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Message from the Mayor

Thanks to Hailey's Board Members

The City of Hailey utilizes 40 non-elected volunteer advisors and experts on various boards and commissions. In 2016, several longstanding board members stepped down from their boards, after having completed several years of service.

- Janet Fugate: 20 years service Parks & Lands Board
- Terry Clark: 6 years service Parks & Lands Board
- Jeff Beacham: 6 years service Hailey Tree Committee
- Mary Sfingi: 5 years service Urban Renewal Agency
- Jim Spinelli: 5 years service Urban Renewal Agency
- Angela Hicks: 4 years service Arts & Historic Preservation Commission
- Sara Baldwin: 4 years service Hailey Public Library Board of Trustees

Significant community dialogue is shaped through the City's boards and commissions. Board members act as engaged citizens and creative thinkers to make recommendations to the Hailey City Council. The 40 people who volunteer in the capacity of a board or commission member perform an essential service to government.

Hailey City Government

- 5 Elected Officials
- 40 Board and Commission Volunteers
- 23 Paid on Call Firefighters
- 52 Employees



Janet Fugate Retires from 20 Years Service to Hailey Parks and Lands

In 1997, a group of Hailey residents wanted to develop a play structure at Hop Porter Park. A group called Parks Are Restored For Kids (P.A.R.K) was formed and began to apply for grants and raise funds to purchase a quality play structure at Hop Porter Park. In the spring of 1998, after facing significant opposition from park neighbors, the group had raised sufficient funds and received approval from the City of Hailey.



Janet Fugate

The community came together over a weekend and conducted a barn-raising of the wooden play structure, with entire families involved in the construction project. Janet Fugate was one of the key leaders of the P.A.R.K. effort.

With some remaining funds, Janet helped to form the Hailey Parks Foundation, a non-profit support fund for Hailey parks. She and other community members were appointed to a committee to evaluate how master planning Hailey parks could better serve the goals of the community. The committee recommended that a citizens board be established for the benefit of Hailey's parks. In 2001, the Hailey Parks & Lands Board was formed, and Janet was one of the original appointees to that board. The board wrote the 2002 Hailey Parks and Trails Master Plan. Janet became the board chair in 2006 and served in that capacity until 2015.

Now, after 20 years of service to Hailey Parks, Janet has decided to step down from this board. She will continue to serve the City of Hailey in the capacity of Hailey Planning & Zoning Commissioner, as she has since January 2011.

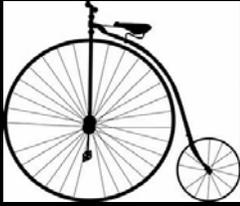
Hailey Public Library

December Events

Watch out for snow!
HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Story Time- Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30am

TNT Thursdays- Every Thursday 4-5pm



Pathways for People Project Open House

JOIN US TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE
DESIGN OPTIONS FOR THE FIRST TWO SEGMENTS.

Date: Tuesday, December 13
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Place: Hailey City Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room
115 Main St. S

Review and comment on the design options
for the East Croy St. and
2nd Ave. bike routes.

More information: 788-9830 x20



Pathways for People
Providing options to
motorized travel.



Freeze Protection

Certain properties, for a variety of reasons, must run a continuous stream of water in the winter to prevent freeze-up of water lines. A reduction in fees may be possible, as provided under Section 13.04.130 (D) (3) of the Hailey Municipal Code. To request freeze protection, submit the *Request for Water Service Freeze Protection* application found on the City's website or available at City Hall. This form must be received in advance in order to be eligible for a reduction in fees.

December Tree Tip



Winter damage seen on trees can happen for many reasons. If trees are young or newly planted, they are more likely to be damaged. One major cause of damage is animals. Larger animals, such as deer and elk, will rub their antlers on the tree trunk and cause open wounds in the bark. Smaller animals, such as

rabbits and voles, will eat and chew lower portions of the tree and trunk. Placing fencing around the trunk (or entire tree if all branches need protection as well) will act as a deterrent for these animals. Please refer to your tree care specialist or city arborist (788-9830 x31) with any questions.

Calendar



Important Dates

- City Council..... 12/01/16 and 12/05/16
- Arts & Historic Preservation Commission... 12/08/16
- Hailey Public Library Board 12/14/16
- Parks & Lands Board 12/07/16
- Planning & Zoning 12/12/16
- Tree Committee..... 12/14/16
- Urban Renewal Agency..... 12/14/16
- *Christmas Holidays 12/23/16 thru 12/26/16
- * New Years Holiday Closure 01/02/17

* City Hall and Library Closed

HELP WANTED

Snow Shovel Brigade



Sign up for our snow shoveling referral list to help those who are unable to shovel snow themselves. We give callers the referral list, and they contact you directly to determine wages, area to be shoveled and work schedule. To sign up, call 788-9830 x20.

Thank you 2016 City of Hailey park adopters!



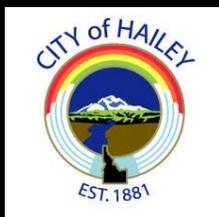
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**C-U Next Storm
Landscaping**



Parks still available for adoption include Old Cutters, Deerfield, Heagle, Echo Hill, McKercher and Curtis. For more information contact Hailey Public Works at 788-9830.



Once again Hailey's parks
were beautiful this season;
we couldn't have done it
without all of you.



Winter Holiday Safety



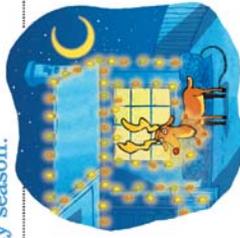
Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- » Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- » Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- » Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- » Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- » Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- » Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- » Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- » Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- » Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- » Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out on to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- 1 **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- 1 **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

City of Hailey Fire Department
208-788-3147



Your Source for SAFETY Information
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Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

PICKING THE TREE

- » Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

PLACING THE TREE

- » Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- » Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- » Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

LIGHTING THE TREE

- » Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- » Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- » Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- 1 **One quarter** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- 1 Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- 1 A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.

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