



OUR TOWN

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Message from the Mayor Hailey Funding Facts

The City of Hailey has curbed operating expenses systematically and effectively since 2008, reducing its budgeted personnel from 73 full time equivalent employees to now only 58. Salaries were held flat from 2010 until 2014, at which time a 2.5% increase was budgeted. Other local governments have continued to give salary increases, which leaves Hailey's salaries generally lower than comparable governments, and retention of employees has become an issue. In 2015, Hailey Police Department eliminated one position in order to give increases to its staff to keep HPD salaries competitive with other governments. Three former Hailey City employees are now working for the City of Sun Valley, and one for the City of Ketchum.



Local operating General Fund budgets are:

- Hailey \$ 5.6 Million 8,000 Population
- Ketchum \$14.5 Million 2,700 Population
- Sun Valley \$ 5.5 Million 1,400 Population

Besides competing against other governments, Hailey's operating fund also competes against its own capital needs. Property tax increases are capped by law, and the increase to Hailey's revenue each year from property taxes is \$70,000. In the recent budget process, costs were evaluated against this \$70,000 revenue increase for a variety of needs:

- \$ 30,000 City Hall radon abatement
- \$150,000 SCBA air equipment for Fire Dept
- \$ 25,000 New blade for road grader
- \$200,000 Snow plow with blade
- \$ 30,000 Police car, equipped
- \$ 20,000 Park playground equipment
- \$ 16,000 Snow removal for one 6-inch snow day

Hailey has 46.73 miles of roads. According to Hailey's Transportation Master Plan, 35% of these roads will fail unless more money is spent on maintenance.



The average remaining life of Hailey's roads is 11 years. All city roads should be repaved within 11 years.

- Maintenance of roads costs \$10,270 per mile.
- Rehabilitation of roads costs \$45,570 per mile.
- Replacement of roads costs \$574,000 per mile.

Several funding methods are allowed under Idaho law to correct a city's revenue deficiencies compared to its needs. The City of Hailey will be discussing the matter of funding its capital needs with constituents over the next several months. A single method, or a combination of methods, will be evaluated, including:

- Transfer of excess operating funds to Capital
- Local Improvement Districts
- Business Improvement Districts
- Idaho Power Franchise Fee negotiated from 1% to 2% (increase street maintenance revenue by \$60,000)
- Voter approved Idaho Power Franchise fee of 3% (increase street maintenance revenue by \$120,000)
- 2-year tax levy overrides (50% +1 voter approval)
- Permanent tax levy overrides (60% voter approval)
- Local Option Tax increase for Capital (60% voter approval)
- County Road and Bridge Levy partnership
- General Obligation Bonds (66.67% voter approval)
- Development Impact Fees (already exists)
- Tax Increment Financing (available within URA)
- Grants (need a revenue stream for grant matches)
- Donations

In addition to general fund capital needs, Hailey's Water and Wastewater systems will require funding in the near future. Increases in rates or revenue bonds (50% +1 voter approval) are the funding mechanisms for these projects:



- \$1.3 Million for a new well to meet DEQ's supply requirements
- Water lines will need to be replaced as they reach their 50-year life. Hailey's water lines were installed in 1971.
- 3313 water meters installed in 2006 will need to be replaced within 10 years.
- NPDES permit changes will affect treatment costs at the wastewater plant. Hailey's current permit will expire in 3 years.

Recently, Hailey voters passed a 6.5 Million Revenue Bond for its Wastewater Biosolids Treatment project. The results of the self-imposed rate increase was that the average household cost went up \$3.50 per month. We consider this a reasonable cost to maintain first-world infrastructure.

Holiday Tree and Boxes Disposal

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 from December 26-January 16. Please be sure to place them in the designated area, near the tree disposal banner.



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:

- River and Bullion Street Park & Ride lot, or
- Hailey Fire Station parking lot on 3rd 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.

