:

Blaine County/Cities Road, Bridge, & Street Levy

is a 2-year levy which will bring in over \$450,000 to the City of Hailey and would be used solely on street maintenance and repairs. The cost to Hailey tax payers is estimated to be a .06487% increase in their levy:

Hailey could use the funds broadly.	Property Value	Annual Tax Increase
Some potential projects include:	\$100,000	\$64.87

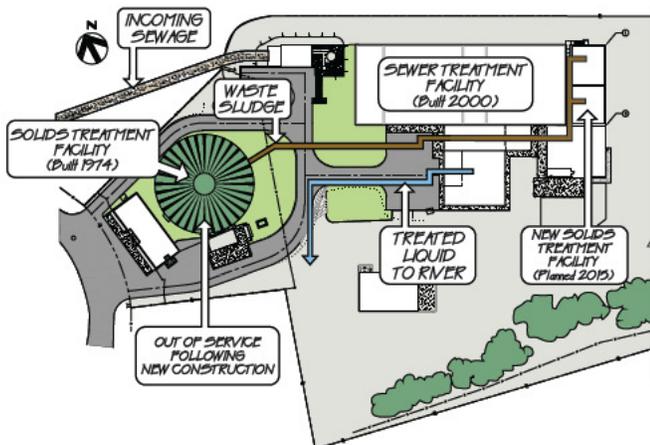
Some potential projects include:

- Providing residents new bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Keeping streets maintained now and into the future— with these funds, the average remaining life of streets may be increased 7 years.
- Drainage and shoulder improvements:
- Repair failed streets—reconstruction of some street sections are needed.

See attached flyer for more information on this levy.

Sewer Solids Treatment Project—Revenue Bond

This Sewer Revenue Bond is needed to improve part of the sewer treatment facility – a part that was not updated when the new plant was built in 2000.



The City will continue to use the portion of the plant, built in 2000, and would replace the “green dome” built in 1974 with a new solids handling facility.

Why is a new solids treatment facility needed?

In 2000, the City constructed new facilities to treat the liquid portion of the 600,000 gallons of sewage flushed into the sewer system by residents and businesses each day. To extend their initial investment, the City modified the original facilities built in 1974 to handle solids. This portion of the plant has deteriorated and become less efficient and more expensive to operate.



Shown here, many parts of the 1974 facility are corroded and rusting, causing safety concerns.

What is the cost of the project and will rates go up?

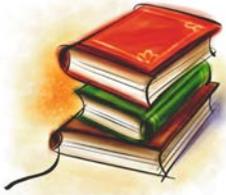
We estimate the project will cost approximately \$6.5 million. **Average users will see an increase of less than \$3.50 per month.**

THE KIWANIS CLUB of Hailey & the Wood River Valley



KIWANIS CLUB has succeeded in raising \$10,000 dollars for playground equipment to be installed at Deerfield Park. The club has matched that donation, and is working with the City to install a \$20,000 new playground. But wait, don't stop there; the club plans to continue its drive to benefit other city parks.

Plan on attending their inaugural HOME & GARDEN SHOW Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the Idaho National Guard Armory. Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.



Hailey Public Library
May Events
Happy spring everyone.

HaileyPublicLibrary.org

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.

Saturday, May 10 from 1-4pm: *Mother's Day Cardmaking.* DROP IN for a fun time creating a Mother's Day card for someone you love. All supplies will be provided until gone.

Tuesday, May 13 at 6PM: *Successful Financial Planning.* Learn different strategies to help develop different ways to think about money and spending habits. Also, register now for a private consultation before the event. Limited space is available between 1pm and 5:30pm.

Tuesday, May 20 at 6PM: Join Scott Slonim for StarLab presentations at 5:30PM or 6:30PM. Explore the night sky and stay warm in this portable planetarium. Families are welcome. Learn to identify a variety of constellations and some of the stories behind them. Scott will also discuss the phases of the moon and bring a real shooting star. Pre-registration is required by calling HPL at 788-2036. (Limited to 20 participants in each of the two shows)

Thursday, May 22 (Time to be determined): Peter Dyndiuk, who with the help of his 20" reflecting telescope, will point out planets, planetary nebula and several galaxies. This presentation will take place at a prime viewing site which must be 100% light free. (TBD) Pre-registration will also be required for this event by calling HPL at 788-2036.

