

# Our Town, Our Home

## City of Hailey

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### Message from the Mayor

#### Enjoy July 4th Activities Safely

The start of summer is the perfect time to gather with family and friends for good food and fun times. This year, celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in a safe way. As we all know, last year's festivities were greatly affected by Covid so this year's hopes are to make the events even more special as we also celebrate and value the freedom to gather safely with family and friends.

All are encouraged to venture out and enjoy the myriad of events being offered this year, but stay mindful as we navigate and respect our new freedoms.



A few safety tips to keep in mind are:

- Never disassemble or try to make your own fireworks
- Don't point sparklers at yourself or others, especially while they are being lit
- Only light fireworks on the ground and in areas that are dry and fire resistant
- Don't attempt to light multiple devices at the same time

*Please be aware that work is being done on our streets and curb ramps so watch your step as you get out there, have a good time, support our local businesses and visit any or all of the terrific events happening city-wide.*

### City Utilities

#### Irrigation Restrictions Are In Effect

Summer is a time when most water is used for purposes other than consumption. Irrigation in Hailey is restricted; here are things to know about the restrictions as well as suggestions on how to stay compliant while still maintaining your yard.

**WHY?** Irrigation restrictions are in effect from *May 1 to September 30* each year for several purposes:

- To manage water pressure through the system
- To ensure proper fire flows for public safety
- To conserve water generally
- To prevent water from evaporating in the heat

**WHEN?** Irrigation restrictions are on addresses and times of days. Irrigation should NEVER occur between the hours of *10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.* because much of the water evaporates in the heat. Your address will tell you what days you can water. If your address ends in an even number, you may water on calendar dates that end in an even number. If your address ends in an odd number, then you may water on calendar dates that end in odd numbers. All addresses may water on the 31st.

**WHO?** Anyone who is on Hailey's water system. It is recommended that new homeowners get to know their sprinkler timers and systems.

**WHAT?** Penalties for irrigating outside these limitations include monetary fines as well as potential water shutoff.

**Hailey's trash & recycling rates have changed. Recycling costs far less than trash. Know what can and can not be recycled, using the enclosed recycling guide.**

## PROGRAMA DE ALIMENTOS DEL VERANO 14 DE JUNIO - 20 DE AGOSTO



**ALMUERZO, LIBROS Y ACTIVIDADES GRATIS  
PARA TODOS NIÑOS Y JÓVENES**

LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES
PARQUE DE KIWANIS (BALMORAL) 11:30 - 12:30	PARQUE DE KIWANIS (BALMORAL) 11:30 - 12:30	PARQUE DE KIWANIS (BALMORAL) 11:30 - 12:30	PARQUE DE KIWANIS (BALMORAL) 11:30 - 12:30	PARQUE DE KIWANIS (BALMORAL) 11:30 - 12:30
TERRENOS DE LA FERIA EN CAREY 11:30 - 12:30		TERRENOS DE LA FERIA EN CAREY 11:30 - 12:30	HEMINGWAY ELEMENTARY 11:30 - 12:30	
PARQUE DE BELLEVUE 1:00 - 2:00	LOS MEADOWS 1:00 - 2:00	PARQUE DE BELLEVUE 1:00 - 2:00	LOS MEADOWS 1:00 - 2:00	ESTACIÓN DE BOMBEROS EN GANNETT 1:00 - 2:00
BLOOM BOOKMOBILE EN LUGARES DE ANARANJADO		ESTACIÓN DE BOMBEROS EN GANNETT 1:00 - 2:00	BLOOM COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER 1:00 - 2:00	

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## SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2021 JUNE 14 - AUGUST 20



**FREE LUNCH, BOOKS, & ACTIVITIES  
FOR ALL KIDS AND TEENS!**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KIWANIS (BALMORAL) PARK 11:30 - 12:30	KIWANIS (BALMORAL) PARK 11:30 - 12:30	KIWANIS (BALMORAL) PARK 11:30 - 12:30	KIWANIS (BALMORAL) PARK 11:30 - 12:30	KIWANIS (BALMORAL) PARK 11:30 - 12:30
CAREY FAIRGROUNDS 11:30 - 12:30		CAREY FAIRGROUNDS 11:30 - 12:30	HEMINGWAY ELEMENTARY 11:30 - 12:30	
BELLEVUE CITY PARK 1:00 - 2:00	THE MEADOWS 1:00 - 2:00	BELLEVUE CITY PARK 1:00 - 2:00	THE MEADOWS 1:00 - 2:00	GANNETT FIRE STATION 1:00 - 2:00
BLOOM BOOKMOBILE AT LOCATIONS IN ORANGE		GANNETT FIRE STATION 1:00 - 2:00	BLOOM COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER 1:00 - 2:00	

