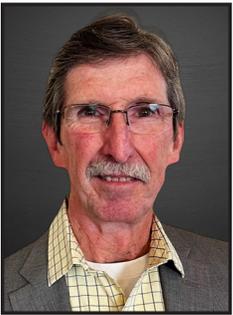


# Hayden City Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2023

## Mayor's Message



As the seasons change in Hayden, other changes are also coming. My term as your Mayor ends in January 2024, and I did not seek election for another term. Serving the great City of Hayden

as Mayor has been an amazing honor. I am proud of the City and the progress we have made in many areas. Some of the things I'm most proud of are the passage of the law enforcement levy, the slow growth stance of the City, and the steps taken to ensure this continues into the future. Traffic issues and concerns have also been recognized and are being addressed with many intersection improvement projects in the works.

Thank you to all who completed the Citizen Engagement Survey this year. Briefly, the results show the citizens' top concerns are consistent with those of the City Council: growth rate and traffic. There was also large support for a community center. Full results of our survey are available on the city's website.

This summer was busy for our city staff. Hayden Days, the Summer Concert Series, the Kite Festival, and the Movie-in-the-Park events were well attended and cultivated the quality of life we cherish in Hayden. We are looking forward to the remaining events of 2023, including Friday Night Frights drive-through trick-or-treat, the Veterans Day ceremony, and the Hayden Lights Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony.

Numerous projects kicked off this summer with more set to begin next year. Some highlights are the expansion of Croffoot Park, the Ramsey Road extension to Lancaster Road, Hayden Avenue Sidewalk Project, Honeysuckle and Ramsey Intersection Improvements, repaving of Government Way, and various road maintenance projects.

Remember to vote November 7th for your next Mayor and City Council Seat 3. Voting is our civic duty. Some may think voting in municipal elections does not matter, when the opposite is more accurate. Local municipal elections are when your voice and vote have the most impact on the city you live in and your daily life. Being informed is important. My hope is that those elected will continue to make Hayden a great place to live for today and the future.

Thank you for your support during my time as Mayor. It has been a rewarding and humbling experience to lead the city I love and to work with such an amazing City staff. My best to you all.

**Vote**  
**NOVEMBER 7**

For all election information please contact the Kootenai County Elections office at (208) 446-1030 or visit their website at [www.kcgov.us/elections](http://www.kcgov.us/elections)

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# 2023 CITY ELECTION

The upcoming election will be held on November 7, 2023. Kootenai County Election staff will open the polls at 8:00 a.m. and close them at 8:00 p.m. If you are unsure of your polling location, you may go to the County's website, [www.kcgov.us/elections](http://www.kcgov.us/elections), to find your designated polling place. You may also call Hayden City Hall at (208) 772-4411 for assistance with finding where you vote.

Absentee voting is available by mail through November 7, 2023. Early voting at the County Elections Office is available Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from October 23rd and November 3rd.

## MAYOR



LUKE SOMMER



ALAN DAVIS

## CITY COUNCIL SEAT #1



MATTHEW ROETTER  
(incumbent)

## CITY COUNCIL SEAT #3



ROGER D. SATERFIEL  
(incumbent)



TOM SHAFER

If you have questions, please contact City Clerk Abbi Sanchez or Deputy City Clerk Shawn Langenderfer at (208) 772-4411

## COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 7 Election Day - Polls open 8am-8pm
- 10 City Hall CLOSED in observance of Veterans Day
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony
- 11 City of Hayden Group Night at the Spokane Chiefs Game
- 23-24 City Hall CLOSED for Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

- 1-2 3rd Annual Hayden Chamber European Christmas Market
- 2 Hayden Lights Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting
- 25 City Hall CLOSED for Christmas

### JANUARY

- 1 City Hall CLOSED for New Year's Day
- 15 City Hall CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Scan the QR codes to follow these Facebook pages.  
Don't have facebook? Visit the websites listed below!



