



# OUR TOWN

*Where the High Desert Meets the Mountains*

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## Message from the Mayor

### Election Results and Budget Process

We extend our gratitude to all the Hailey citizens who took time to vote on the Idaho Power franchise fee increase. It is very important for people to vote on public funding issues. Idaho Power will begin collecting the fee after notification of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission is completed. Look for information from Idaho Power coming to local customers soon.

We are pleased that the vote on the franchise fee increase was passed. The additional \$120,000 the City will realize from the fee increase will result in significant changes in the maintenance and care of City infrastructure.

The manner in which the City spends money remains an important issue. As we do every year at this time of year, we encourage concerned Hailey citizens to attend our budget meetings. It is critical that your voice be heard. Please join the City in this work, and we look forward to seeing you at City Hall.

### Town Square Meeting Rescheduled to Monday July 8 (from June 10)

Costs and design elements of the proposed Town Square, previously schedule for a June City Council meeting, will be presented for city council discussion on Monday July 8, 2019. The landscape architects who worked with the public in a late April workshop will present the ideas and costs of two proposed town square sites to the Hailey City Council. The details of the April presentation and the proposed sites can be found on the Hailey City website. <https://haileycityhall.org>.

## Events

### Unveiling of the Hailey Flower Project Wednesday, June 12th



Come and enjoy the sights and smells of summer with fresh flowers and cozy outdoor seating on beautiful Main Street in Hailey between Croy and Carbonate Streets. Join us anytime that day!



**A Lawn Replacement Rebate Program**  
**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

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

Qualified Hailey residential properties: **REPLACE YOUR LAWN AND RECEIVE A REBATE UP TO \$2,000.**

Qualified Hailey commercial properties: **REPLACE YOUR LAWN AND RECEIVE A REBATE UP TO \$7,500.**

~ Program Rules and Limitations Apply ~

For more information:  
[www.watersmarty.org](http://www.watersmarty.org)  
788-9830 x17



## Hailey Public Library June 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](http://www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org)

[www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary)

*We're on Instagram!*

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

### This Month's Era: 1960s

**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 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>!

**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, June 5, 4:00 PM: *Medicare Workshop.*** Staff from the Department of Insurance-SHIBA will offer free and unbiased counseling and assistance with complaints or problems involving individual Medicare benefits.

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

**Thursday, June 6, 5:30 PM: *Summer Constellations and More!: Part Two of Dark Sky Talks.*** Popular lecturer Tim Frazier will introduce participants to our gorgeous summer constellations and share stories the ancients told about them.

**Friday, June 7, 10:30 AM: *Ready! For Kindergarten: Part One of Three.*** A very special story time that encourages parents to talk, sing, read and play with their child in simple ways that foster essential pre-literacy, pre-math and social-emotional skills.

**Tuesday, June 11, 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 *The Longest Night* by Andria Williams.

**Wednesday, June 12, 5:30 PM: *It's in the Air: Problems with Pollen.*** Jonathan Youell, nutritional coach at Natural Grocers, will offer a timely spring talk about nutrients and food that support a balanced immune response to pollen.

**Thursday, June 13, 5:30 PM: *Who Was Carrie Adell Strahorn?*** Local experts Florence Blanchard and Sue Bailey will share the amazing adventures of the woman for whom Della Mountain was named. Guest appearance by Carrie Adell Strahorn herself!

**Saturday, June 15, 3:00 PM: *1960s Vintage Family Games.*** Come into the library to experience the types of games that were played in the 1960s.

**Wednesday, June 19, 11:30 PM: *Lunch in the Park.*** The Hunger Coalition, Blaine County School District, Hailey Public Library and volunteers from the community are partnering to provide free, nourishing meals and crafts for children 18 and under at Bal-moral Park.

**Thursday, June 20, 5:30 PM: *Craters of the Moon Film & Discussion.*** View the exciting new film for Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve and explore the unearthly wonders of Hailey's nearest national park. Ted Stout, Chief of Interpretation and Education, will present the film and preview summer events.

**Wednesday, June 26, 5:30 PM: *Robert Strahorn and the Development of the WRV.*** Historian John Lundin will share the fascinating story of entrepreneur Robert Strahorn, without whom neither Hailey nor Sun Valley Resort would exist.

