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Message from the Mayor

Holidays in Hailey

Hailey remains the best town in Idaho. We continue to focus on supporting a safe quality of life for residents, connections with our schools, and support of our local businesses. Please take a moment during December to share some time within our community, through the various school and community programs offered in the holiday season. Stop in at the Hailey Holiday Square on Main Street, enjoy the fire and food, and win a raffle drawing for shopping in Hailey!

Hailey Hometown Holidays Celebration

AT Hailey Holiday Square—The Mint Promenade Plaza between the Mint and Jane's Artifacts.

From **12:00pm—4:00 pm** on three Saturdays in December Santa Claus will be at the Square to hear children's Christmas wishes, the Chamber of Commerce will conduct their weekly raffle drawings, community choirs and music groups will entertain the crowds with holiday music, and a large fire pit will warm the crowd.

Saturdays Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21 -

- 12- 4:00 pm Holiday Bazaar with vendors selling holiday themed crafts and food
- 1:00– 3:00 pm Community groups will perform Christmas carols and other music
- 1:00—2:00 pm Santa Claus will be available for pictures and Christmas wishes
- 3:00—4:00 pm The Hailey Chamber of Commerce will conduct a weekly raffle drawing .

TREE LIGHTING

**Saturday
December 7
4:00 to 5:30 pm**



Hailey Holiday Square - A Central Gathering Place

The City of Hailey, the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, and the South Valley Merchants Alliance are pleased to announce the Hailey Holiday Square and Festivities for this holiday season. This year, the Hailey Holiday Square will be located between Jane's Artifacts and The Mint, on the Mint Promenade. The Square will be in place from December 2-January 1, during which time the Holiday Square will be used for a variety of Christmas and holiday themed events.

The Town Tree is displayed prominently in the Square and benches, picnic tables, and other seating are provided. The City of Hailey is extending an invitation to any vendors and/or non-profit groups interested in selling food or other holiday themed items on the Hailey Holiday Square during the first three Saturdays in December. If interested, please contact Micah Austin, City of Hailey Community Development Director , at 788-9815 or email micah.austin@haileycityhall.org.

Mayor Fritz Haemmerle is encouraging all businesses in Hailey to participate in the Christmas season by decorating their storefronts and by getting involved in community events. Regarding the Hailey Holiday Square, Mayor Haemmerle commented, "It is my hope that this year's Holiday Square will be a gathering place for all our citizens and make Hailey the place to be this holiday season."

Calendar

Important Dates

City Council	12/02/13, 12/16/13
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.	12/05/13
Parks & Lands Board	12/03/13
Planning & Zoning Meetings	12/09/13
Tree Committee.....	12/12/13
Christmas Eve *	12/24/13
Christmas Day *	12/25/13

* City offices closed .

Hailey Fire Chief Craig Aberbach

The new Hailey Fire Chief began work on November 1, 2013. His first item of business was to commend current Hailey City Fire Department Staff and Volunteers for the smooth and seamless manner by which they kept Hailey Fire Department running during a month-long period between former Chief Chapman's retirement and Chief Aberbach's start date. "After a month, I expected problems and confusion. There was none of that. The department was in phenomenal shape. I was truly impressed."

Aberbach brings 24 years of fire rescue, emergency management and administrative leadership experience. He has served as division chief, battalion chief and captain of special operations. His broad experience includes operations, life safety, and prevention and support services, labor matters, and budget preparation and planning.

Chief Aberbach holds a Masters Degree in management and an AA Degree in Fire Science. He served as a course designer and instructor at Florida State Fire College and various fire academies and conferences. Working as the Director at Edison State College his responsibilities including Fire Academy oversight, EMT and Paramedic programs and both Fire and EMS classes and associated degrees. His efforts and excellence earned him the recognition of State of Florida Fire Service Instructor of the Year in 2000.

Finalists for the Hailey Fire Chief position were introduced to other agency officials and members of the public in October. Interviews were conducted by city council members, city department heads, and the mayor.



A tour of the Hailey Fire Station and a meeting with Hailey Fire Department was part of the interview process. When asked what he thought about Hailey's 1940's era station, Aberbach exclaimed, "I love it! That station really shows the self-respect and pride of the department. It's well maintained despite its age, and the equipment is in great shape."

