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Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Message from the Mayor

Public Invited to Budget Hearing

Hailey's budget public hearing is scheduled on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Adoption of a city budget is one of the most important pieces of work done by your city government. I will highlight here some primary elements of the budget I proposed to the City Council.

Revenues remain mostly flat, with a few exceptions:

- a 3% property tax increase as allowed by law for an increase of \$80,000.
- an increase in revenue for roads of \$75,000, due to a change in the State Fuel Tax formula. We have correspondingly increased the street department maintenance by over \$75,000.

Expenses are targeted to meet the following goals:

- We will buy less expensive health insurance, and use that savings for salary increases and an improved benefits package for our employees. Mayor and Council salaries are proposed to increase to \$24,000 for Mayor and \$10,200 for City Council. These salaries were last increased by 3% in 2007, prior to which modest biannual increases were applied.
- The Hailey Public Library will implement electronic book monitoring equipment costing \$25,000, which will reduce the loss of materials and allow library staff time to be more focused on community services, such as "Book a Librarian" or the popular adult and children's programs.
- We will maintain the integrity of our public buildings. Fox Building maintenance will be increased by \$60,000 for radon mitigation and window repairs.
- Hailey Police Department will continue to implement community policing through a new School Resource Officer positioned within Wood River Middle School. This position is contracted by Blaine County School District to work under HPD authority.



- The Water Master Plan will begin to be implemented with the purchase of a back-up generator for our wells. A \$20,000 card read system to meter and bill from the fill-spout will pay for itself. A new pick-up is warranted within our aging fleet.
- The Wastewater Master Plan priorities will be launched with \$100,000 for ultra-violet equipment at the treatment plant.
- A \$300,000 VatCom Jet Truck is budgeted for sewer line maintenance. Our 2007 truck will need to be replaced in the foreseeable future.
- \$375,000 has been reserved from our remaining capital fund for the replacement of two fire trucks. Our plan is to purchase one new truck on a multi-year lease and refurbish one of the trucks to extend its useful life another five to ten years. Another \$150,000 is reserved for essential breathing apparatus for fire-fighters known as SCBA gear.
- Our \$82,000 contract with Wood River Rural Fire District is budgeted for fire department salaries and equipment maintenance. This contract dramatically increased the workload of Hailey's Fire Chief, who now acts also as the WRFD Assistant Chief. Both departments benefit by shared use of fire-fighters and equipment through this contract.
- We will assess and design our current 3rd Avenue Fire Station site for a combined police and fire station. At that location where two fire stations sit side by side, we may have the potential of teaming with WRFD to design a facility across both lots.
- Two part-time employees will be added to our Parks Department. With increased staff and maintenance dollars in parks, our Street Department will focus primarily on street care. We will continue to make gains in the quality of our parks, streets, and alleys.
- We are holding the last \$100,000 in the capital fund for Street projects, including safety features on Cobblestone where middle school pedestrian traffic conflicts with cars. The project is partly grant-funded.



Hailey Public Library

August Events

Summer is Wrapping Up!

HaileyPublicLibrary.org

New Library Hours Effective June 1, 2015

Monday: 10am-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-8pm

Wednesday: 10am-6pm

Thursday: 10am-8pm

Friday: 10am-6pm

Saturday: 10am-6pm

Story Time- Postponed until September

TNT Thursdays- Postponed until September

Lego Club- Postponed until September

Children's Summer Reading Logs Due- Friday,

August 21st. Reading logs can be turned in starting the 15th, and must be submitted by the 21st in order to claim prizes and receive raffle tickets for a last chance to be entered in the end-of-summer raffle (see below).

Children's Summer Reading Prize Drawing-

Friday, August 21st. Raffle tickets will be selected for each age group and prize winners will be notified by phone.

LIBRARY EVENTS

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Your Neighbors and Friends

A Front Yard is Transformed

A few years ago, Chrissie and Phil Huss removed all of the turf from their front yard at 861 Eastridge Drive. The Huss' wanted to save water and mowing time, and the turf never looked good because they don't spray.

Since the turf removal, the Huss' have been chipping away at making the front yard a welcoming, intimate



space. A combination of pea gravel and natural stepping stones form the surface of the yard. All planting materials are watered with a drip system.

The Huss' maintain a section of turf in the backyard for the kids. The inviting front yard is a great example for those interested in lawn-free, lower-water landscapes. And, the yard has earned the Trout Friendly designation from the Wood River Land Trust (www.troutfriendly.org for more information).



FINDING PLANTS WITH LOW WATER NEEDS

For ideas on trees, shrubs and perennials with low water needs,

visit the E.W. Fox Demonstration Garden on Fox Acres Road. Garden booklets are available at the garden or at Hailey City Hall.

2015 TURF RENOVATION PROJECTS ON THE RISE

Each summer, the city issues a small number of exemptions from the odd/even watering restrictions to establish new plantings. This year, turf renovation projects that create lower-water-use yards account for nearly 20% of the exemption requests. The projects are spread throughout town, in Northridge, Woodside, Old Cutters and Old Hailey. Watch for one in your neighborhood!

TreeTip

Protect your Trees from Lawnmower and Weedcutter Blight

The most common damage to young trees is from lawnmowers and weed cutters scraping or cutting bark. Each time it happens, irreplaceable cells are killed just inside the bark. The tree needs this tissue to transport nourishments, put on diameter growth, and fend off disease and insect attacks.

