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Message from the Mayor

May 21 Election Called to Consider Electric Utility Franchise Fee Increase

The Hailey City Council voted to call a special election for Tuesday, May 21, 2019. The purpose of the election is to put a ballot question before voters about whether or not to increase electric utility franchise fees within the City of Hailey. Please see the special election edition within this mailing. We appreciate you becoming informed on this matter and exercising your right to vote!

Della View Area Roads Closed

Flooding began along War Eagle Drive in Della View Subdivision on April 20, 2019. The City has closed that road, and may close other roads as flooding progresses throughout the month. Local traffic only is allowed on these closed roads. The wet road base and asphalt are weak and deteriorate under the weight of traffic. Residents are reporting that there is unnecessary traffic on closed streets. Please stay off closed roads.



Flood resources and information can be found at the City of Hailey website: www.haileycityhall.org

Events

Hailey Memorial Day Celebration

The Hailey Memorial Day Ceremony will take place Monday May 27, 2019 11 AM at the Hailey Cemetery.



All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend this thoughtful, FREE event. Rain or shine! Join us as we honor and remember the nearly 400 veterans laid to rest at the Hailey Cemetery.

During the Memorial Day celebration, members from the

Boise Highlander Bagpipers will provide music, along with "A Few Good Men" performing musical selections. The program lasts about an hour and is a memorable tribute for children and adults alike.



Volunteers decorate each veteran's grave site with a flag and a carnation. This volunteer decorating activity will take place at the Hailey Cemetery from Friday May 24 to Monday May 27, 2019. Call 208-720-7395 for more details.

Public Auction

Hailey City Surplus Property

Saturday, May 18, 2019 -10 AM
at Hailey Police Department
311 East Cedar Street

Hailey Public Library May Events

2019 marks the 100th anniversary of
Hailey Public Library.

To commemorate our centennial we are celebrating all year with a new logo, parties, learning and events for all.

Follow us for more information:

www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary

We're on Instagram!

[www.instagram.com/](https://www.instagram.com/HaileyPublicLibrary#hpl100)

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This Month's Era: 1950s

Mondays, 10:30 AM: *Baby Time*. Librarian-led activities that support strong sensory development and baby's first exploration of play.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: *In-beTween*. Activities for kids 9 - 12 full of STEAM activities, games, crafts, and experiments!

Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:30 AM: *Story Time* is an interactive story hour made especially for preschool aged children. Decades themed stories will be on the 15th & 17th!

Saturdays, 4:00 PM: *Conversational English Classes*. Want to freshen up your language skills? Join us for casual conversations in English in the library every Saturday.

Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 PM: *It's in the Air: Problems with Pollen*. Jonathan Youell, nutritional health coach at Natural Grocers, will offer a timely spring talk addressing what nutrients and food help support a balanced immune response to airborne irritants.

Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 PM: *Friends of the Hailey Public Library Meeting*.

Monday, May 27, 2019 Memorial Day - CLOSED

Thursday, May 9, 5:30 PM: *Let's Talk About It: Eva Luna* by Isabel Allende. Join us with a special guest speaker, Paula Coomer, to discuss global perspectives in our featured novel.

Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 PM: *Library Reads Book Club*. Every month, we'll be hosting a book club with picks throughout the decades. This month's read is *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz.

Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 PM: *Hailey Public Library Board Meeting*.

Thursday, May 16, 5:30 PM: *The Early Days of Hailey*. Local historian Rob Lonning discusses the players, economics and intrigue that converged to create the town of Hailey. Illustrated with photographic images from the late 1880s.

Saturday, May 18, 3:00 PM: *1950s Vintage Family Games*. Come into the library to experience the types of games that were played in the 1950s.

Thursday, May 23, 5:30 PM: *Mining History of the Wood River Valley*. Popular speaker and local mining historian Tom Blanchard explores the dozens of lead, silver and gold mines that sprang up around the Valley beginning in the 1860s.

Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 PM: *Home Lighting to Preserve Our Dark Skies: Part One*. Dark Sky Reserve Committee representative Carol Cole, Hailey City Planner Lisa Horowitz and Blaine County Commissioner Angenie McCleary will share the do's and don'ts of how homeowners can help keep our dark skies dark and why it's important.

Wednesday, May 29, 6:00 PM: *Summer Literacy Fair at Hailey Elementary*. Get signed up for summer reading and connect with summer literacy opportunities across the community at this event for parents and kids, alike.

Thursday, May 30, 5:30 PM: *Let's Talk About It: Graceland* by Chris Abani. Join us with a special guest speaker, Wendy Green, to discuss global perspectives in our featured novel.