Students Get Creative



Michael Walsh's 2nd year Residential Construction Academy class at Wood River High School has partnered with the City's Hailey Community Climate Challenge and the Building

Material Thrift Store to create two benches made from salvaged materials purchased from the Building Material Thrift Store. The students designed the benches, selected the salvaged materials and are constructing them for use in either Hailey Parks or other public spaces. Once the benches are complete, the students are planning to showcase their work at locations



Students: Jorge, Santiago and Naomi

on Hailey Main Street. The effort will promote repurposing salvaged materials—in this case to create interesting and functional art pieces for the public to enjoy.

Tree Tip

Salt Damages Trees

Salts used for deicing pavements can cause damage to trees and shrubs. Symptoms of salt damage appear in spring and early summer and include browning of evergreens, leaf scorch, branch die back, and dead areas in turf.

Branches and twigs can be killed from aerial deposits, and roots can be damaged from salt remaining in the soil. Salt will leach through well-drained soils, but damage can be extensive in poorly drained soils. Rock salt (sodium chloride) reduces the ability of a tree's fine roots to absorb water, nutrients and oxygen - all necessary for healthy growth.

As an alternative to salts, use calcium, potassium or magnesium chloride to de-ice sidewalks. Choose salt-tolerant species for sites where salt stress may be a problem.

This tree tip is provided by the Hailey tree committee.

Hailey Public Library December Events

Our events are free and posted on our website at:
www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Wednesdays at 10:30am: *Story Mania*. This is our young children's story and craft hour. Join us on Dec. 18th for a very special guest (ho-ho-ho!)

Thursdays from 4pm – 5pm: *TNT Thursdays*. Ages 10 – 18 enjoy gaming on Wii and Xbox, and a new craft or activity each week. Drop in.

Thursdays from 6pm – 7:30pm: *Knitting and Crocheting Maker Space*. Knitters and crocheters meet weekly to work on their own projects.

Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 11am – 1pm. *Idaho Health Insurance Exchange*. The In-Person Assistants of St. Luke's offer hands-on assistance for patrons wishing to determine their tax credits and review available insurance packages.

Saturday, Dec. 7 from 1pm – 4pm: *Make a Holiday Card*. All are welcome to come make a holiday card at the library. An assortment of supplies will be provided—first come, first served. Show someone you care with a handmade card.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6pm and 6:45pm.: *An Evening in the Star Lab, a Portable Planetarium*. Presented by Hemingway Engineering Technology Teacher Scott Slonim, this event will allow registered attendees to enjoy a presentation inside the planetarium. Afterward, the group plans to venture outdoors to star gaze. (**Space is limited, registration is required**). Registration happens December 2-6 only; call 208-788-2036.

December 13: Library closes early at 5pm

December 24 & 25: Library is closed.

December 31: Library closes early at 5pm

January 1: Library is closed

Watch our website for activities scheduled during Winter Break:
www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Holiday Lights, Paper and Trees

Holiday Lights - LED holiday lights quickly pay for themselves in energy savings and longevity. LED (light emitting diode) bulbs use only 15% of the energy of incandescent lights and do not release heat, a safer alternative. The bulbs outlive the traditional option, reducing maintenance hassles.

Wrapping Paper - Opt for recycled-content papers or do away with superfluous wrap and use your children's artwork to adorn Christmas' gifts. The wrapping paper from large packages can be re-used the following year on smaller packages. Most ribbons and bows can be stored away for next year as well.

Tree Lighting - When lighting outdoor trees use small lights, as the larger ones can create sufficient heat to damage needles.

Planting Live Christmas Trees - Live trees with root balls in pots are becoming a holiday favorite, as they can be planted outdoors later. In order to improve your live-tree's chance of survival, dig the hole in the ground for planting well before Christmas, so you won't have to dig through frozen dirt. Bring the dirt that you remove from the hole inside, to keep it from freezing.



Don't forget that, as a living plant, your tree will need to be watered. Keep the root-ball damp.

What To Do with Holiday Boxes and Trees

After the holiday season, there are many ways to dispose of waste responsibly. Corrugated cardboard boxes, collapsed, can be placed in the cardboard recycling bins at one of Hailey's cardboard recycling locations:

- north edge of the River Street Park & Ride lot, or
 - Hailey Fire Station parking lot on Third Ave S.
- Paperboard (non-corrugated cardboard) is considered mixed paper and is recyclable in the blue curbside bin with other paper products on your trash day. Christmas trees are composted and are gladly accepted at the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station Monday through Saturday 8-5. There will be a Christmas tree recycling station at the Hailey Park and Ride as well.

