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Message from the Mayor

Jimmy's Garden Purchased by City

The City of Hailey completed its purchase of Jimmy's Garden in November. The Seagraves Foundation generously contributed a grant of \$175,000 toward the \$200,000 purchase, saving this popular children's water park in downtown Hailey. Documents were signed and recorded on Friday, November 17, 2017, after seller Phoebe Pilaro gave the City of Hailey the first option to purchase the lot and park equipment upon it.

Mayor Fritz Haemmerle was contacted in September by Penny Parker, the Seagraves Foundation legal counsel, who inquired whether Hailey had any grant needs. "I mentioned that we needed to purchase Jimmy's Garden in order not to lose that community asset," Hammerle said. "It seems as if Ms. Parker knew about that, and everything just fell into place." The Seagraves Foundation has long been a supporter of children and family amenities, and their grants have benefitted our community over many years. "This grant is another example of how Seagraves continues to shape the character of our community," Haemmerle said. "We can't imagine what a loss to our town the forfeiture of this park would be. On behalf of the citizens of Hailey, we extend our deepest gratitude to all involved. We especially thank the Janice Seagraves Foundation for saving this park."

The City of Hailey had previously leased the property from Chris and Phoebe Pilaro. The Pilaros, along with the Hailey Parks Foundation, conducted a fundraising effort in 2007 to build the water park amenities on their lot, and leased the property to the City of Hailey until 2020. The water park equipment, climbing rock, landscaping elements, furnishings and signs were built with approximately \$100,000 of donated money, most of which was contributed by the Pilaros themselves.

This purchase places Hailey's popular park in public ownership in perpetuity. Mayor Haemmerle noted, "This has now become another important community legacy from the lives of Chris Pilaro and Janice Seagraves. We are grateful to them and their families now and into the future."



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WRHS Student Articles

We are pleased to introduce a new feature of Our Town in this issue. Local students will contribute an article to the City's newsletter each month during the school year. We feel it is important that City Hall and our students remain connected.

You will find a student article, written by Byrn Downey, a member of the W.A.T.E.R club at WRHS, on page 2 of this edition.

We are proud of our local students. Each time a student team wins a state championship, they receive a letter of congratulations from me. I have had the pleasure of congratulating several teams, the most recent being the Wood River High School State Championship Soccer Team and their coaches.

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.



Calendar

- City Council 12/11/17
- Planning & Zoning 12/4/17 & 12/12/17
& 12/18/17
- Arts & Historic Preservation 12/14/17
- Parks & Lands Board 12/13/17
- Public Library Board 12/20/17
- Tree Committee 12/14/17
- Urban Renewal Agency 12/13/17
- Holidays* 12/25/17 & 12/26/17

*City Offices Closed

Public Works

Street Division Manager receives Road Master Certification

Kelly Schwarz, an employee with the City of Hailey for 25 years, was awarded a Road Master Certification for completion of advanced courses offered by Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). The Idaho Road Scholar and Road Mater Program are ways for local road professionals in



Idaho to be recognized for successfully completing a series of training courses. The program curriculum is designed to provide participants with the fundamentals of safety, management, and advanced technologies, as well as exposure to a wide variety of other topics relevant to the transportation field.

December Tree Tip

Pruning and broken branches

Winter has arrived. Keep a lookout for broken branches in your trees caused by wind, heavy snow fall or wildlife. Pruning out damage means the damage will not continue to become worse. Ideally, damage is pruned back to the next branch or the tree trunk. Remember, flush cuts are damaging to trees. Please contact your neighborhood arborist with any questions. The City of Hailey's arborist on staff, Stephanie Cook, can be reached at 788-9830 x 31.



Student's Commentary

Student Fashion Show

This holiday season, you are invited to join us in considering the fun in the reuse and repurposing of 'disposable' goods during this most festive time of year.

On December 11th, the world of style and sustainability will collide in a student-based fashion show put on by Wood River High School's environmental organization, The WATER Club. This club is an enthusiastic group of 25 students who have channeled their environmental passions to raise awareness and promote action in moving towards a greener future. The group will be hosting a repurposed materials fashion show to raise awareness for environmental issues as well as to prompt a discussion about what we are throwing away (often after just one use).



The students will be creating and modeling an exclusive recycled fashion line where plastic-embellished gowns paired with chic repurposed cassette tape skirts will be sported on the runway. The designs are a collective vision for a more sustainable future in the fashion industry. As the Holiday gifting craze commences and notes of peppermint and commercialism waft into the frosty air, join us for a refreshing night of inspiration and fun. The show is free (although donations would be greatly appreciated). Come and show your support for the hard work and promising vision of these students!

Key details:

What: Repurposed materials fashion show.

When: December 11th, 6:30pm.

Where: The Community Campus Theater
1050 Fox Acres Rd.

Why: To raise awareness of environmental issues on a local and global scale.

Who: The WATER Club (Wood River High School)

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Holiday Lights and Wrapping

The most effective way to impact the environment through the holidays is to reduce the purchase and use of non-renewable items. The second is to reuse items or purchase items that can be reused rather than disposable items. The third is to recycle.



Holiday Lights - LED holiday lights quickly pay for themselves in energy savings and longevity. LED (light emitting diode) bulbs use only 15% of the energy of incandescent lights and do not release heat, a safer alternative. The bulbs outlive the traditional option, reducing maintenance hassles.

