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City of Hailey

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Message from the Mayor

Join Us to Cut Ribbon at Hailey's New Snow Storage Site - Nov. 9 at 4:30 PM

Please join me, the Hailey City Council and city staff in a ribbon cutting ceremony at our new snow storage site one mile west of Hailey on Croy Canyon Road. Work on this site includes the construction of an all-weather haul road, six truck pads for material dumping, a perimeter cut off berm to contain snow melt runoff and oversized infiltration fields for snow melt infiltration. All the work has been done by Hailey City staff.



Several of the City's goals are met through this project, primarily the goals imbedded within the Hailey Greenway Master Plan, which identifies steps toward restoration of the riparian areas near the Big Wood River from Lions Park to Colorado Gulch. The Wood River Land Trust expressed that they are thrilled that this project, coupled with WRLT's recent acquisition of the wetlands to the south, provide opportunity to partner with the city to increase the overall health of Hailey's riparian areas.

Resiliency Projects

Water Project at West Meadows Drive

Construction is nearing completion at West Meadows Drive in Northridge, where a city water main line is being installed to improve pressure in the Northridge Subdivision and other north-Hailey areas.

Biosolids Composting Project

The City of Hailey has been working with its wastewater engineer HDR, Inc. on the development of a biosolids composting strategy. The cost for that task is shared with other valley stakeholders in proportion to their contribution at the Ohio Gulch Landfill of biosolids, otherwise known as sludge. We recently entered into dialogue with Winn's Compositing for development of the Compositing Plan for DEQ review and approval.

We have begun a five year pilot study to prove the efficiency and costs of composting local biosolids to Class A Exceptional Quality (EQ) standards. Biosolids are generated during the treatment of municipal wastewater. The biosolids from Ketchum and Sun Valley are hauled in liquid form, at about 3 percent solids (97% water). Likewise the solids from a mid-valley treatment plant and Bellevue are also hauled in liquid form at about 1 to 2 percent solids. The biosolids from Hailey are dewatered to about 16 to 18 percent solids before hauling. Currently, biosolids from all these plants are dried in 12 sludge beds at the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station until sufficient drying allows the solids to be transferred to the landfill for final disposal. These drying beds will be maintained regardless of the outcome of the composting proposals and study. The study will evaluate our potential to divert the dried sludge to a use other than landfilling it.

Hailey Board & Staff News

Children's Librarian Lea Colvill Accepts New Position

When Lea Colvill was hired as Hailey Public Library's part time Children's Librarian in March 2017, Head Start was preparing to close. The need for services to preschool children became more important than ever. With funding from civic groups like Kiwanis, Rotary and the Idaho Commission for Libraries, Colvill worked with committed volunteers and library staff to refresh our train set, purchase multi-cultural dolls, a play kitchen, magna tiles and create a LEGO© wall.

Among many innovations, Colvill created a summer camp calendar to help working parents locate summer childcare. She advocated for a self-checkout station at kid's height to help make leaving the library less stressful for kids and their parents. It was also less stressful for kids because she managed to lose every footrace to the door. Along with other staff and volunteers, Colvill helped remodel the children's area, an effort made possible because of a generous donation of shelving units from The Community Library.

Colvill worked closely with the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children to implement the *Ready! for Kindergarten* program which prepares parents to teach their children preliteracy, reasoning and social-emotional skills. This collaboration led to the development of Kinder Kits which are pre-school kits targeting math, literacy, dexterity and descriptive skills, available for check out at Hailey Public Library.

The arrival of COVID-19 forced Colvill's twice weekly Storytime to go online where it blossomed, now reaching more than 600 households around

the country each week. Colvill also created the COVID Classroom, a compilation of hundreds of fun and educational curricula links for Pre-K through high school students. The Classroom, accessible at www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org, provides a tremendous diversity of resources to parents who are homeschooling their children.

"Being a children's librarian is a lot like being a fairy godmother," stated Colvill, "As a librarian, I grant reading wishes to young children and remind parents that their kids may be very busy, but they're not defective. I help kids be ready to love their classroom teachers by modeling a kind adult from outside their family with high expectations."

Colvill has worked as HPL's children's librarian for almost 4 years, but she is also an Episcopal priest with a background in teaching. Recently, she was called to be the Rector (Lead Pastor) at St. Luke's



Episcopal Church in Idaho Falls, Idaho, one of only seven full-time rector positions in the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho. "I thank the people of Hailey for the privilege of being able to do this good work as HPL's children's librarian and will continue to provide Storytime online until a lucky, new librarian is chosen," stated Colvill, "Being an Episcopal Rector is a great honor, but I will miss my patrons very much."

Colvill's last in-person day at the Hailey Public Library will be Friday, November 20, 2020, which, appropriately, is Universal Children's Day.

Protect Water Lines from Freezing

If your water must be run in winter to keep from freezing, due to shallow water lines across your property, you may be able to avoid an increase in wastewater fees. To request freeze protection, submit the *Request for Water Service Freeze Protection* application. This form must be received in advance in order to be eligible for a reduction in fees.