Public Works - Parks Irrigation Rates

City Council to Consider Changes to Water Fees for City Parks Irrigation

The Hailey City Council will consider a proposed water rate change on May 13, 2019 that, if adopted, could change the cost of irrigating City Parks. Currently, the water user-fee structure is tiered based on volume, in order to encourage conservation. The City Council will consider whether to amend the tier within which City Parks fall, to be based on rate of usage rather than volume of usage. Because of the size of our parks, the water volume is high even though the application rate of water per square foot may be conservative. Because of the large size of city parks, the cost to irrigate parks, per gallon, is more than 2.5 times that of irrigating townhome common space, even though both application rates are nearly the same. Under our current ordinance, parks are billed in a rate tier as a single user, whereas the townhome rate is divided among the number of residents within the housing complex.

Meeting Calendar

City Council	5/13/2019
Planning & Zoning	5/06/2019
Planning & Zoning	5/20/2019
Arts & Historic Preservation...	5/14/2019
Joint Fire Board, Hailey WFRD	5/08/2019
Parks & Lands Board.....	5/22/2019
Public Library Board	5/15/2019
Tree Committee	5/09/2019
Sun Valley Air Service Board...	5/22/2019
Urban Renewal Agency.....	5/02/2019
Memorial Day Holiday*	5/27/2019

** City Offices and Library Closed*

Public Workshops During May

May 16 - River Street Design Concepts

May 20 - Transportation Master Plan

Both workshops are at 5:30 p.m. at Hailey City Hall. Interactive and informative; we want to hear from you!

Celebrate Spring with 3 Events



Biking for MENTAL WELLNESS

stigmafree RIDE

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Join in the community's largest family-friendly, fun-filled leisurely bike ride in the Valley!

Businesses and organizations are invited to partner with NAMI as sponsors of the "Biking for Mental Wellness, a Stigmafree Ride," in solidarity for mental wellness conversations in the workplace, and to utilize this event as an employee outing opportunity.

Check In 9:00-11:00 AM

Start at the YMCA in Ketchum or at the BCRD in Hailey
Finish at ArborFest in McKercher Park
with Food Trucks & Vendors 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Costumes (or themes) Are Encouraged!

Prizes will be awarded for the largest group participating, the most creative, and the best-themed team.

SUGGESTED ENTRANCE FEE:
\$100 FOR A GROUP OF 6 RIDERS, \$25 FOR A SINGLE
OR EACH ADDITIONAL RIDER TO REGISTER,
PLEASE GO TO NAMIWRV.ORG/BIKE



8th Annual ArborFest

Saturday, May 18th • 10:00 AM
at McKercher Park

Kids Bouncy Forest

Seedlings • Education • Food • Drinks • Vendors
and Family Fun!

Live Music

Arbor Day Proclamation 11:00 AM

Fun Run!!

11:30 AM



Saturday, May 18, 2019



and OUTDOOR SHOW

Spring in the Wood River Valley just got a lot more fun. The Chamber of Hailey and the Wood River Valley is happy to announce that the Hailey Home, Garden and Outdoor Show is not only returning, but it's teaming up with Hailey's Annual Arborfest celebration and NAMI's "Biking for Mental Wellness, a Stigmafree Ride".

Campion Ice House, Hailey

Saturday & Sunday
May 18-19

Free and Family-friendly - Home, Garden and Outdoor Recreation booths • Food & Beverage vendors • Beer Garden and Bike Demo.

For more information or to book booth space, contact The Chamber via email info@ValleyChamber.org or call 208.788.3484



Hailey Downtown Beautification Project Launch for Summer 2019

The Hailey Flower Committee, in partnership with local businesses and with support from public and private donations, plans to add hanging flower baskets on storefronts and planter boxes along much of the curbside, as well as spruce up the existing planter beds with a variety of flowers and additional landscaping. The Flower Committee also hopes to incorporate seating and ambient lighting on a few major street corners, such as on the corners of Main and Carbonate Streets, and in front of the Hailey Library on Croy Street. The installations will be in place by late June of this year. For more information about the project or to make a donation, please contact Hailey Flower Coordinator Maddy Waller at maddy.waller@haileycityhall.org.



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ADOPT A PARK







THANK YOU!

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Hailey Town Square Workshop

Two landscape architectural firms working for the City of Hailey showed renderings of the proposed Hailey Town Square to approximately 50 people in late April. Ben Young and Marty Lyon presented sketches and photos showing how two downtown Hailey sites could be developed into a town square containing intimate spaces within a public setting.