LIBRARY EVENTS

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Parks Adoption Program
Keller Williams Realtors Adopt Park on May 8 for Red Day Initiative

RED Day (Renew, Energize and Donate) is an initiative dedicated to celebrating Keller Williams Realty's year-round commitment to improving local communities. Each year, on the second Thursday in May, tens of thousands of associates from across the United States and Canada participate in a wide range of projects, devoting their time to renewing and energizing aspects of the neighborhoods in which they serve. Our local Keller Williams Realtors plan to assign 20 volunteers from their ranks to Hop Porter Park maintenance activities for their 2014 RED Day initiative. At mid-day, they will host a barbeque. Please feel welcome to stop by and thank them for their work.



RED Day is held in honor of Mo Anderson, Vice Chairman of the Board, Keller Williams Realty, and recognizes her leadership in guiding the culture of the company.

Calendar

Important Dates

- City Council..... 05/05/14 and 05/19/14
- Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....05/08/14
- Hailey Public Library Board.....05/14/14
- Parks & Lands Board 05/06/14
- Planning & Zoning Meetings..... . 05/12/14
- Tree Committee 05/08/14
- Urban Renewal Agency 05/14/14

- Elections**—Sewer Bond & Streets Levy 05/20/14
- ArborFest!** At Hop Porter Park ... Saturday 05/10/14
- Memorial Day** - City Hall Closed 05/26/14



WOW Project and Sun Valley Center for the Arts

Come celebrate StoryWalk on May 9th, 1-2pm, Jimmy's Garden-East Croy Street
 Hailey Elementary 3rd graders will display an illustrated story about Hailey Parks through the month of May

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 26th.

Emergency Services - Police & Fire Do the Right Thing Youth Program

The City of Hailey Fire and Police Departments, together with the Blaine County School District, announce a new program called, Do The Right Thing. The program is designed to reinforce positive behavior among youth in the community. A nationwide program, our new Hailey, Idaho chapter of Do The Right Thing in Hailey is the first in Idaho.

Hailey Police Chief Jeff Gunter observes, "We have a lot of positive things going for our community. Do The Right Thing is a way for groups like the City of Hailey and the Blaine County School District to come together and encourage young people to continue making healthy choices and using wise judgment."

Hailey Fire Chief Craig Aberbach initiated the program in Hailey after seeing how successful it is in his former

community in Florida. "I saw first-hand how this program impacts youth in a positive way. My experience was motivating and rewarding. I am excited to start a similar program here."

All eight Blaine County schools will participate in the program. "We want to recognize students regardless of which city they live in, this is for our entire community," said Heather Crocker, BCSD Communications Director. "The plan is to recognize students for doing the right thing wherever they are at the time. We all contribute to the overall atmosphere of living in a safe, positive community. We are all neighbors," Crocker concluded.

To that end, nominations can come from anyone in the community. "Youth can do the right thing both inside of school and outside of school. We want to involve everyone in the effort to recognize youth for doing the right thing," said Chief Aberbach.



**SPRING YARD WASTE
CLEAN UP**
for City of Hailey Residents

Saturday, May 3, 9am-3pm
Drop off Location: Hailey Park & Ride
(corner of Bullion St. and River St.)

Bring grass, yard trimmings, and branches
(maximum: 8' long and 18" diameter)
to be chipped into mulch.

No treated lumber, food waste or trash. This is NOT a curbside collection service.

Mulch is available at \$1/CY
plus \$5 loading fee at Ohio Gulch Transfer Station.



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WATER CONSERVATION SERIES



CREATING BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES THAT SAVE WATER

Join Wood River Land Trust, the City of Ketchum and the City of Hailey for 2014 water-saving tips, tools and designs for your home landscape.

Learn about attractive landscapes that save water, time and money.

