



# OUR TOWN

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## Message from the Mayor

### Farewell to Outgoing City Officials

#### **Public Invited to Open House Jan 4-Thursday**

The City of Hailey will bid farewell to outgoing Hailey City Councilman Don Keirn this month. Don will take part in his last city council meeting on January 8, 2018, helping to approve minutes of the previous meeting and close out any old business. He will then step down, and Kaz Thea will be sworn into the office of Hailey City Council.

Don has been a steady voice on the city council since 2001, practical in his approach, with a corporate business executive background combined with a lot of common sense. He has served as president of the city council since 2012, and has stepped into the role of acting mayor on several occasions with much diplomacy.

The City of Hailey is also losing a key department head at the same time. Mariel Miller, Public Works Director, will close out her work for the City of Hailey on January 4, 2018. Mariel brought a collaborative style and keen intelligence to all the positions she has held within the City in the past 10 years. Beginning in the Planning Department, Mariel reviewed development plans for 3 years. She was promoted to the positions of Hailey Sustainability Coordinator, a 3-year position funded through an EPA grant. After successfully closing out that grant, Mariel was promoted to the position of Hailey Public Works Director, which she held for 4 years. Sustainability initiatives were imbedded into the general operations of public works, where improvements to recycling programs and water reduction programs were implemented.

**The public is invited to an open house to be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 from 4:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m at the Wood River Sustainability Center, 310 South River Street.** Please stop by to say goodbye to Don and Mariel, and to join us in thanking them for all they have contributed to the City of Hailey, its businesses and residents. The two hour open house will be marked by speeches at 5:30 p.m.

## Emergency Services

### Hailey Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter-Engineer Casey Ward was chosen by the Hailey Fire Department as Firefighter of the Year. Casey was selected from a group of 4 who were selected as firefighter of each quarter during this past year. Firefighter-Engineer Ward took a lead role in outfitting the city's new fire engine, promoted to the position of engineer and had some of the highest call and training documentation for the year.

Pictured below are Casey Ward & Erin Griffith. Erin, who is a Wood River Fire Protection District firefighter also serves as a Hailey firefighter & EMS Responder. Erin was selected as the WRFD firefighter of the year.



## 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 .....	1/08/2018
Planning & Zoning .....	1/16/ & 1/22/ & 1/29
Arts & Historic Preservation ....	1/11/2018
Parks & Lands Board .....	1/02/2018
Public Library Board .....	1/17 /2018
Tree Committee .....	1/11/2018
Urban Renewal Agency.....	none
Holidays*.....	1/1/ & 1/15/2018
*City Offices Closed	

## Public Works

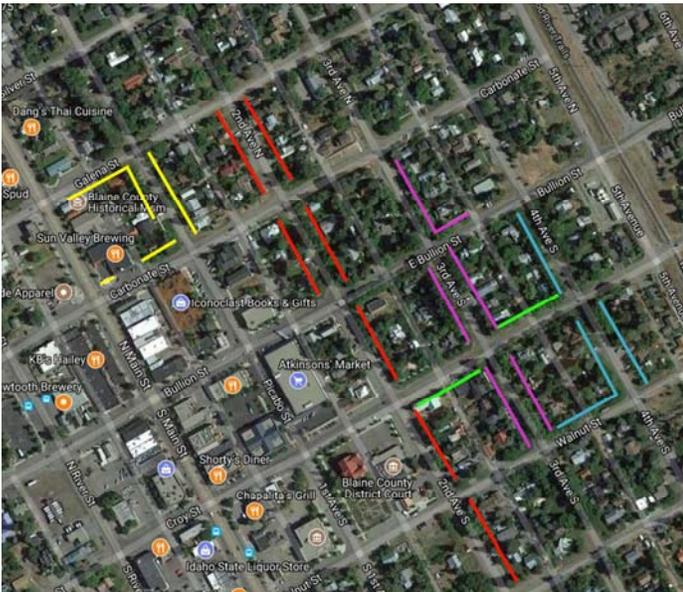
### Pathways for People Update

The levy funding acquired for Pathways for People includes the following projects:

- ◆ Two-way cycle track along East Croy St.
- ◆ Advisory lanes along 2nd Ave.
- ◆ Shared use path along East Myrtle St. and improved Main St. crossing
- ◆ Sidewalk maintenance and repairs.

