



OUR TOWN

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Message from the Mayor

City Staff Deserve our Thanks

Long hours have been worked by Public Works and Emergency Service personnel during December. This newsletter is dedicated to informing you about the detail of our snow removal effort. Additionally, Hailey Fire Department responded to a house fire in Sun Valley and general fire and EMS calls have been up 10%. Hailey Police department handled multiple incidents, as well as successfully conducting a safety drill with Blaine County School District in mid-December. Our gratitude goes out to all Hailey City staff who sacrificed family time for the public good during the winter holidays.

Public Works

Snowstorms Dump 38" on Hailey



Five storms in the last six weeks have brought 38 inches of new snow to Hailey, a blunt reminder of what it means to live in snow country. Snowfalls of six or more inches can take an enormous amount of

time to clear in order to obtain accessibility to all city streets. Hailey's Snow Removal Policy specifies these priority snowplow routes: 1) main arterials connecting
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Calendar

Important Dates



City Council.....	01/11/16
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.....	01/14/16
Hailey Parks & Lands Board.....	01/06/16
Hailey Public Library Board.....	01/20/16
Planning & Zoning Meetings	01/25/16
Tree Committee	01/14/16
Urban Renewal Agency.....	01/13/16

Martin Luther King Jr – Idaho Human Rights Day* 01/18/16

* City Hall and Library Closed

Hailey Public Library January Events

Keep looking up... That's the secret of life...
-Snoopy

Story Time - Fridays at 10:30AM
TNT Thursdays - Every Thursday 4:00PM - 5:00PM

New Year's Day Closure – Friday, Jan. 1st - The Hailey Public Library will be closed Friday, January 1st in honor of New Year's Day. We will reopen on Saturday, January 2nd, with normal hours of operations.

Libraries are diVine – Sunday, Jan. 10th and Jan. 17th – Starting at 6:00PM

Join HPL at diVine Wine Bar for the screening of January's films: *The Apartment* and *Crash*. Doors open at 6:00PM for dinner and drinks. Movie starts at 6:30PM.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Closure – Monday, Jan. 18th - The Hailey Public Library will be closed Monday, January 18th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 19th, with normal hours of operations.

Let's Talk About It Book Discussion – Thursday, Jan. 21st – Starting at 6:00PM
HPL will be hosting the second book discussion for *Let's Talk About It*. Our second book, *We Are What We Ate*, supports this year's theme perfectly, "We Are What We Eat." For more information, please visit our website or swing by!

Hailey Public Library Board Meeting – Wednesday, Jan. 20th – Starting at 5:30PM

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SAVE MONEY!! Stop that Drip!

How much WATER did you use in November and December? Your Wastewater Rate will be set next spring on this winter's water usage, from November through March. Adjust your usage now, in order to save money next summer. If you suspect a leak, call 788-4221. We can often give limited credit when a leak is repaired.

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hospitals, police and fire stations, 2) all other main arterials and select collectors, bus routes and around schools, 3) all other collectors, hills, intersections and other "hot spots," 4) all remaining streets such as residential and local streets. If the snow event is large and snow continues to fall in back-to-back

storms, it takes the entire crew to keep priority 1, 2, or 3 routes open; it can take days to get to priority 4 routes.

This winter, the city has spent \$47,800 on fuel, equipment, operators and staff. The entire city crew can often work 12-15 hour shifts for multiple days when responding to large snow events. As a result, it costs more than \$17,200 to clear snow from Hailey's roadways, improved downtown parking and select sidewalks following one 12-hour shift, which is the approximate time it takes to respond to a six-inch snow event. Clearing Main Street costs \$875.00 per hour and requires continual plowing when snowfalls are consistent over a long period of time.



With this in mind, the City of Hailey would like to share a few tips that may make the snow we have now more enjoyable for all and keep visitors and citizens safe during the continued clean-up efforts and any future storms we may experience:

AVOID INTERFERING WITH SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL –

Please take alternate routes when you see snow removal operations on the street ahead of you. Passing, tailgating or cutting off this equipment is hazardous as operators are focused on their tasks and may not see you.



DO NOT PARK VEHICLES OVERNIGHT (12AM TO 7AM) IN THE CITY'S RIGHT OF WAY FROM NOV. 1 TO MAY 1. –

The City plows at night whenever possible. It is permissible to move your vehicles into the right of way during the day to clean your driveway. Where there is no improved curb and gutter, vehicles must be *at least* six feet off edge of asphalt. Illegally parked vehicles may be towed without notice and at the owner's expense.



CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY AND THE DREADED BERM –

City ordinance prohibits plowing snow across or onto any public street, parking area, alley or sidewalk. Do not push or plow the snow back onto the roadway

before or after the plow has gone by, as it may impede emergency service access. When clearing your driveway, store the snow in your own yard. The berm that accumulates in your driveway following snow removal activity is an unavoidable result of street plowing and post-storm cleanup. In large storms, you may need to clear your driveway berm more than once. Do not push the berm back into the street. We understand that the snow berm is inconvenient and an unfortunate result of living in snow country, but we request your cooperation and tolerance. Removal operations would take up to five times longer if our policy included clearing individual driveways and the berms that snow plowing leaves behind. The City does not have the resources to support this level of snow removal.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH CONTAINER IN THE RIGHT OF WAY DURING A SNOW EVENT –

Please keep your trash cans and all personal items back away from the roadway during and immediately following a storm. The City is not responsible for a damaged trash can or other property left in the right of way.

MAILBOXES MUST BE KEPT AT LEAST 8 FEET FROM THE EDGE OF THE STREET –

To avoid damage, keep all mailboxes or other landscaping on private property outside of the right of way.



The City routinely uses the right of way for snow storage and snow removal operations. The City is not responsible for keeping the area in front of your mailbox clear, or for damaged mailboxes or other property left within the right of way.

DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN BUILD SNOW CAVES OR SNOW FORTS NEAR THE ROADWAY SNOWBANKS –

Snow forts can seem like a lot of fun, but they are dangerous when built in the City right of way or next to the road. When snow builds up we push the banks back to help with visibility at intersections. Drivers can not see snow forts or the children that might be in them.

We appreciate your support and assistance. We rely on citizens to do their part when it snows. We recognize it's a big job, and thank you for your efforts. Let's all have a safe and happy winter!



OK, Show of hands... Who's tired of snow?