Four renderings were shown for each of the two sites which were labeled as the City Library Site (on Croy Street between the Hailey Public Library and the Old Rialto Hotel) and the Courthouse Site (on privately owned property at the corner of Croy and First Avenue, adjacent to the County Annex Building and the Cari's Hair and Jersey Girl building). The first site is flat, and would entail closing a portion of a street and creating some elevation within the otherwise flat site. The second site is sloped, and would require terracing the slope to connect to First Avenue and the Courthouse lawn, or constructing a retaining wall to create two separate levels. Costs for development of each site are expected to be similar, except that one would require the purchase of private property, which is assessed at \$433,000. All renderings drew from previous workshops regarding community vision, amenities and activities. A follow-up presentation will be made to the Hailey City Council on June 10, 2019.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Spring Clean-Up in Hailey

ERC Celebrates 25th Annual Clean Sweep Saturday, May 4

On the first Saturday in May since 1994, hundreds of volunteers of all ages in Sun Valley, Ketchum, Hailey and Bellevue have come together to clean up our cities, neighborhoods and trails after the long winter.

Clean Sweep falls on Saturday, May 4. Participation is free and easy. Meet at one of the following locations starting at 9:00AM to register and pick up garbage bags and gloves. Complimentary breakfast snacks and coffee will be provided.

- ERC Office in Ketchum (471 Washington Ave)
- KB's in Hailey (121 N Main St)
- Memorial Park in Bellevue (between Cedar & Elm).

This year marks Clean Sweep's 25th year and is slated to be our best yet! Celebrate the ERC's longest running program while making a difference in making our community even more beautiful! For more information: (208) 726-4333; www.ercsv.org; Facebook & Instagram: @ERCsunValley.

Cox Recycling Event

Friday, May 3 from 12pm-2pm, Cox Communications will provide a free recycling event where community members can drop off small electronics (no TVs) and confidential documents for shredding at the Cox Solutions Store (340 Lewis Street, Ketchum). Hot dogs will be served, as supplies last. For more information on this event, contact Cox Communications: (208) 726-4561.

Blaine County & Southern Idaho Solid Waste Clean Sweep Week

The ERC's Clean Sweep event will kick off Blaine County and Southern Idaho Solid Waste's week-long "Clean Sweep," where community members can drop off appliances, wood waste and tires at no charge from May 4 through May 11 at the Ohio Gulch and Carey Transfer Stations. For more information on this event, contact the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station: (208) 788-2351.

Yard Waste Clean-Up in Hailey May 11

Focus on your own yard clean-up on Saturday May 11, 2019. Clear Creek Disposal dumpsters will be at the Hailey Park & Ride Lot for collecting residents' clean wood waste, leaves, grass clippings & branches.



SPRING YARD WASTE CLEAN UP
for City of Hailey Residents
Saturday, May 11th, 9am-3pm
Drop off Location: Hailey Park & Ride
(corner of Bullion St. and River St.)
Bring grass, yard trimmings, and branches
(maximum: 8' long and 18" diameter)
to be chipped into mulch.
No treated lumber, food waste or trash.
This is NOT a curbside collection service.
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Earth Day

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle Fair

The City of Hailey celebrated Earth Day with a volunteer educational fair on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Volunteers from WATER (the Wood River High School environmental club) and a newly formed Hailey Climate Action Coalition stationed themselves at Hailey's recycling station located within the Park & Ride lot on River/Bullion streets. On the Saturday preceding the 39th national celebration of Earth Day, a steady stream of Hailey residents brought corrugated cardboard and glass to the recycle center and were greeted with good information about recycling.

The Earth Day volunteers found that almost everyone who came to recycle was interested in reducing our town's carbon footprint and wanted to better
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understand Blaine County's new standards for local recycling. Tables were set up to demonstrate ways that people can **Reduce** their carbon footprint by focusing on buying items in large sizes and bulk rather than single use packaging. Packaging makes up as much as 35% of the carbon footprint for a typical item. Single use products, such as bottles of water and pre-packaged lunch or snack servings may produce twice that rate. Paying attention to the packaging of products you typically buy and finding alternative ways of purchasing them can make a drastic difference in your trash bin and in your carbon footprint.

There are many more ways to reduce materials consumption. Metal straws were given out to those who wanted to reduce their plastic straw use and reuse a straw.