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## Fireworks Fundraiser

### Donate for Fireworks



The Chamber and the City of Hailey depend on fireworks fundraising for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display in Hailey. The City and Chamber are seeking **\$15,000 in donations** to continue the Fourth of July fireworks in the same spectacular manner as is our custom.

For more information, call the Chamber at 208-788-3484 to discover the benefits of sponsorship of the Hailey Chamber Firework Fund.

Donations can also be made directly to the city and are tax-deductible. To make a donation, call 208-788-4221 or go to the City of Hailey website at <https://www.haileycityhall.org/>

## Celebrate Native Plant Arboretum

This year marks the **25th anniversary** of the BCRD Native Plant Arboretum. See over 50 species of Idaho and western native trees, shrubs, and grasses in the Arboretum at the corner of Fox Acres Road and State HWY 75. These native species have adapted to our climate, are drought tolerant, and create a rich pollinator and wildlife habitat.

The Arboretum was established through an Idaho Department of Lands grant, which provided funds to help with maintenance as well as labor and other supplies to help create the space. Special mention must go to the many volunteers such as Linda Ries and Kris Stoffer who have been key in the creation and maintenance of this now quarter of a century project. The vision of these founders is displayed in the splendor and hardiness of the trees shrubs and plants. Come celebrate Idaho Founder's Day on July 3rd with these present-day community founders. The family-friendly event will be put on by the Hailey Tree Committee and will honor the Idaho state tree, the Western white pine, and the state flower, the Syringa, which can both be found at the Arboretum. Kids' activities, like a scavenger hunt and huckleberry- (the state fruit) flavored treats, are also being planned.



# What's Going on at the library??



## Hailey Public Library June Events

Follow us for more information:

[www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org](http://www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org).

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

[www.instagram.com/HaileyPublicLibrary](https://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 to listen in: <https://www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary>

### Our Water: Past, Present & Future, Thursday, June 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Jim Bartolino, Idaho Groundwater Specialist for the U.S. Geological Service will discuss climate impacts and projections and the health of the Wood River Aquifer.

### Be Firewise-Thursday, June 24, 5:30 p.m.

Chief Bill McLaughlin from the Ketchum Fire Department will discuss this year's projected wildfire risk levels, explain how homes ignite and share proven Firewise techniques homeowners can implement.

## Hailey Public Library Hosts Summer Reading

The Hailey Public Library will host Summer Reading for both kids and adults from June 14-July 31 to encourage individuals of all ages to read and have fun this summer by participating in this annual program.

The theme for K-6th grade readers is *Tails and Tales*. Picture book readers will earn a sticker for every 20 minutes of reading and 2 tickets for every completed sheet. Tickets may be entered in drawings for awesome, age-appropriate prizes. Teens will win a ticket for every 100 pages read which may also be entered into drawings for prizes.

*Read Fearlessly* is the theme for adult readers. Adults will receive a bilingual passport and win 2 tickets for each book genre or summer activity completed which may be entered into drawings for gift certificates at local businesses. Six summer reading participants will be randomly selected for a dinner at the historic Ernest and Mary Hemingway House with one of the Community Library's Hemingway Upcoming Writers-in-Residence. The dinner will be held outdoors.

## Summer Reading—continued

"This year we're joining The Community Library and Bellevue Public Library in co-hosting [these events]," commented Lyn Drewien, the library's director. "Reading in summer is especially important for kids and helps keep school skills sharp, plus they can win some neat prizes. Parents, caregivers, and other adult readers, by participating in the program, reinforce for children just how important reading is for all ages."

## Hailey Public Library Receives National Grant

The Hailey Public Library has been selected as one of 300 libraries nationwide to participate in *Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries*, an American Library Association initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will help the library host community conversations to learn more about the needs and aspirations of Hailey's Hispanic residents as well as support follow up actions based on what HPL staff learns.