The solution is simple: Use wood chips to provide a protective circle of mulch around your young trees, keeping the mulch about 4 inches away from the delicate trunk.

Mulch also contributes to more rapid growth by retaining moisture, regulating soil temperature and eliminating competition from grass or weeds.



2015

ADOPT A PARK



C-U Next Storm
Landscaping



2015

THANK YOU!

Parks

2015 Park Adopters Keep Parks Looking Their Very Best

You may not know it, but there are 14 parks in the Hailey park system. That's a lot of green to maintain!

The Adopt a Park Program was founded in 2012. This year, there are seven adopters: C-U Next Storm, Clearwater Landscaping, G&G, Lily & Fern, Sun Valley Services, Swenke and Webb. These civic-minded companies provide a valuable service to the community by keeping your parks in tip-top shape. The condition of the parks adopted by these companies shows the quality of their work.

Clearwater (Keefer Park), Lily & Fern (Jimmy's Garden), Swenke (Hailey Skate Park) and Webb (Hop Porter) have been adopters since 2012. C-U Next Storm adopted Foxmoor Park in 2013. This year, G&G Landscaping adopted Balmoral Park and Sun Valley Services joined Lily & Fern in caring for Jimmy's Garden. The city is grateful to all park adopters; the parks are looking their best ever, thanks to you!



Clearwater Landscaping has adopted Keefer Park every year since 2012. Thank you, Clearwater!

Irrigation Times Are Restricted within Hailey

When Can I Water?

- Even numbered addresses water on even numbered days
- Odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days.
- Must water before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.

The city is working on some changes to the Adopt a Park Program, and expects to introduce those changes for the 2016 park season. The goal of the changes is to ensure that adopters receive benefits that align with the valuable service they provide. The new program will include an adoption level system, with benefits aligned to those adoption levels. Each year, the program will be reviewed for potential new improvements.

Half of Hailey's parks remain available for adoption. If your company is interested in adopting a park in 2016, or if you have questions, comments or ideas about the Adopt a Park Program, please contact Hailey Public Works at 788-9830, ext. 20.

Woodside Boulevard Maintenance

Projects Planned in August

Please be advised that a contractor will be **chip sealing Woodside Blvd., parts of Fox Acres., the roundabout, and side street tie-ins to Woodside Blvd. during the 10th-14th. Fog seal will occur sometime between August 24th-28th**, followed by roadway striping and other road markings.

Here are some things you should know:

- ⇒ To avoid being towed, at the vehicle owner's expense, please do not park on the Blvd. or in designated parking areas along the Blvd.
- ⇒ Bike lanes will temporarily be closed in areas where work is actively occurring.
- ⇒ Sidewalks will remain open.
- ⇒ Expect delays and re-routes.
- ⇒ Obey traffic control crews.
- ⇒ Do not pass the paint truck.
- ⇒ Do not drive on areas that are closed, while fog seal dries.
- ⇒ Drive with caution; chips will be loose.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please call 788-9830, ext. 20 if you have any questions or would like an update on the scheduled activity.



Hailey City Election Candidate Deadline

This is a City election year, with three Hailey offices up for election. In Hailey, candidates choose seats for which to run, rather than running on an open ballot.

Candidate filing period opens Monday, Aug 24th at 8am and closes Friday, September 4th at 5pm.

For more information visit:
www.haileycityhall.org/financeelections.asp#upcoming

This year's election is for :

- ◇ **Mayor** (currently held by Fritz Haemmerle)
- ◇ **Council Seat #3** (currently held by Carol Brown)
- ◇ **Council Seat #4** (currently held by Pat Cooley)



Grants

Hailey's Grant Successes Continue

Hailey is the proud recipient of several grants and donations in recent weeks.

Fire Equipment Grant: The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has awarded \$4000 to Hailey Fire Department for equipment, including 10 pagers, EMS prefilled packs, and pulse oximeters.

Main Street Traffic Grant: The City of Hailey, in partnership with Mountain Rides, has been awarded a technical assistance grant from New Mobility West, an initiative of Community Builders and the Sonoran Institute. The grant will provide technical assistance to study Highway 75/Main Street from Elm Street to McKercher Drive. The grant goals are to: 1) help the community and decision-makers understand the traffic volume on Main Street; 2) create a definitive public process that solicits input from the public and the business community on local transportation and economic development issues; and 3) develop a clear list of available alternatives and design solutions. This grant is under the City's umbrella program, "Livable Main Street".

Park Playground Equipment: The Seagraves Foundation awarded Hailey \$5,000 for installation costs of playground equipment and impact material at Foxmoor Park. The playground equipment itself comes courtesy of Kiwanis of the Wood River Valley, This club raised \$20,000 in donations and have purchased the play equipment for Hailey.

Police Chief Training Grant: Department of Justice granted Police Chief Jeff Gunter an Arlington, VA based training with the FBI in child protection and amber alerts valued at \$3,000.

Calendar



Important Dates

- City Council..... 08/03/15 and 08/17/20/15
 - Art & Historic Preservation Commission..... 08/13/15
 - Development Impact Fee Advisory Comm.....08/17/15
 - Hailey Public Library Board..... 08/19/15
 - Parks & Lands Board 08/05/15
 - Planning & Zoning Meetings 08/24/15
 - Tree Committee none
 - Urban Renewal Agency..... 08/19/15
 - Labor Day *** 09/07/15
- * City Hall Closed