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Department News

Woodside Central Park Update

The development of Woodside Central Park is underway. Work on the park began on August 25th, with the early stages of work consisting of installation of irrigation, a soccer field, a baseball field and grass.

Next year, the city will begin work on installing trees and shrubs, playground equipment and a basketball court.

Development of the park will continue for several years with amenities to include restrooms, a pavilion and possibly a public stage.



For questions about the Woodside Central Park project, please contact the Public Works Department at 788-9830.



Water Meter Project Nears Completion

The City of Hailey extends its gratitude to town citizens for their patience during the final stages of the water meter installation project. Work is progressing on schedule and should be complete about September 30.

Meters will go online sometime early next year. In the meantime, many meters are currently being read,

with that information being printed on utility bills. This is for your monitoring information only, to inform you of your usage and promote water conservation prior to the meters going officially online.

The city has noted an across-the-board significant increase in usage due to outside irrigation. Planning ahead to reduce irrigation use next summer will help citizens keep their utility bills at a reasonable level.

For questions about the water meter project, please contact the Public Works Department at 788-9830.

New City Hall Hours

Effective September 1, 2005, Hailey City Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The change does not affect police, fire or library services.

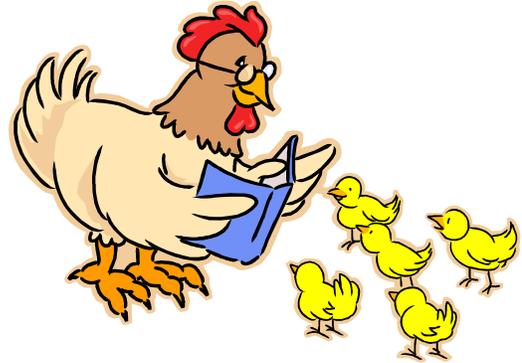
Hours		
City Hall	Mon - Fri	9 - 5
Police Dept.	Mon - Fri	8 - Noon 1 - 5
Fire Dept.	Mon - Fri	8 - Noon 1 - 5
Hailey Public Library	M W F Sa Tu Th	10 - 6 Noon - 8

Mailbox Ordinance

The City of Hailey is in the process of approving a new ordinance addressing obtaining a permit for and locating mailboxes along city streets. In general, mailboxes will be required to be located 8 feet off the asphalt, not set in concrete (including movable containers), meet USPS regulations and it will be the responsibility of the owner to ensure adequate access to the mailbox including removing snow. Existing mailboxes that do not meet these standards will need to be redone.

For questions about this ordinance, please contact the Public Works Department at 788-9830.

positive role model. Seniors can sign up to help children read at an elementary school near them by calling Shirley Basham, VISTA volunteer, at 736-2122, extension 325, or 1-800-865-6574.



Community

Back to School Safety

Fall is in the air and that means back to school for the community's youth. Please be on the alert for children traveling to and from school, either on foot or by bicycle. Rules of the road regarding school buses should be strictly adhered to. With a little extra effort, we can all do our part to keep our young people out of harm's way.



Hailey History

Historic Preservation Commission

Hailey's Historic Preservation Commission was recently formed to promote and protect the historic, architectural, archeological and cultural heritage, features and qualities of Hailey. Those serving on the commission include Nick Busdon, Joan Davies, Teddie Daley, Denise Jackson Ford, Laura Hall, Rob Lonning and Lynda Smith. Councilman Rick Davis is the Hailey City Council liaison to the commission.

The first goal of the commission is to complete a reconnaissance survey of primarily the Old Hailey Townsite. The group is pursuing a grant through the State Historic Preservation Office to help fund this foundational project.

For more information contact City Hall, Rick Davis or any commission member.

VISTA Searching for Volunteer Senior Readers

Kindergarten through third grade students need seniors to help them learn to read. The Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) "America Reads" program seeks seniors 55 years and older to volunteer at Blaine County schools. The program works to give children that are struggling confidence in their reading and that extra push. VISTA tries to recruit seniors because they may have the time now that parents or younger working people may not have. Often, volunteers wonder if they are qualified to assist with reading; all that is required is a sincere interest in the children, cheerfulness, and acting as a

Calendar

Important Dates

Labor Day *	09/05/05
Parks & Lands Board Meeting	09/06/05
City Council Meetings	09/12/05
	09/26/05
P&Z Meeting	09/19/05

* City offices closed.