"We are so proud to be chosen for the amazing opportunity," said Library Director Lyn Drewien. "This grant will fund HPL's 'Your Library Listens!' initiative, allowing the library to strengthen its relationship with our Hispanic neighbors and help build a more sustainable community. HPL's recently formed Hispanic advisory group will be part of the planning team."

As part of the grant, staff will take an online course to learn how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Project Director and HPL Programs manager Kristin Fletcher commented, "Hailey's richly diverse population is over 30% Hispanic but only a fraction uses the library's services. We're approaching these conversations in a spirit of listening and exploration, hoping to learn what barriers may exist, and appreciate the support this grant offers."

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Kristen Fletcher at 208-488-2036 or visit [www.haileypubliclibrary.org](http://www.haileypubliclibrary.org)

## Hailey Public Library cont...

Hailey Public Library offers free Take and Make Summer Project kits for youth ages 14 and older. Teens can learn how to make their own décor, improve practical skills, inspire new projects and, most of all, find relaxation and have fun!

On the first of each month a different Take and Make project will be available, including Spa Night in June, Macrame Wall Hanging in July and Embroidery Hoop Art in August. Kits contain all materials and instructions to complete the activity. Kits are available first come, first served, and only one person, please. Participants can pick up a kit at the Library in person or call ahead for curbside service.

"These kits are a super fun way to spend an afternoon getting creative, and you end up with a great product," commented HPL's Marketing Coordinator and project director, Caitlyn Mills. "We were glad to be chosen by the Idaho Commission for Libraries to receive a Make it At The Library Grant, which provided the funds for this STEAM-based project."

The library is located at 7 W. Croy.

For more information call 208-788-2036 or visit [www.haileypubliclibrary.org](http://www.haileypubliclibrary.org).



## Student Opinion

### **Composting and the Environment**

Who doesn't love food? We all love food, but did you know 108 billion pounds of food is wasted in the United States each year? If this is only the U.S. imagine how much the entire world wastes. Organic waste from landfills generates methane, a potent greenhouse gas. When released into the atmosphere methane contributes to global warming. Scary, right?

Luckily it is very easy to reduce your food waste. It is so easy YOU could do it. Composting is the decomposition of organic materials sometimes done by red worms and other times done by naturally decomposing. You can do it in your own backyard.

Composting has many benefits. When composting food scraps, it saves methane from going into the atmosphere. It also makes a great fertilizer for your garden or even in larger agricultural practices which then reduces the use of pesticides and agricultural runoff.

As you can see, there are many benefits to composting. While we all love food, we don't want it to be going to waste. Consider composting in your backyard to reduce the amount of wasted food.

Olivia Camilli,  
WRHS Student and W.A.T.E.R. Club member.

### Hailey City Meeting Calendar

City Council.....	06/14/2021
City Council .....	06/28/2021
Planning & Zoning .....	06/07/2021
Planning & Zoning .....	06/21/2021
Arts & Historic Preservation.....	06/08/2021
Library Board.....	06/16/2021
Parks & Lands Board.....	06/23/2021
Tree Committee .....	06/10/2021
Urban Renewal Agency.....	TBD

# Big things happening in Hailey!

## \$\$\$\$500 EMPLOYMENT BONUS\$\$\$

Summer is almost here! With warmer weather and longer days comes the need for park maintenance to keep our parks looking as best as possible but we need your help. We are seeing an increase of activity at City Parks and our City of Hailey Parks division is currently working short-staffed. The Parks Division is looking to fill two (2) full-time seasonal positions to work up to six months. These two positions help mow, irrigate, and care for City Park Facilities. New this year is a \$500 signing bonus awarded after the completion of a minimum of five months of employment. If you enjoy working outdoors, this is the job for you! If interested or for more information, please visit our website at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org).

The City of Hailey is always looking for park volunteers for City Parks. Volunteering can be once a week, every other week, or once a month. If you would like to volunteer caring for a City Park, please give us a call at 208-788-3830 x4

### MOWING BOTS!

The city of Hailey Parks division is excited to introduce their first fully autonomous mowing robot to assist with park related maintenance tasks! On May 12, 2021, a battery operated, autonomous mowing robot was installed to mow the soccer field at McKercher Park.