Fee Changes go into Effective December 1st

For the last few months the Hailey City Council and the Mayor have been reviewing changes to water and wastewater city ordinances and rates that will ensure the city collects enough fees to cover its budgeted expenses. On November 18th, the city passed the fee changes, which will go into effect on December 1st.

Primary objectives to changing the fees and creating conservation programs/projects:

- ◆ Generate enough revenue from rates to fund FY2014 budget expenses
- ◆ Promote water conservation while not overburdening citizens with excessive fees
- ◆ Reduce demand to curtail excess water use, which will further supply efforts
- ◆ Reduce water consumption to alleviate or postpone future impacts and expenses incurred by conjunctive management
- ◆ Maintain the health and aesthetics of Hailey’s urban landscape by proactively addressing irrigation deficiencies and curtailing excess water usage to more effectively and efficiently use water
- ◆ Create a more equitable rate system—pay for what you use/discharge to wastewater system.

How Will the Proposed Changes Effect Customer’s Monthly Bills? Starting with December’s bill (received in January) and assuming usage remains constant, customers will see an increase if usage is more than 14,000 gallons of water a month and if wastewater discharge is more than 7,000 gallons a month. (Wastewater discharge is based on wintertime water usage, taken monthly from individual water meters.) Monthly bills will decrease or stay the same if usage is less than these amounts each month.

What changes will happen and when?

November Bill (received at the beginning of December)—would be less, assuming water usage remains constant or decreases compared to October’s bill.

- The previous water rate will apply.
- There will be a reductions in the bill, due to a one-time credit for an overcharge that occurred in October.

December Bill (received at the beginning of January) and each month thereafter —may be less or more, as previously stated and illustrated below.

- The new water and wastewater rates will apply.
- A temporary fee for wastewater engineering expenses will be reduced from previous months’ fees (May-October 2013), but not eliminated. The temporary fee is scheduled to expire September 2014.

April Bill (received at the beginning of May)

- April 1, 2014, the bill will be adjusted to establish wastewater rates, based upon winter water usage.

Other Wastewater News

What was the City Council’s decision regarding the production of Class A vs. Class B biosolids? The City Council is interested in opportunities for sustainable projects and the production of reusable materials, when possible. The market for biosolids reuse in the Wood River Valley is unknown at this time. Because of this, it is unknown if the City would be responsible for storage or disposal in the winter months and if there is potential for other increased operations costs. Additionally, there is likely not enough of a financial benefit from the sale of the biosolids material to provide a return on the capital investment to produce Class A biosolids. The City Council recommended moving forward with the recommended project in the Preliminary Engineering Report to produce Class B biosolids. This does not prevent the City from pursuing Class A biosolids in the future.

Utility bill costs for various usage scenarios—effective December 1st .

Customer Example (based on typical usage— actual usage is determined by individual metered amount for each customer)	Average Winter Water Us- age (6 Mos)	Average Summer Water Usage (6 Mos)	Current Annual Wa- ter Bill	Proposed Annual Wa- ter Bill	Current Annual Sewer Bill	Proposed Annual Sewer Bill	Total Cur- rent An- nual Bill	Total Pro- posed An- nual Bill	Difference in Total Annual Bill
Townhouse - No Irrig	2,000	2,000	\$105.84	\$93.00	\$394.08	\$275.16	\$499.92	\$368.16	\$131.76 less
1 Person Residence	2,000	15,000	\$125.34	\$120.00	\$394.08	\$275.16	\$519.42	\$395.16	\$124.26 less
Large Lot - SFH	4,000	40,000	\$180.84	\$243.00	\$537.36	\$461.88	\$718.20	\$704.88	\$13.32 less
Single Family House	4,000	25,000	\$143.34	\$160.50	\$537.36	\$461.88	\$680.70	\$622.38	\$58.32 less
Single Family House	4,000	18,000	\$132.84	\$132.00	\$537.36	\$461.88	\$670.20	\$593.88	\$76.32 less
Single Family House	8,000	18,000	\$138.84	\$138.00	\$823.92	\$835.32	\$962.76	\$973.32	\$10.56 more
Large Water Consumer	25,000	25,000	\$174.84	\$222.00	\$2,041.80	\$2,334.00	\$2,216.64	\$2,556.00	\$339.36 more