



OUR TOWN

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Message from the Mayor

Make Your Voice Heard: Vote!

The issues we face as elected officials seem to be the same year in and year out—growth, affordable housing and regional transportation. The words may be the same, but this year the stakes are higher than ever before. Our city is dangerously close to becoming a main street of “big boxes” that in no way reflect the charm that drew so many here. The influx of second-home property owners threatens to change Hailey; we could become yet another town in the valley that is populated with transient workers by day, and empty by night. The volume of traffic that passes through our main street two times a day continues to increase, with no residual benefit to the community.

The traditional fall campaign and election season is here once again and candidates will be seeking your support as they seek elective office at county, city and district levels. As residents of both the City of Hailey and the broader county, I encourage you to listen to the candidates to identify those who share your vision and values, and who will most clearly represent you on issues that impact how you live in the Wood River Valley.



This is your opportunity to positively affect the future of your community. It is your opportunity to remind those elected officials who aren't up for election this year that they too

must continue to vigorously pursue the highest standard for each new development, each new ordinance and law, and each new expenditure of your tax dollar.

This year please listen critically, understand the issues, and vote to assure that your values have a voice at the table where decisions are made. You can help shape the future if you participate.

Susan McBryant

Department News

New Water & Sewer Rates Effective This Month

Beginning this month, utility bills reflect the new water and sewer rates passed by the Hailey City Council in August.

WATER USER FEES ARE \$19.79 per equivalent connection per month. This figure includes:

- \$4.05 for a bond reserve to install a new water storage tank in Quigley Canyon,
- \$15.43 for maintenance and operation costs, and
- \$.31 for depreciation replacement.

SEWER USER FEES ARE \$28.12 per equivalent connection per month. This figure includes:

- \$5.73 for bond retirement (Woodside Treatment Plant bond),
- \$21.31 for maintenance and operation costs, and
- \$1.08 for depreciation replacement.

Customers with greater/fewer equivalent connections, or those qualified for single-occupancy or circuit breaker reduction rates, will be billed accordingly.

For questions about the new rates, please contact the Public Works Department at 788-9830.

City Awarded Greenways Grant

The City of Hailey received a national honor with a grant from the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program in Arlington, VA. The \$1,000 grant will help purchase benches for planned trailheads along the Toe of the Hill Trail in Hailey.

The Kodak American Greenways Awards, administered by The Conservation Fund, a recognized leader in working with local communities to expand the nation’s network of linked open spaces, provides small grants of up to \$2,500 to non-profit organizations and government agencies to help develop new action-oriented greenway projects. The Kodak Awards – made possible through the generous support of the Eastman Kodak Company – provide seed money to spark creativity in conservation, outdoor recreation, and trail and greenway development.

The City of Hailey is one of only 47 groups awarded nationwide for its innovative local efforts to bring the Toe of the Hill Trail to reality.

Hailey History



Ninth Annual Trailing of the Sheep Festival October 7–9

The Wood River Valley has a long history of

sheep ranching, and this annual festival celebrates with three days of cultural programs relating to sheep ranching in Idaho and the Scottish, Basque and Peruvian heritage that played a key role in its history. As shepherders move their flocks from

summer pastures in the mountains north of here to their winter range, come and watch or walk along behind the sheep. For more information, visit www.trailingofthesheep.org.

Community

Volunteers Needed to Warm Up America!

Do you want to help those in need, but don’t have a lot of spare time? *Warm Up America!* might be just the thing for you. A program of the non-profit Craft Yarn Council of America, volunteers donate their time to crochet or knit a 7” x 9” rectangle (or more). These sections are then joined into an afghan by individuals or groups in the community, and donated locally or sent to the Warm Up America! Foundation headquarters for joining and distribution.



To be placed on a list of organizations wishing to receive afghans, or to volunteer, contact Tracy Anderson at City Hall / 788-4221.

Calendar

Important Dates

- Parks & Lands Board Meeting 10/04/05
- P&Z Meetings 10/03/05
- 10/17/05
- City Council Meetings 10/10/05
- 10/24/05
- Trailing of the Sheep Festival..... 10/07–10/09
- Last Day of Voter Registration and
- First Day of Absentee Voting * 10/14/05

* You can also register at the polls on Election Day.