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Winter Parking Restrictions Begin November 1



Before Winter Begins – Remove personal belongings from the City right of way; items not removed may be damaged during plowing operations. The city is not responsible for any damage that may occur.

Parking Restrictions – No overnight parking (12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.) of any kind within any City right of way between Nov. 1 and May 1. Where there is no improved curb and gutter, vehicles must be *at least* 6' off edge of asphalt. Illegally parked vehicles may be towed without notice and at the owner's expense.

Hailey Public Library November Events

Follow us for more information:

www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org.

www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary.

www.instagram.com/HaileyPublicLibrary.

Facebook Live Story Time

Wednesdays 10:30 AM

An interactive story hour made especially for preschool aged children full of songs and stories

Join us on our Facebook page to listen in: <https://www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary/>

Friends of the Hailey Public Library

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Join us by Zoom. Interested persons can get more information or receive a zoom link by emailing haileylibraryfriends@gmail.com

Hailey Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday November 19, 2020 5:45 PM. Board meetings are open to the public in person or electronically.

City Meeting Calendar

City Council	11/09/2020
City Council	11/23/2020
City Council	11/30/2020
Planning & Zoning	11/02/2020
Planning & Zoning	11/16/2020
Arts & Historic Preservation...	11/17/2020
Joint Fire Board Hailey/WRFD..	11/18/2020
Library Board.....	11/19/2020
Parks & Lands Board.....	11/25/2020
Tree Committee	11/12/2020
Urban Renewal Agency	11/19/2020

Please check our website for additional meetings. Hailey's website contains all agendas and meeting documents. **The published agenda** contains call-in or connection information on how to join our meetings online or by phone via Go-To-Meeting. <https://www.haileycityhall.org/meetings/index.asp>. In-person attendance is welcome as well, with physical distancing and masks.



Local High School W.A.T.E.R. Club Resumes Opinion Article for Our Town

Mayor Martha Burke is pleased to announce that Wood River High School's environmental club known as *We Appreciate the Earth's Resources (W.A.T.E.R.)* has resumed submitting opinion articles for Our Town. This program was begun a few years ago, and faded out due to the pandemic. We so much enjoy the passionate voice of our youth within this publication. Thank you to W.A.T.E.R. and its Academic Facilitator Erika Greenberg and Community Volunteer Elizabeth Jeffrey.

Finances

Increases in Building Permit Fees and Planning, Zoning & Subdivision

Fees The Hailey City Council approved two ordinances last month which will institute fee increases after the ordinances are read and published in the Idaho Mountain Express Legal Edition. The effective date of the new fees will be November 25, 2020, the day before Thanksgiving.

Building permit fees and planning, zoning and subdivision fees will increase significantly, as these fees have been in place since 2007. The fee schedule is set such that small projects will not pay a disproportionate cost; these fees are scaled down to reflect the smaller work load required in small projects.

Utility Fees

Water & Wastewater Fees Modified

Those of you who pay close attention to your City utility bills will notice a very slight change to your water and/or wastewater billing rates. These rates were modified to reflect the larger customer base, and the rates went down a few cents in most categories. The rates for those on fixed or limited income who qualify for Blaine County's Property Tax Reduction program will see a steep decline in their rates, as the Hailey City Council determined to reduce these rates more significantly than before. These rate payers may see their bills decrease approximately up to \$10 per month. As holds in all City utility billing matters, the sliding scale applied to rates affects lower and higher water users differently.

Student Column

Shop Responsibly this Holiday Season

The holidays are a joyful time for us. Shopping and gift-giving mark the occasion, but the environmental impacts are damaging. Consumerism and FOMO (fear of missing out) create this issue.

Fast fashion, mega-factories, packaging, and transportation all produce waste and increase our carbon footprints year-round, especially during the holidays. This issue is about to increase drastically in the next two months, but there are things we can do to decrease the effects of consumerism. We can reduce this problem by buying locally and shopping online responsibly.

Transportation, packaging, the production of items, and fast-fashion damage the environment during the holidays and commercialized shopping days. Shop responsibly by purchasing clothes that are timeless and aren't cheap and trendy. Make your wardrobe classic and timeless so you aren't constantly cycling through it to catch up with the latest trends. Buy second-hand locally in one of our thrift stores or through yard sales and local *For Sale in Hailey* websites, and online from brands such as ThredUp, eBay, or Depop. Purchasing from companies sourced in the U.S can cut down carbon emissions, too. If you are buying locally, bring your own bag and shop second-hand.

During the pandemic, local businesses need your help so please take that into consideration when shopping. YOU are able to reduce waste and decrease your carbon footprint this holiday season.

Submitted by Lilia Page, student & W.A.T.E.R.



COVID-19 LOCAL ORDINANCES - PRIVATE GATHERINGS

Mandate:

Face Coverings

Every person shall when in any indoor or outdoor public place, completely cover their nose and mouth, when members of the public are physically present.

Group Size & Social Distancing

No indoor gathering may exceed 10 persons, and no outdoor gathering may exceed 50 persons. This applies to all public and private property, private residences, business establishments of any and all type. All gatherings of non-household members shall maintain 64 square feet of space per person in every indoor and outdoor space.