Message from the Mayor Welcome Volunteer Board Members

In January of each year, new terms for city boards, commissions, and committees start. New members include:

Phil Rainey:	Hailey Parks & Lands Board
Mark Spencer,:	Hailey Parks & Lands Board
Linda Ries:	Hailey Tree Committee
Carol Waller:	Hailey Art & Historic Preservation Commission

An appointment to the Hailey Planning & Zoning Commission is still pending, otherwise all board vacancies have been filled. Thanks to all current members who were willing to be reappointed, and all those willing to serve Hailey!



Hailey Public Library January Events

Are you ready for 2015?
HaileyPublicLibrary.org

TNT Thursdays- 4pm.
Video games for teens and tweens. Crafts every other Thursday.

Story Time- Fridays at 10am.

3rd Let's Talk About It Book Club - Thursday, January 15th from 6pm-7pm:
Discussion of *The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. Books available now at the library.

Library Closure: Idaho Human Right's Day- Tuesday, January 19th

Gluten Free Cooking with Manon Gaudreau- Tuesday, Jan.27th from 6pm-7:30pm:
Discuss gluten digestive issues, gluten alternatives, and bring home wholesome menus and recipes for a wholesome lifestyle to support a healthy digestive system

Hailey Public Library has a brand new newsletter! Check it out by visiting haileypubliclibrary.org/newsletter

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Calendar

Important Dates



City Council.....	01/20/15
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....	01/08/15
Parks & Lands Board	01/07/15
Planning & Zoning Meetings.....	01/12/15
Public Library Board	01/21/15
Tree Committee	01/08/15
Urban Renewal Agency	02/11/15

*New Year's Day.....01/01/15
*Civil Rights Day01/19/15

* City Offices Closed

Emergency Services Hailey Firefighter of the Year Phil Rainey



The 2014 Firefighter of the Year Award was voted on by the Hailey Fire Department at the end of the year. Captain Phil Rainey, a senior member of HFD's Operations staff, was recognized by his peers to receive the award. He is distinguished for being one of the top producers in responding to calls and training attendance. In addition, Captain Rainey showed true leadership during the Croy area fire which burned in July.

Recently promoted to Captain, Rainey is very active in helping with public events by volunteering his time as an Emergency Medical Technician at such events as the annual Hailey Skate Competition.

Mayor Haemmerle bestowed on Rainey a "No End to Service" Award for the wide variety of services he performs on behalf of the citizens of Hailey. These include:

- Hanging Christmas Lights in Hailey's downtown;
- Welding and assembling the new Keefer Grinder Terrain Park;
- Taking on a 3-year appointment to the Hailey Parks & Lands Board;
- Serving on Hailey Fire Department for nearly 20 years;
- Earning the respect of his peers through the prestigious 2014 Firefighter of the Year Award;
- Proudly served in the US Army in the 294 Dive Division.



Phil Rainey participates in a September 11, 2014 "Flag of Honor" ceremony at the Hailey Fire Station in remembrance of Sept 11, 2001. Participating in the ceremony were HFD members Phil Rainey, Justin Safely (USAF) Danielle Edelman, Christian Ervin (also pictured), Asst. Chief Mike Baledge, and Chief Craig Aberbach. The flag was donated by Bob MacLeod.

Public Works Snow Removal—To Plow or Not to Plow?

CITY'S SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

LESS THAN 3 INCHES: City deices and sands roads to keep them safe and plows major sidewalks along Woodside Blvd. and within the business core.

3 INCHES OF SNOW OR MORE: We plow priority areas first (school zones, safety and fire facilities, main arterials and other collector streets) then we focus on lower priority areas (neighborhood streets). We continue with deicing and sanding and sidewalk plowing. The more snow we have the longer it takes to get to lower priority areas.