## 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 ordinance to change the water rate for city park irrigation. Currently, Hailey's water user-fee structure is tiered based on volume. The City Council will consider whether to change the ordinance such that city parks fall into a different tier based on rate of usage rather than volume of usage.

The proposed ordinance will redefine parks usage in a comparable manner to residential use, based on a calculation of how many residential units could be developed on the same acreage as our parks, and dividing the City parks usage by that number, which is 181 residential units. Currently the parks use is divided by 1 unit per park, which pushes parks irrigation cost to into a cost of \$4.96 per 1000 gallons. The new calculation method would put parks irrigation in the \$2.22 per 1000 gallon tier. The average residential water rate is \$1.13 per 1000 gallons, with large lots in areas such as Northridge averaging \$2.51 per 1000 gallons.

Because of the large size of city parks, the current cost to irrigate parks, per gallon, is more than 2.5 times that of irrigating townhome common space, even though the application rates of both are nearly the same. Townhome rates are established by dividing the water usage among the number of residents within the housing complex. The most costly townhome rate at this time is \$1.92 per 1000 gallons. The ordinance change would bring the cost of irrigating residences, townhome open space and

city parks into a more comparable scale based on application rate of water, rather than volume.



## Meeting Calendar

City Council .....	6/10/2019
City Council .....	6/24/2019
Planning & Zoning .....	6/03/2019
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Arts & Historic Preservation...	6/04/2019
Joint Fire Board, Hailey WRFD	
Parks & Lands Board.....	6/26/2019
Public Library Board .....	6/19/2019
Tree Committee .....	6/13/2019
Sun Valley Air Service Board...	none
Urban Renewal Agency.....	6/06/2019

*\* City Offices and Library Closed*

## Budget Hearings & Process

**June 24 Mayor's Budget Introduced**

**July 8 Hearings on Tentative Budget**

**July 22 Hearings on Tentative Budget**

**Aug 12 Public Hearing on Budget**

### **Public Hearing River Street Improvements**

Hailey City Council Meeting  
Monday, June 10, 2019 / 5:30 p.m.

Includes a review of the concept design process and council consideration of a recommended concept design alternative.

### **Transportation Master Plan Update**

Hailey City Council Meeting  
Monday, June 10, 2019 / 5:30 p.m.

Consideration of a proposed transportation infrastructure Capital Improvement Project list.

Hailey City Council Meeting  
Monday, June 24, 2019 / 5:30 p.m.

Consideration of the entire 2019 Transportation Master Plan Update.

## Events

### July 4th Celebration in Hailey

Hailey's legendary **Days of the Old West Fourth of July celebration** makes our town one of the best places in America to enjoy Independence Day. From the festive parade to live music at places like The Mint and RiverFest, to an antique show, a rodeo and stunning fireworks, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is always an awesome day in Hailey. But it can't happen without your support.

*To make a donation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and celebration, please visit the Hailey Welcome Center, call 208-788-3484 or mail a donation to The Chamber of Hailey and the Wood River Valley PO Box 100 Hailey, ID 83333.*

### Downtown Hailey Carbonate & First

Father's Day  
June 16, 2019  
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Chili Tasting  
Live Music  
Sun Valley Beers  
Raffle

A Fundraiser for City  
Fireworks Display &  
Hailey Firefighters



## Safety Preparedness

### Lightning Safety

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), there are about 25 million lightning strikes in the United States each year. While lightning mostly occurs during the summer months, it can happen at any time of the year. Talk with your family about staying safe during thunderstorms. Here are just a few lightning safety tips that the NWS offers if you are indoors:

- Stay off corded phones. You can use cellular or cordless phones;
- Don't touch electrical equipment such as computers, TVs, or cords. You can use the remote control safely;
- Stay away from windows and doors that might have small leaks around the sides to let in lightning;
- Stay off porches.

According to the NWS, if you are outside during a storm it is important to get inside a safe building or vehicle. You are NOT safe outdoors, but if you absolutely cannot get to safety, follow these tips to slightly lessen the threat of being struck by lightning:

- Avoid open fields, the top of a hill, or a ridge top;
- Stay away from tall, isolated trees or other tall objects. If you're in a forest, stay near a lower stand of trees;
- If you're in a group, spread out to avoid the electric current traveling between group members.

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THANK YOU!

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