City of Hayden  
[cityofhaydenid.us](http://cityofhaydenid.us)



Kootenai County Sheriff  
[www.kcsheriff.com](http://www.kcsheriff.com)



Kootenai County  
Emergency Management  
[kcsheriff.com/186/Emergency-Management](http://kcsheriff.com/186/Emergency-Management)



Hayden Chamber  
of Commerce  
[haydenchamber.org/](http://haydenchamber.org/)

# Hayden Art Gallery

In the lobby of Hayden City Hall, the Hayden Art Gallery features local artists. Each quarter a new featured artist displays their artwork for non-commission sales. The Arts Commission is always looking for artists to feature. If you are interested in being a featured artist or would like more information, please contact Hayden City Hall at (208) 772-4411.

## Featured Artists

### *April-September: Mike Beaver*

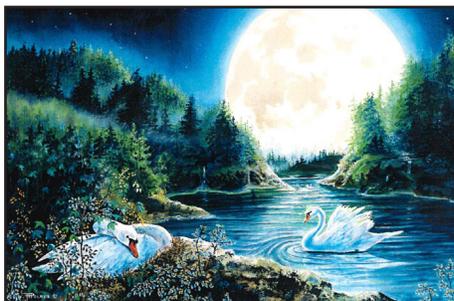
Meet the Old Cowboy Mike Beaver. My inspiration is Western Photography, I have 60 plus years of collecting images of borrowed moments of time. This has given me the opportunity to share the beauty of this country through my lens.

### *October-December: Anita Poland*

Anita is thrilled to be the featured artist for the City of Hayden. In her art and writing, she likes to create a “feel good” experience in others. Anita said, “I wanted my work to give folks a lift and make them smile or bring back happy memories and peaceful thoughts. It’s my gift to the world. I love the beauty of nature, cute little animals, big scary bears and tigers, and other exciting things. I live and learn through art.”



A BIT OF A REST  
Mike Beaver



SWANS AT MOONLIGHT  
Anita Poland

## Hey Veterans, have you heard about the Hayden Veterans Commission (HVC)?

Here are a few facts about us:

Our commission consists of at least three, but no more than nine members who are appointed by the Mayor and City Council. We serve the City of Hayden by enhancing the recognition and welfare of all those who have served in the US Military Services. Please note: Hayden residency is not required to join the commission.

HVC meets at Hayden City Hall on the first Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Besides helping Veterans and their families, we have partnered with the City to construct the PFC. Robert J. Gordon Veterans Memorial Plaza. The plaza is dedicated to Robert J. Gordon, who was a 19-year-old Marine that was killed in Vietnam, as well as all Veterans whose names are placed in the plaza. We also sponsor the Hayden Memorial and Veterans Day Ceremonies. The commission voluntarily assists with the other Hayden City activities during the year such as parades and other events.

Through funding from the City and fundraising, we provide support to veterans and veterans organizations such as Newby-Ginnings, the Post Falls Veterans Home, USMC League’s Toys-for-Tots campaign, and Veterans Stand Down. We recently sponsored a shotgun raffle that generated funds to further support these organizations and individual veterans in need.

If you are interested in learning more about our commission, please attend one of our meetings held at Hayden City Hall, or visit Hayden City Hall for an application to join the commission.

## Call to Artists

### **Come Together Artistic Public Bench Program**

The City of Hayden Arts Commission plans on establishing a series of artistic public benches strategically placed in the City’s Central Business District along Government Way. The project, named “Come Together”, seeks to install artistically designed, Hayden centric, benches while providing eye pleasing and practical spaces to sit.

#### **Request for Proposals**

The Commission is seeking proposals with designs that are original alternatives to traditional public street benches with a theme that is Hayden centric. Proposals shall include a detailed working drawing showing dimensions and placement, materials and methods of installation, anticipated process, and timeline.

For more information scan the QR code below.



## *City of Hayden Commissions*

**Arts Commission**

**Historic Preservation Commission**

**Parks, Recreation and Community Forestry Commission**

**Planning and Zoning Commission**

**Veterans Commission**



# Make this your most prepared winter ever!

Take some simple actions to prepare your vehicle, protect your family, and prevent accidents this winter

All the locals will tell you that driving in Hayden and the surrounding areas has changed dramatically over the years. However, every driver has the opportunity to make deliberate choices while they are on the road to make themselves and those around them safer.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends following the “3 P’s” of winter driving; prepare, protect, and prevent.