Who removes the snow? *Primarily our full-time City employees in the Street, Water and Wastewater divisions. Most are on call at all times, ready to report for work at any hour if needed. The City also has a contract with Sluder Construction for help during large snow events.*

Why does snow removal happen during the night? *It's safer to remove snow when other vehicles are not on the road and parking areas are clear of vehicles. It also improves safety when the snow and ice removal activities have started before morning traffic starts.*

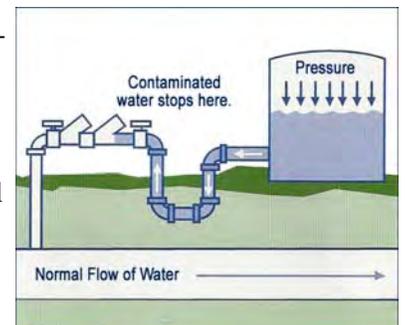
Who makes the wake up call? *Night duty officers from the Hailey Police Department call the Street Division Manager when streets start getting icy or the snow accumulates to 3 inches.*

Cross Connection Survey's begin with Local Businesses

Cross connection is a point in a plumbing system where the drinkable water is connected to a non drinkable water supply. Without proper control, such as backflow preventers, drinking water can become contaminated.

While the likelihood is very small, the potential for backflow does exist. Backflow is outside of the city's system, but can affect all who are

connected to the municipal water system. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is beginning to require cities to inspect businesses and survey needs for backflow prevention devices. This is the first step to taking preventive measures to ensure our City's drinking water remains safe. The Water Division will begin surveying business this winter.

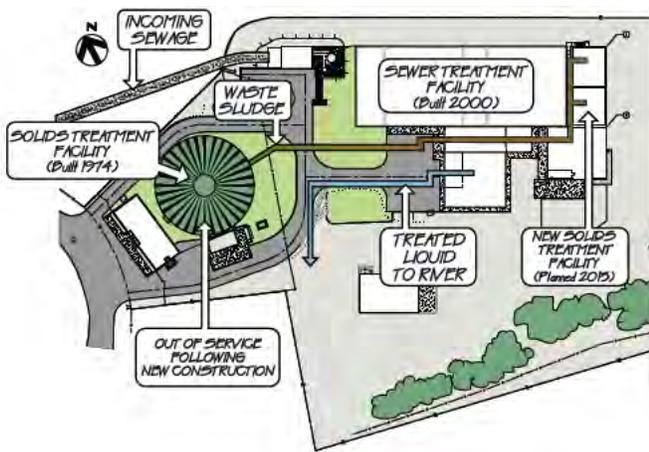


Public Works

Biosolids Facility Update

Hailey voters approved a \$6.5 million dollar bond last May that will provide a much needed upgrade to the City's wastewater treatment plant. Since May, the city has begun the process to secure the bond funding and is now purchasing two major pieces of equipment. The city has started our search for general contractors to build and install the facility as well as an inspector/engineer to oversee the construction process.

Construction is anticipated to start in May 2015 and will be complete around March 2016.



Hailey Police Department

HPD offers service 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to the cities of Hailey and Bellevue. Bellevue contributes \$327,000 toward the annual budget of \$1.7 million. The department consists of:

- Chief
- Assistant Chief
- 2 Lieutenants
- 1 Sergeant
- 1 Marshall (Bellevue)
- 6 Officers (Hailey)
- 3 Officers (Bellevue)
- 1 School Officer
- 1 Admin Assistant (Both Hailey & Bellevue)



Seated Command Staff left to right: Asst Ch Dave Stellers, Lt Steve England, Larry Clark, Chief Jeff Gunter, Sgt Manny Ornelas, Lt Derek Stewart. Standing Officers: Raul Ornelas, Jeremiah Jones, Forrest Danilson, Gregory Baker, Michael Shelamer, Charles Cox, Nathan Douthit, Michael Stelljes, John Greenfield, Todd Peck. Standing middle: Christina Leos.

Emergency Services

Hailey Fire Chief Craig Aberbach Earns Chief Fire Officer Designation

Congratulations are in order for Hailey Fire Chief Aberbach, who despite already being a renowned instructor at the National Fire Academy, continues to improve himself.



The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on December 15, 2014 and voted unanimously to award Aberbach the "Chief Fire Officer" (CFO) designation. This professional designation is earned through the witness of a team of peers & members of the Commission on Professional Credentialing.

Aberbach was successful in demonstrating through his education, leadership and management skills that he possesses the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities required for the Chief Fire Officer designation.