After many public meetings and public input, East Croy and 2nd Ave. plans were finalized and bid last summer. The City received no bid responses. The City has rebid the same project for construction in 2018. The City is in the process of negotiating a contract for an engineering firm for design of Myrtle St. —construction would occur in 2019. The City completed a sidewalk grinding project to remove trip hazards under 1/2" in 2016 and an inventory to assess the condition of all other sidewalks in the City in 2017. The City has identified the sidewalks that are in the worst condition (location shown on map below). The City plans to collect public input during the winter and early spring, to better prioritize the repairs and prepare a proposed plan for the remaining funds (\$61,000) reserved for sidewalk work, funded by the levy. To cast your vote, please visit:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/X7V56Y9](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X7V56Y9)



Please visit: [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org) to vote for your preferred sidewalk project. Results will be reported on in the spring and used to inform the final sidewalk project.

### WRHS Student Articles

We are pleased to continue a new feature of Our Town began last month with local students contributing articles to the City's newsletter. These articles are written by members of the W.A.T.E.R club at WRHS. Find them located in the next column of this page.

## Student's Commentary

### Please Join In!

We have the ability, in our community, to help and benefit the environment - for free! This is a gift to all of us as well as to our earth. Many of your neighbors and local businesses are most likely partaking in this service already. All of this benefits us and our environment. Just think. A quick trip to your blue bin, the Town's corrugated recycling sites or the Ohio Gulch recycling center can benefit our environment and save you money at the same time. Don't be trashy. Recycle.

*Britta Heaphy, Wood River High School WATER club*

### It's Easy Peasy!

Have you noticed that on garbage day there seems to be more and more blue bins out on the street and they often sit next to that sleek, brown roller can – kind of like a taller, thinner R2D2)? And did you know that their homeowners are paying half as much for those sexy little roller bins than their neighbors pay for their big old Storm Trooper of a roller bin? It's all true.

The City of Hailey and Clear Creek Disposal have made recycling service free for residents and businesses since the 1990s and recycling opportunities have been growing ever since. Blue bins offer an easy way to cut down on your garbage load from your home or business.

You can also take your loads of Amazon boxes and any other corrugated cardboard for recycling to the Park and Ride Lot on the corner of River and Croy or to the lot by the Hailey Fire Station on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Glass bottles are also taken at both sites and used for fill at the Ohio Gulch Landfill.

To get in on the savings, here are 3 things to remember:

1. The blue bins are for three items only - paper (magazines, junk mail, cereal type boxes, etc), aluminum and tin cans, and plastics stamped with #1, #2, #3, #4, or #5 only.
2. These three materials in your blue bin must be separated within the blue bin or in your own containers. Please don't use plastic bags to separate the items.
3. Your cardboard boxes at the recycling dumpsters should be flattened. Filling a dumpster with boxes full of air doesn't make much sense. The boxes should be empty, without any other recycling or garbage in them.

Easy Peasy, right? You can join the crowd, save \$\$ and save the world. Don't be trashy. Recycle!

## What To Do with Holiday Boxes & Trees

After the holiday season, there are many ways to dispose of waste. The City of Hailey provides recycling opportunities.

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.



## January Tree Tip

### Water Potted Holiday Trees



Though easy to overlook, occasional watering of potted holiday trees helps them to survive. If your potted trees are outside, water them occasionally and then plant them in spring as weather permits. If your potted tree is indoors, it needs both watering and acclimatization to the outdoor weather so that it can be planted in spring. A plant can't transition from a 72 degree home to 20 degree outdoor weather without experiencing shock. You can call a professional arborist with questions. The City of Hailey's arborist on staff Stephanie Cook can be reached at 788-9830 x 31.

## Idaho Department of Health & Welfare's Tips on Flu Prevention

- Wash hands often with soap and water or alcohol based hand cleaners.
- Cover nose & mouth with tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth.
- Stay home from work or school when sick.

## Hailey Public Library January Events

Check out what's new in January. Complete details are at: [www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org](http://www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org) & [www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary)

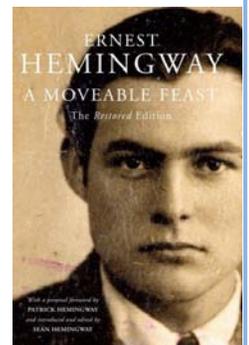
**In-between: Monday - Thursday 3:30 - 5:00 PM:** an after school camp full of STEAM activities, games and experiments!

**Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:30 AM:** *Story Time* is an interactive story hour made especially for pre-school aged children.

**Monday, January 1:** *New Year's Day Closure.*

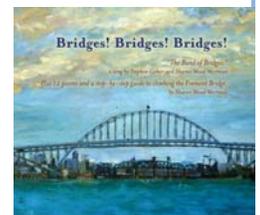
**Tuesday, January 9, 5:00 PM:** *Conversation Corner.* An English language conversation group that meets monthly to practice your skill.