The table demonstrating ways to **Reuse** materials was full of clever ways to reuse the materials you already have in your home. Very common items can be reused such as shopping bags, refillable water or coffee mugs, cloth napkins and dishtowels. The volunteers also provided hand-sewn shopping and produce bags sewn from old curtains and a variety of rags and towels cut from old shirts and sheets. Although some of these reuse techniques require basic skills in sewing, crocheting, or woodwork, most were pretty low-key ways of saving money while saving the Earth.

And, of course, the final show was the **Recycling** instruction. Recycling practices have recently changed and are largely unknown. In our effort to recycle everything, we may not know that we live a long way from the factories that typically can reuse our materials. We are no longer able to send our mixed recyclables off to unknown countries in the hopes that they will reuse the materials well. Now, each item must have a buyer and the bales of recyclables we create need to be worth the cost of the diesel fuel it takes to transport the commodities. We're very lucky to have an incredible recycling broker working at Blaine County, Lamar Waters, who has found buyers and haulers for many recyclables.

It's important to know local recycling policies as they are in the present moment, and to keep knowledgeable of changes in recycling practices. If we all recycle correctly, we might become known for our pure commodities and be able to recycle more materials later as new commodities buyers become aware of our good recycling record.

Recycling at Hailey's recycle stations at Bullion/ River Street Park & Ride lot and at Hailey Fire Station 3rd Avenue sites:

Corrugated Cardboard is the wavy paper sandwiched between two outer layers of paper. It does not include pressed paper such as cereal boxes. Corrugated boxes should be flattened and other materials removed such as paper, packaging, and plastic wrapping or other trash. Place it into the bin flattened and clean.

Glass bottles are not shipped to the Magic Valley regional landfill but are used locally at the Ohio Gulch site, saving the carbon cost of their shipping.

Recycling at your Curbside:

Office/copy paper and newspaper is taken at curbside **IF** no other paper materials are in the bin. Office/copy is the type of paper that you would use in your own printer and does not include tissue or wrapping paper, receipts, magazines or envelopes.

Plastic with the recycling #1- #5 embedded on them. #6 or numberless materials are plastics that can't be recycled here and should be put in trash. This includes most lids.

Metal cans includes aluminum and tin but not aerosol cans.

Our recycling works when we all understand that anything OTHER than these 5 items in each recycling bin is 'contamination' of the recycling stream and makes it difficult or impossible to sell or recycle.

Help the Earth and help Hailey;
Reduce packaging and waste,
Reuse all items as long as possible, and THEN
Recycle correctly.



MAY ELECTION

Franchise Fee Increase On Electric Utilities

Should The Fee Be Increased From 1% To 3%?

May 2019

Special Section:
Election Information

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May 21 Election

Voters to Decide on Electric Power Utility Franchise Fee Increase for City of Hailey

A special election is set for Tuesday, May 21, 2019. The purpose of the election is to put a ballot question before voters about whether or not to increase electric utility franchise fees within the City of Hailey.

What is the ballot question?

The ballot question will ask, "Shall the Idaho Power Franchise Fee be increased from one percent (1%) to three percent (3%) for the purpose of maintenance and improvements to critical infrastructure and public streets, rights-of-way, sidewalks, bike-pedestrian infrastructure and other streetscape components within Hailey?"

What is a utility franchise fee?

Cities allow utility companies the use of city streets, alleys and easements to deliver utility services to customers. Idaho law allows cities to collect a fee from utility companies for the use of city streets.

What franchise fees does the City receive?

The City receives franchise fees from all the utilities within Hailey upon which franchise fees are allowed. Franchise fees are not allowed on telecommunications utilities, such as Verizon and Syringa.

Hailey receives:

- 3% franchise fee from Intermountain Gas;
- 5% franchise fee from Cox Cable T.V.;
- 6% franchise fee from Clear Creek Disposal;
- 1% franchise fee from Idaho Power.

How much does the City receive from these franchise fees?

The City receives \$290,000 annually from four utility companies. Idaho Power's current portion of that amount is \$60,000.

How much will the City receive from the Idaho Power franchise fee increase?

An increase from a 1% franchise fee to a 3% franchise fee will bring in an additional \$120,000 per year to the City of Hailey from Idaho Power.

What is Idaho Power's role?

Idaho Power Company bills the fee to its own utility customers. Idaho Power pays the fee it collects to the City of Hailey on a quarterly basis. The fee passes through Idaho Power from the customer to the City.

Who will pay the increased fee?

The costs of the electric utility franchise fee is paid by residents and businesses within Hailey who pay bills to Idaho Power. That includes tenants or landlords whose rental agreements require them to pay the power bill.

