



# OUR TOWN

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## New Legislation

### Development Impact Fees

The Hailey City Council in early April adopted a new section into its broad planning document, the Hailey Comprehensive Plan. The new section is comprised of a Capital Improvement Plan, which assesses the effect of new growth on the city’s infrastructure development needs, and estimates what specific costs new growth creates, assuming the city is to retain a consistent, rather than declining, level of service.

Following that, in late April the City Council considered and read the first reading of a Development Impact Fee Ordinance, which proposes to set in place fees by which Hailey can cover the costs of new growth and actually maintain a consistent level of service within its infrastructure. The proposed ordinance will undergo further readings during the May City Council meetings, and is scheduled for potential final adoption with its third reading on May 21, 2007. Public input is welcome.

The ordinance as proposed would require an impact fee to be collected at the time building permits are issued. The new fees would add an additional \$2629 to new single family residential building permits, and square-foot amounts on commercial projects. The new ordinance would become effective on June 20, 2007.

## Community News

### Urban Water Users Workshop

Learn how to conserve water, still keeping your lawn and gardens green this summer! Attend the May 24th Urban Waters Users’ Workshop sponsored by Blaine Soil Conservation District. Topics include tree care tips and how to certify your lawn as “Trout Friendly” through Wood River Land Trust. (Info at 788-3947). Hailey Grange—609 3<sup>rd</sup> St. South from 6:00-7:00 pm.

## Metered Water Conservation Rules

**“Anyone who can solve the problems of water will be worthy of two Nobel prizes—one for peace and the other for science.”**

*John F. Kennedy*

On October 1, 2006, the City of Hailey began the metered water system to support conservation of water in our high mountain desert region. By monitoring the water usage throughout the city your Public Works Department is able to quickly address high water consumption issues, such as leaks, and manage water usage to preserve our natural resources for this and future generations.



Our new metering system also informs consumers about their exact water usage and empowers them to manage it sensibly. Wise use of water for lawns and gardens will provide for optimum growing conditions and save money on your monthly bill. As a reminder, watering between the hours of **10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily** is prohibited by *Municipal Code 13.08.010*. For more information or links to water conservation websites please see the Public Works section of our website or contact your Public Works Department at 788-9830 ext. 17.

## Calendar

### Important Dates

Arts Commission .....	05/15/07
City Council Meetings .....	05/14/07
.....	05/21/07
Historic Preservation Commission .....	05/29/07
Parks & Lands Board .....	05/01/07
P&Z Meetings .....	05/07/07
.....	05/21/07



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Your City in Action

## Parks to Promote a Healthy Earth

The new Woodside Park on Moonlight Drive is greening from the grasses planted late last year. This 8.6 acre park has a regulation-size soccer field, a little league ballfield, basketball courts, picnic pavilion, restrooms, and more. Construction on these components will continue over this summer. Landscaping is designed to minimize water consumption and maintenance costs:

- The irrigation is monitored by a moisture-sensor system to reduce waste
- Native and/or drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and grasses are used throughout the park
- Heavy-duty turf that requires more water and maintenance is used only on the athletic fields
- Grasses at the park perimeter require less water and mowing and transition into the natural areas of the adjacent hillsides
- Trees species were selected from the \*Hailey Tree Planting Guide and meet 20% species diversity requirements.

\*Available online at <http://www.haileycityhall.org/planning/treepltggd.pdf>

Events

## Clean Sweep & Organic Yard Waste Drop Off

May 19 is Clean Sweep day – an opportunity to beautify your town and valley. To volunteer or for more information, contact the Environmental Resource Center at 726-4333. Hailey's Park & Ride lot on River Street will be a collection site for yard waste – call Clear Creek Disposal at 726-9600 for details about how to utilize the Hailey disposal site.

Information & Resources

## Yard Waste Tips

**DISPOSAL** – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that yard waste is second only to paper in municipal solid waste streams. The Ohio Gulch Waste Transfer Station continues to offer a free yard waste disposal program to Blaine County



households. Loads must qualify in order to be free and are limited to one pickup load or less of clean yard waste per week. Waste must be un-bagged grass, leaves and branches. It must contain no dirt, rock, root balls, construction waste, noxious weeds, trash, food waste, plastic or other inorganic

materials. Loads containing inappropriate materials will be charged at the transfer station rate of \$55 per ton. All loads not covered may be subject to a \$10 fine. Additional yard waste loads will be charged \$10 each. For more information, contact the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station at 788-2351.

**MULCH** - The Ohio Gulch Transfer Station processes the organic yard waste then offers it for sale as mulch at \$1 per cubic yard. Mulching beds by spreading a thin layer around the base of plants will add nutrients to the soil, regulate soil temperature, slow weed growth and help to retain water. After you deliver this spring's yard waste you can pick up a load of last year's to use in your beds.

**GRASSCYCLE** – Grass clippings, if left to decompose, return nutrients to the lawn and do not add to the thatch. (Thatch is formed by the roots of the grass, not the actual clippings; roots are comprised of lignin which decomposes slowly.) It is recommended to mow so grass is never more than 2 to 3 inches tall and don't cut more than one-third of the blade (no more than one inch total).