This mowing bot will work efficiently and friendly and complete the majority of its work overnight so that park users will always have a freshly mowed playing field under their feet during the daytime. The mower will be hard at work in what appears to be a random pattern, but recognizes where the grass is tallest and thickest and will focus more time there.

We are very excited to have the new mowing bot assist with our park maintenance tasks, so please be kind, enjoy,



### ITD MAIN ST. PROJECT

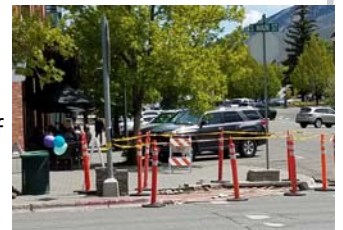
Knife River Construction was awarded the contract to do the work. Construction will be done in two phases:

- Phase 1 is the construction of the ADA curb ramps
- Phase 2 is the roadway construction.

ADA ramp construction is currently underway and is expected to be completed by the end of June.

No construction will be allowed for the entire 4th of July holiday week from July 4 to July 11.

The roadway portion of the contract will begin Monday, July 12 and will be done at night and lanes will be opened up to drive on during the day. Driving on gravel is anticipated but Knife River will make efforts to keep the dust down as much as possible. There will be a public open house on Thursday, June 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hailey City Hall. ITD and Knife representatives will be available to answer questions.





## Hailey's Famous Fourth of July Returns!

After battling the coronavirus, it's about time we all put down our boxing gloves (or masks if we're vaccinated) and pick up a flag, a cold beverage and make a cheer to America. Independence Day in Hailey is certain to be a special one this year.

The **Days of the Old West Fourth of July Parade** will return to Main Street after its unique version through the back streets of Hailey last year. The major road construction on that stretch will not begin until after the Fourth and, despite the holiday falling on Sunday this year, all events will take place on the Fourth.

The parade is open to anyone interested and having an entry. It's a fun and easy way to promote your business, nonprofit, cause or favorite youth sports team. We always welcome more horses and creative floats of all kinds.

**RiverFest** returns for its sixth time at a different location and with a new host this year. Sawtooth Brewery will host the parade after-party at Hop Porter Park on West Bullion Street. Live music, food and other vendors, kids entertainment and, of course, Sawtooth's tasty local brews will be available.

Hailey's **Fourth of July Antique Show** returns to Roberta McKercher Park July 2-4. In addition to dozens of vendors offering exceptional wares, the Antique Show will also feature a beer garden and mechanical bull riding.

Just a block to the east of McKercher Park, the Blaine County Recreation District Arboretum will be the place to celebrate **Idaho Founders Day** on July 3rd. The family-friendly event will be put on by the Hailey Tree Committee and will honor the Idaho state tree, the Western white pine, and the state flower, the Syringa, which can both be found at the Arboretum. Kids' activities, like a scavenger hunt and huckleberry- (the state fruit) flavored treats, are also being planned.



The **Sawtooth Rangers Rodeo** will also be back. The classic Western rodeo will run for three nights, July 2-4. A favorite tradition in Hailey since 1948, the Sawtooth Rangers Fourth of July Rodeo will feature Mutton-Busting for the kids and Hometown Bull Riding for the big boys and girls. Barrel racing, bronc riding, breakaway roping, steer wrestling and much more will take place all three nights.

Other traditional, smaller Fourth events, like live music on the patios of places like Jersey Girl, will also be happening and the Blaine County Historical Museum will be open as well that weekend.

The holiday weekend will end in style with **Hailey's Fireworks Show** lighting up the night sky just after sunset. Help the fireworks show continue each year by donating to the Hailey Chamber for our fireworks show.

The full scale of Fourth of July festivities are returning to Hailey this year. We hope you will help us have a safe, fun and flag-waving day. After combating COVID for more than a year, we all deserve a reason to celebrate!

**Fill out a parade entry at [ValleyChamber.org](http://ValleyChamber.org).** For more information or to let The Chamber know about any events you're putting on that we can help promote, please call 208-788-3484 or email [Info@ValleyChamber.org](mailto:Info@ValleyChamber.org).

Mike McKenna