How much will the increased fee cost?

The fee is based on a percentage of the electricity bill and will vary with the size of the electricity bill. Below are examples of different monthly power bill amounts and what the current and proposed franchise fee would be with those bills.

Monthly Electric Power Bill	Current Monthly Franchise Fee	Proposed Monthly Franchise Fee
\$100.00	\$1.00	\$3.00
\$150.00	\$1.50	\$4.50
\$200.00	\$2.00	\$6.00
\$250.00	\$2.50	\$7.50
\$300.00	\$3.00	\$9.00
\$350.00	\$3.50	\$10.50
\$400.00	\$4.00	\$12.00
\$450.00	\$4.50	\$13.50
\$525.00	5.25	\$15.75
\$675.00	6.75	\$20.25

How will the money be used?

Elected officials of Hailey have identified through a survey, a town hall meeting and public hearings that improved maintenance of existing infrastructure is the most important element to Hailey residents and businesses. City maintenance needs are broad, and can vary from year to year depending on weather and other circumstances. The City's goal is to conduct maintenance in a routine and timely fashion.

What maintenance should be routine?

A list of maintenance activities which the City seeks to perform on a scheduled, routine basis, including:

Street Sweeping	Weed Abatement
Street Chip Sealing	Street Fog Sealing
Street Crack-filling	Alley Maintenance
Sidewalk Maintenance	Drainage Mant
Park Mowing	Park Fertilizing
Park Composting	Park Irrigation
Park Restrooms	Park Play Structures
Skatepark Concrete	Arena Maintenance
Welcome Center Maint	City Hall Maintenance
Library Maintenance	Fire Station Maint
Police Station Maint	Sign Maintenance
Equipment Maintenance	Tree Trimming
Vehicle Maintenance	Art Maintenance
Crosswalk Painting	Street Striping

How To Vote

Only voters living within the city limits of Hailey are eligible to vote in this election. Please visit Blaine County's Election website at www.blainecounty.org and use the "Where do I Vote" link to determine your voting precinct and eligibility.

Early & Absentee Voting is open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday from April 29, 2019 through May 17, 2019 at Blaine County Courthouse, 206 First Ave S, Hailey.

Mailed Absentee Ballots must be requested before 5:00 PM on May 10, 2019.

Polls are open on Tuesday May 21, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Call Blaine County Elections for information at 208-788-5510

What maintenance is weather driven?

Maintenance driven by weather includes snow removal, street sanding, repairs and clean-up following flood, wind, storm and fire events. These maintenance activities often take precedence over routine maintenance. Hailey's miles of chip seal ranges from nearly 4 miles in 2012 none in 2017.

What Does City Maintenance Cost?

Hailey has 53.1 miles of streets and 37 acres of parks. Some maintenance costs for the City of Hailey are:

- \$14,000** Cost of 1 night city labor for snow removal.
- \$ 65,000** Annual snow removal equipment lease cost.
- \$ 1,770** Cost per inch of snow plowed from streets.
- \$27,000** Cost per mile to chip seal city streets.
- \$ 8,000** Cost per mile to fog seal city streets.
- \$ 4,500** Cost per mile to crack-fill city streets.
- \$ 2,000** Replace 10' winter-damaged pavement.
- \$ 530 K** Cost per mile to repave street.
- \$20-60K** Cost to replace 1 block of curb and gutter.
- \$50-130K** Cost to replace 1 block of sidewalk.
- \$ 1,200** Cost per mile to sweep city streets.
- \$ 34,000** Cost per season to sweep city streets.
- \$ 460 K** Seasonal cost to maintain 17 city parks.
- 26** Number of public works employees.
- \$75,000** Chip-seal cost in 2018 of 5% of city streets*
- \$207 K** Additional chip seal cost needed to maintain 20% of city streets in 2018, unfunded.*

* In 2018 the City completed chip seal maintenance on approximately 5% of city streets at a cost of approximately \$75,000. However, recommended maintenance practices are to chip seal up to 20% of the roadway system each year, which left \$207,000 of unfunded maintenance needs for that year. In heavy snow or flooding years, additional money is diverted from road maintenance, which further reduces the maintained percentage. Consistent maintenance preserves the life of city streets. Without consistent maintenance, sections of complete road failure result. This type of repair, or rebuilding roads, is the most expensive type of maintenance, and can be avoided by applying sufficient budget dollars consistently each year according to the city's maintenance plan. These same concepts apply broadly to other system components such as sidewalks, curbs, drainage structures and buildings.