Wrapping Paper and Cards

Choose recycled-content papers or eliminate superfluous wrap and use your children's artwork or holiday cards to adorn Christmas' gifts. The wrapping paper from large packages can be re-used the following year on smaller packages. Most ribbons and bows can be stored away for next year as well. Holiday cards can be made into beautiful small gift boxes.



Planting Live Christmas Trees - Live trees with root balls in pots are becoming a holiday favorite, as they can be planted outdoors later. In order to improve your live-tree's chance of survival, dig the hole in the ground for planting well before Christmas, so you won't have to dig through frozen dirt. Bring the dirt that you remove from the hole inside, to keep it from freezing. As a living plant, your tree will need to be watered. Keep the rootball damp.

What To Do with Holiday Boxes & Trees

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:

- north edge of the River Street Park & Ride lot, or
- Hailey Fire Station parking lot on Third 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.



Christmas trees are composted and are gladly accepted at the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station Monday through Saturday 8-5. There will be a Christmas tree recycling station at the Hailey Park and Ride as well.

Hailey Public Library December Events

Check out the Hailey Public Library's holiday events and activities. Complete details are at:
www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org
www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Friday, & Saturday: 10 am-6 pm
Tuesday – Thursday: 10 am-7 pm
Sundays: Closed

In-between: Monday - Thursday 3:30 PM:

an after school camp full of STEAM activities, games and experiments!

Tuesdays at 3:30 PM:

Tinker Tuesday. Get into STEM at Tinker Time! Aimed at 3rd - 5th grade kids, this program focuses on exploring science year-round.

Thursdays at 3:30 PM:

TNT Thursdays are for tweens and teens to enjoy an hour of gaming and the newest STEM tech.

Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:30 AM:

Story Time is an interactive story hour made especially for preschool aged children.

Tuesday, December 5, 5:30 PM:

Dr. Maria's 'How to Prevent Concussions.' The brain is a delicate piece of machinery that should be finely-tuned regularly. Come listen to a seminar by Dr. Maria to find out how.

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 PM:

Book Signing. HPL with Iconoclast Books host a book talk & signing hosted by author Mary Emerick. She'll be talking about her book, *Fire in the Heart*.

Friday, December 8:

Closed for Staff Training.



Friday, December 15, 12:00

PM:

Lunch and Learn. Join us for a brown-bag lunch in the Sun Room and an hour of learning. This month, we'll be talking about books by Brené Brown.

Thursday, December 21:

Snowflake day. Celebrate winter at HPL by helping us deck the halls with snowflakes.

Monday - Tuesday, December 25 - 26:

Christmas Closure.

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Water Conservation Program Offers Rebates for Lawn Removal

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation recently awarded \$115,000 to the City of Hailey to fund *Water Smarty*, the City's water conservation program. There is currently \$100,000 available (on a first come, first served basis) for lawn removal rebates.

Water Smarty gives a 50% rebate up to a \$2,000 maximum for eligible lawn replacement projects. You can find detailed information and application forms at www.haileycityhall.org. Just click on the *Water Smarty* logo. You may also call 788-9830 x20.

Rebate applicants must attend a water-wise workshop. The Wood River Land Trust and the Sawtooth Botanical Garden are hosting a variety of water-wise workshops that are applicable to *Water Smarty*. Winter is a great time to plan your project, so the first workshop is on January 18. *Landscape Design 101 with Xeriscape Principles* will help you hit the ground running in the spring! Please see the information below for details.

WATER LESS. SAVE MONEY. BE A WATER SMARTY.

Resilient Landscapes for Resilient Communities Workshop Series

The City of Hailey, Sawtooth Botanical Garden and Wood River Land Trust will host a 6-part **Resilient Landscapes for Resilient Communities** workshop series in January-June, 2018. The first three workshops will explore xeriscape principles, landscape design and how to effectively incorporate newly developed native plants called "nativars" into the home garden. These water-wise sessions all qualify for the *Water Smarty* rebate program.

Landscape Design 101 using Xeriscape Principles

Are you looking for FREE professional landscape design help? These two sessions will walk you through the design or redesign of your landscape using xeriscape principles guided by professional landscape designers and architects. By the end of Session 2 you will have a conceptual design for your landscape! For more information contact the Wood River Land Trust at 208.788.3947.

Thursday, January 18: Design an attractive landscape that embraces xeriscape ideas for all types of plants and garden styles. Let Sharon Browder (xeriscape designer) walk you through a step-by-step planning and design process for a small or large, new or old landscape. You will have design homework! 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Hailey City Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room

Thursday, January 25: Bring your conceptual landscape design and questions to be discussed by the professionals: Rob King and Staci Page (Clemens Associates), Dean Hernandez (Gardenspace Design), Mark Spencer (Native Landscapes) and Sharon Browder will help fine tune your spring landscape plans. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Hailey City Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room

Nativars – The New Native Plants

Thursday, February 15 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden. Landscape professionals and dedicated gardeners are invited to an in-depth workshop which will: examine past obstacles to using native plants, introduce newly available plant material known as nativars, incorporate a pallet design for full season color and utilize appropriate maintenance techniques to ensure success. Cost: \$35 SBG members/\$40 nonmembers. For more information contact the Sawtooth Botanical Garden at 208.726.9358.

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