**Tuesday, January 9, 5:30 PM:** *Library Reads Book Club.* Each month, HPL hosts a book club with curated picks from library staff and special guests. This month's read is *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway led by Jenny Emory-Davidson.



**Wednesday, January 10, 5:30 PM:** *Friends of the Hailey Public Library meeting.*

**Saturday, January 13, 2:00 PM:** *Family Bridge Stories.* Join us for a storytelling slideshow by author of *BridgeStories*, Sharon Wood Wortman.



**Monday, January 15:** *Marin Luther King Jr. Day Closure.*

**Wednesday, January 17, 6:00 PM:** *Board meeting.*

**Friday, January 19, 12:00 PM:** *Lunch and Learn.* Join us for a brown-bag lunch in the Sun Room and an hour of learning. This month, guest Donna Voyles teaches "Family Search 101."

The City of Hailey, Ketchum, Sun Valley, Bellevue, Sawtooth Botanical Garden and Wood River Land Trust announce:

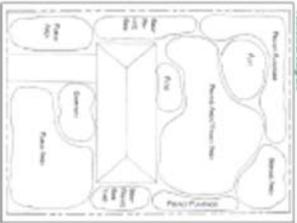
# Resilient Landscapes for Resilient Communities Series

Explore landscape design, xeriscape principles and using natives in creating beautiful outdoor settings and home gardens. All sessions are Water-Wise and qualify for the Hailey Water Smarty rebate program. Join us this winter for the first three of six in the series.



**Thursday, Jan 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 conceptual design homework! **Cost: FREE**  
**Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**Hailey City Hall**



**Thursday, Jan 25:**

**Bring your conceptual landscape design to the professionals!** **Rob King** and **Staci Page** (Clemens Associates), **Dean Hernandez** (Gardenspace Design), **Mark Spencer** (Native Landscapes) and **Sharon Browder** will help develop and fine tune your Spring Landscape plans. **Cost: FREE**  
**Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**Hailey City Hall**

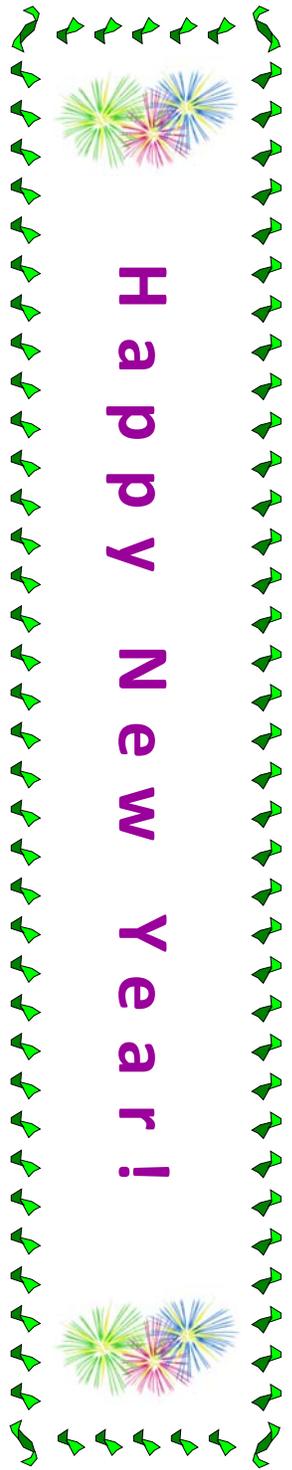


**Thursday, Feb 15:**

**Nativars – The New Native Plants**  
This exciting day-long workshop for landscape professionals and dedicated gardeners will cover how to design with newly available native plants called "nativars" and use appropriate maintenance techniques with **Dr. Steve Love** (U of I scientist), **Steven Paulsen** (Native Roots, LLC.) and others.  
**Cost: \$35 SBG members/\$40 nonmembers.**  
**Register by calling Sawtooth Botanical Garden at 208.726.9358.**  
**Time: 10:00 am-3:00 am**  
**Sawtooth Botanical Garden**



Info at: [woodriverlandtrust.org](http://woodriverlandtrust.org) or [sbgarden.org](http://sbgarden.org)



**H a p p y N e w Y e a r !**

Wow! Sign up for a workshop and make a plan to replace your lawn next spring. Water Smarty offers up to a \$2,000 rebate for qualified applicants and projects.

**WATER LESS ■ SAVE MONEY ■ BE A WATER SMARTY**