Prepare your vehicle before the first snowfall so you aren’t caught off guard. See the list on the right for suggested items to keep in your vehicle.

Protect yourself and others by driving smart. Don’t depend on other drivers to keep you safe. You can also protect yourself by knowing what to do when your car gets out of control. Practicing in a safe space ahead of time will help you react faster when an emergency happens. But, be cautious that practice doesn’t make you overconfident. Sometimes winter roads are so slippery that no amount of practice will prevent you from sliding out of control.

Another way to protect yourself is by planning

ahead. Make it a habit to check out your commute online. Google Maps has the option to remember your daily commute (including multiple stops), and it will send you notifications of unusual activity. It can help you save time by routing you around an accident or having you leave earlier so that you don’t have to rush or be late.

The final step to OSHA’s winter driving is to prevent accidents. The best way to do that is by driving appropriately for conditions. According to an article in the Spokesman Review from December 2017, weather-related accidents are generally caused by driving too fast for conditions and not allowing appropriate stopping or following distances.

However, increasing following distances is not the only way to prevent accidents on wintry roads. Being aware of the road conditions and adapting quickly is critical. Be aware that sometimes rain can freeze on the ground even if the air temperatures are above freezing. Bridges and shaded roads often have ice when other roads are clear.

Winter conditions also require an adjustment to your driving style. Drive with smooth,

## Winter Driving Kit

- **Have a spare tire and the correct equipment you need to change it**
- **Shovel**
- **Jumper cables**
- **Tow and tire chains**
- **Salt or cat litter for traction if needed**
- **Tool kit**
- **Flashlight and extra batteries**
- **Flares**
- **First aid kit**
- **Windshield cleaner**
- **Ice scraper and snow brush**
- **Non-perishable, high-energy foods like unsalted canned nuts, dried fruits, and hard candy**
- **Cold weather accessories like gloves, hats, scarves, and blankets**

gentle movements as jerky steering can cause you to slide. Do not use cruise control. Finally, drive with your low-beam lights on even in daylight so that other vehicles can see you more easily. Please prevent accidents and make wise, respectful, fully-informed decisions when you drive.

## Upcoming Streets and Parks Projects

### CROFFOOT PARK EXPANSION PROJECT 2023-2024

A successful grant application and partnership with the Hayden Urban Renewal Agency has allowed for the City to expand Croffoot Park. The expansion of 6 acres will allow for additional soccer fields, concession stand, shelter, restrooms, additional parking and pathways.

### PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS

Hayden Meadows Elementary Pedestrian Route: Maple St. - Finucane Ave.

Receiving a state grant has allowed this project to move up in priority. This project is anticipated to bid Winter 2023/2024 with construction Summer 2024.

### INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

- Ramsey Road and Honeysuckle Avenue - A grant application has been submitted for funding for this project. Negotiations for needed right-of-way are in the final stages.
- Government Way and Miles Avenue Traffic Signal
- Hayden Avenue and Ramsey Road Roundabout - Design is being finalized
- Hayden Avenue and Atlas Road Roundabout - Design is being finalized

### GOVERNMENT WAY CORRIDOR

Through a partnership with the Hayden Urban Renewal Agency (HURA), a study of the traffic along Government Way between Hayden and Prairie Avenues was completed. The City and HURA continue to work together on the next steps for this project.

### RAMSEY ROAD CORRIDOR EXTENSION

The City of Hayden has begun installing utilities in preparation for construction of the roadway beginning Summer 2024. The project is funded through Federal Surface Transportation Funds administered by the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO).

SCAN FOR  
MORE INFO  
ON ROADS



SCAN FOR  
MORE INFO  
ON PARKS



# Where does the snow go?

No one at City Hall works harder than the snow plow crews! Find out what their equipment is called, how it works, and what you can do to help keep the snow from ruining your day!

The City of Hayden plows the streets in pairs. Each operator drives either a loader or a grader. The grader goes down the street first. It plows from the center of the roadway toward the side. It is very efficient at moving large amounts of snow. However, due to its length, it is not very maneuverable, particularly for small city streets.

That is why the loader follows behind - to clean up the mess. It is much smaller and was designed for maneuverability. It pushes the snow berm created by the grader off the side of the road as much as possible and does the detail work like putting the snow into snow easements.