State of Idaho Order

Indoor gatherings of more than 50 people, both public and private, are prohibited. Indoor gatherings of 50 or fewer people must maintain at least 6 foot physical distancing. Outdoor gatherings, both public and private, are limited to 25% of the maximum permitted occupancy of the facility or space as documented in the occupancy permit.

This order applies to all people/businesses outside of Ketchum, Hailey, or Blaine County. In any jurisdiction the most restrictive order applies.

Exemptions:

SOCIAL AND PRIVATE GATHERINGS:

- **Ketchum, Hailey, Bellevue, Sun Valley, Blaine County**
 - Children under the age of 5.
 - Outdoor public places where people can employ social distancing as recommended by CDC, while continuing to recommend face covering.
- **Blaine County & Hailey ONLY**
 - Parents are encouraged to have children under 5 wear face coverings if they can tolerate it.
 - Persons with a documented disability.
 - Persons who cannot medically tolerate wearing a cloth face covering must wear a face shield.
- **Ketchum ONLY**
 - Persons who cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering, A person is not required to provide documentation demonstrating that the person cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering.

SOCIAL AND PRIVATE GATHERINGS:

- **Ketchum, Hailey, Blaine County**
 - Households with family units of more than ten people that permanently reside together.
- **State of Idaho Order (areas outside of Ketchum, Hailey, Blaine County)**
 - Individuals not residing within the same household shall maintain at least 6 foot physical distancing from other individuals whenever possible.
 - Gatherings may receive an exemption by submitting a plan to the South Central Public Health District.

Any person who violates any provisions of local health orders/ordinances shall be subject to an infraction, punishable by a fine of \$100. Any person who violates provisions of the State order may constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

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BUSINESS EXEMPTIONS:

- **Ketchum, Hailey, Bellevue, Sun Valley, Blaine County**
 - Children under 5.
 - Persons, including on-duty law-enforcement officers, for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
 - Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose, face, or head for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
 - Outdoor public places where people can employ social distancing as recommended by CDC, while continuing to recommend face covering.
 - Persons who are eating or drinking at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, so long as the person is able to maintain a distance of 6 feet away from persons who are not members of the same party.
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 - Parents are encouraged to have children under 5 wear face coverings if they can tolerate it.
 - Persons with a documented disability.
 - Persons who cannot medically tolerate wearing a cloth face covering must wear a face shield.
- **Hailey ONLY**
 - The owner of every public place shall require mandatory face covering by members of the public; and shall decline to enter into commerce with any individual who refuses to abide by said requirements, unless they fall under an exemption. Owners of any public place who continue to engage in commerce with nonexempt individuals who refuse to cover their faces, or decline to limit gathering size, are subject to closure orders.
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Bars & Restaurants: All patrons must remain seated while consuming food or drink or when otherwise on the premises, except for when entering, exiting, using the restroom. Seating must be arranged so tables are spaced at least 6 feet apart, and nightclubs may continue to operate as a bar.

This order applies to all people/businesses outside of Ketchum, Hailey, or Blaine County. In any jurisdiction the most restrictive order applies.

Exemptions:

Businesses:

- **Ketchum, Hailey, Blaine County**
 - Schools and school property.
 - Grocery stores.
 - Healthcare facilities.
 - Institutional facilities operated by government, taxing districts and/or registered non-profit organizations.
 - Any private business, that has posted written instructions of COVID-19 mitigation strategies, at a minimum, provision of hand sanitizer or hand washing stations and the ability to maintain 64 square feet of space per person in every indoor and outdoor space on said premises.
- **Blaine County & Ketchum ONLY**
 - Businesses who have submitted a detailed plan, approved by the city/county, which demonstrates additional actions/measures utilizing CDC best practice mitigation measures for that specific industry.
- **Ketchum ONLY**
 - Restaurants that follow the Governor's Stage 3 protocols, failure to do so will require compliance of 1 person per 64 square feet.
- **Hailey ONLY**
 - Every public place, as defined by this order, shall post signage at every entrance. Signage should contain, at a minimum, substantially the same information as can be found at www.haileycityhall.gov.
- **State of Idaho (areas outside of Ketchum, Hailey, Blaine County)**
 - Gatherings for political expression - including polling locations - and religious activities are not subject to these provisions, provided that they adhere to the physical distancing requirements.
 - Gatherings do not include activities involving students taught by an educator in a school or equivalent setting; or extra-curricular activities, including athletics, practice, matches, performances, and games.
 - Gatherings may receive an exemption by submitting a plan to the South Central Public Health District.

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DIRECT PAY FORM

Your monthly City of Hailey utility bill can be paid with a Direct Pay. To sign up for this service, please complete this form and return it to City Hall with a voided check.

Utility Account #: _____

*Applicant name(s): _____

Property owner(s): _____

Property address: _____

I authorize the City of Hailey to initiate debit entries to my checking account.

I further authorize my bank (name) _____ to debit my account on the 22nd of each month for the amount billed to my City of Hailey utility account.

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until the City of Hailey has received notification of its termination.

***If this request is made by someone other than the property owner, please provide permission from the property owner.**

Signed _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

**PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK
(The check must have the 9-digit routing and transit number)**