THURS., MAY 15:

HOW TO CONVERT TO A DROUGHT-TOLERANT LAWN USING SEED OR SOD

Native or drought-tolerant lawns can save 50 - 67% on water use, and save on maintenance and fertilizer. Learn strategies for conversion using native or drought-tolerant seed or sod.

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Meet at WRLT office; 119 East Bullion, Hailey

WED., MAY 28:

XERISCAPE HOME TOUR with Dean Hernandez

(Landscape Designer, owner of Gardenspace Design). Learn about xeric design elements, aesthetic texture, species choices and water conservation.

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Meet at 208 1st Ave North, Hailey

Light refreshments included.

ArborFest Mud Run

Hop Porter Park, Hailey

May 10, 2014



to be with us for the day to enjoy all the festivities! Registration has already opened at Hailey City Hall, come on in and sign up! Event Day Registration is on Saturday from 11 am – 1:00 pm.

WHAT IS THE ARBORFEST MUD RUN?

A Mud Run is a race with the objective to conquer obstacles while getting muddy and having fun! We are proud to be hosting the 3rd annual ArborFest Mud Run in the Wood River Valley. Our objectives are clear (unlike mud): create a fun and challenging event to draw mud-loving extreme sports enthusiasts into our area with proceeds to benefit trees and local businesses in Hailey.



Family members, friends and other people not interested in competing in the race challenge are invited to the site for the day to cheer on their muddy loved ones, and enjoy a festival atmosphere with food, beverages, and live music. The ArborFest opens at 11:00 am and ends at around 3:00 pm.

WHAT RACE CATEGORIES ARE THERE?

Participants will be grouped into race categories as they sign up. Categories may include groups of boys and girls, costume groups, adult groups, and competitive groups. Heats will start at 1:30 p.m., with prizes for the winners of each heat.



DO I HAVE TO SIGN A WAIVER? Yes. Understand our course is challenging and the mud is thick. You or your kids should not participate if you have concerns. You must complete a waiver to participate; kids waivers required in advance. The waiver also allows your photograph to be taken and possibly used in news stories, Our Town, ArborFest facebook page, and other websites.

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AGE TO PARTICIPATE?

The minimum age is 10, with permission from a legal guardian. Anyone who is 10 years old or older by the day of the event can participate. Participants under the age of 18 must have adult check-in and sign waiver.



WHAT TIME DOES THE MUD RUN EVENT START?

Forerunners will demonstrate the course at 1:30 p.m. Plan

WILL THERE BE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND SPECTATORS?

Absolutely! We will have a fun festival in full swing all day, starting with Arbor Day celebrations at 11:00 a.m. and continuing with food, beverages, live music and a kids play area, tree planting, seedling give-aways, environmental education for kids and adults, Smokey Bear, bouncy house, fire truck, vendors, and music. Remember the event is free.... come and enjoy. Bring coin for purchase from vendors.



WHAT IF THE WEATHER IS BAD?

The event is intended to be 'all-weather' and will proceed unless extremely bad weather develops.

THE PROCEEDS FROM THE MUD RUN

This year the entire ArborFest is **FREE**. In future years, an entry fee may be charged for the Mud Run to benefit the Hailey Tree Committee. Their mission is to promote sound arboricultural practices and tree diversity, and to promote public education about the importance of trees. Trees Are Good!



WHAT SHALL I WEAR FOR A MUD RUN?

We recommend you wear old comfy clothes that will help protect you from cuts & bruises (long pants or running tights a great choice). Stay away from thick cotton materials that will absorb water and add weight to a difficult run (like cotton socks or sweatpants). Wear shoes with lots of traction to get you through the mud. Creative team costumes, while not speed efficient, are a crowd favorite!



WHAT SHOULD I NOT WEAR?

Everything will get filthy, and possibly torn or lost, so nothing valuable should be on your body – no rings, earrings or jewelry of any kind – or anything else you really care about! Goggles or glasses are not recommended. AND, do you wear contacts?? What are you going to do if mud gets in your eyes? Either bring a backup pair or go without.

IS THERE PARKING AT HOP PORTER PARK?

Yes, and also at the parking lot at River Street. The park is in easy walking distance from downtown and the Mountain Rides bus stop.