This helps them clear the roadway right up to the curb, which in turn, keeps the roadway from narrowing over the season. It also makes the process faster if they don't have to drive around your vehicles.

Every time the city gets more than four inches of snow crews jump in the equipment and get started. The crews are on call all winter, 24 hours a day, with no exceptions. It takes the crews 10-14 hours to clear all the city streets depending on the type of snow.

Some of the city equipment has a snow gate installed. The idea is to prevent snow from constantly falling to the side (and across your driveway) by trapping it against the blade until the gate is lifted and the snow falls out. Hydraulics help move this perpendicular edge up to release trapped snow when the driver chooses.

However, the type of snow and neighborhood design impacts the effectiveness of the snow gates. If driveways and mailboxes are really close together the driver has no space to release the snow, and some of it will fall where it is unwanted a berm. If there is a lot of snow, it can spill over the edge of the gate when it gets full too fast. If the snow is heavy and wet, it sticks to the blade just like your wet tongue would stick to a cold metal light pole. When that happens, sometimes the snow doesn't fall out when the driver lifts the blade. Not all of the city plows are equipped with gates, but whenever possible the crews use these in residential neighborhoods.



During the winter, the streets and parks departments join forces to take on the snow! Every time the city gets more than four inches they jump in the equipment and get started. The crews are on call all winter, 24 hours a day, with no exceptions. It takes the crews 10-14 hours to clear all the city streets depending on the type of snow.



# CITY STREETS WORD SEARCH

Keep an eye on the weather! If the forecast is for snow, do these things to help the plow crews do their best job!

- Use tall landscaping flags to mark the edge of your grass if you don't have curbs. That helps drivers identify the edge of the roadway.
- Move vehicles off the roadway when you see storms in the forecast.
- Store basketball hoops for the winter.
- Keep garbage cans off the roadway whenever possible.

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 LANCASTER  
 MAPLE  
 STRAHORN  
 REED  
 RAMSEY  
 ATLAS  
 HUETTER

## The Grader

This machine is called a Grader.  
 This one that the city uses weighs  
 44,040 lbs!



## The Loader

The loader weighs  
 29,138 lbs and maxes  
 out at 25mph.



Close-up of a snow gate





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## 2024 Budget at a Glance

The current fiscal year runs from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. The general fund budget for this fiscal year totals \$8,359,956.

**REVENUES** General fund revenues are not restricted to any specific purpose and include property taxes, state sales tax revenue sharing, state liquor account revenues, Highway Distribution and other fees/revenues.

**EXPENDITURES** – General fund expenditures occur in the areas of city council, general administration, parks, public works, building, law enforcement, recreation, planning and development, facilities, engineering, information technology, economic development and streets.

### Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Revenue Summary

Sales Tax Distribution	\$1,917,184	22.90%
Property Tax	\$2,496,523	29.90%
Highway Distribution	\$1,468,166	17.60%
Building Fees	\$679,000	8.10%
Liquor Distribution	\$592,155	7.10%
Other Revenue	\$748,608	9.00%
Franchise Fees	\$230,500	2.80%
Recreation Programs	\$156,900	1.90%
Permits & Fees	\$70,620	0.80%
Federal Grants	\$300	0.00%

### Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Expense Summary

Streets	\$2,377,958	28.40%
General Admin	\$1,118,216	13.40%
Law Enforcement	\$1,147,197	13.70%
Capital Projects	\$902,222	10.80%
Parks	\$536,377	6.40%
Public Works Admin	\$490,968	5.90%
Recreation	\$475,258	5.70%
Building	\$430,227	5.10%
Planning	\$256,151	3.10%
City Council	\$171,188	2.00%

## Sewer Rate Increase

Beginning September 01, 2023, sewer rates were increased to \$115 bi-monthly (\$57.50 monthly). The largest portion of this increase is due to the required sewer treatment plant upgrades. These upgrades are needed to meet the new water quality standards mandated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The rest will be used for the rising cost of energy and other expenses to operate the sewer collection system, as well as to provide funding for replacement of the aging sewer system. New growth will continue to pay for itself through capitalization fees.