



# OUR TOWN

*Where the desert meets the mountains.*

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## Announcement

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### City Contracts with Xpress Bill Pay

You can now pay your utility bill online with a credit or debit card or through a transfer of funds directly from your checking account. You may also complete these transactions via telephone or in person at City Hall. Please see the flier on the reverse of this page for more information.

## Climate Change

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### News You Can Use

Scientists agree that Climate Change is happening, due to man's impact on our globe, at a much faster rate than had previously been anticipated. A recent survey shows that 53% of Idahoans want to do something to help. Some simple steps to lessen our impact (and save some money in the process!): 1. Turn down your thermostat. Every degree between 60 – 70°F saves approximately 5% in energy costs. 2. Don't idle your cars unnecessarily. The break-even point is 10 seconds at which you save by turning off and restarting your car. Modern engines don't need to heat up for more than 30 seconds to run efficiently, according to the California Energy Commission. For more information, go to [www.consumerenergycenter.org/tips/business\\_winter.html](http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/tips/business_winter.html).

## Grant News

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### City Receives Grant from IDL

The City of Hailey and the Hailey Parks & Lands Board have been awarded a \$15,000.00 Community Transportation Enhancement grant by the Idaho

Department of Lands. The purpose of the grant program is to enhance community transportation corridors through the planting of trees and shrubs. The program is also intended to educate, stimulate interest in, and assist with the development of sustainable community forestry programs in communities throughout Idaho.

The project—called the Fox Acres Greenway—is a tree, shrub and perennial greenway along the northern edge of Fox Acres Road, between the bike path and the street. A narrow strip along the north side of the bike path will be planted, as well. The project will connect the existing Hailey Arboretum and the planned Fox Acres Triangle Garden (a xeriscape demo project).

The project is scheduled to commence in early 2007, and according to grant requirements, must be complete by December 31, 2007. The total project budget is \$61,772.00, with \$15,000.00 coming from the grant, \$2,960.00 of in-kind contributions, and \$43,812.00 from the City of Hailey Parks & Lands budget.

## Calendar

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### Important Dates

Arts Commission .....	02/20/07
City Council Meetings .....	02/12/07
.....	02/26/07
Development Impact Fee	
Advisory Committee .....	02/01/07
Historic Preservation Commission .....	02/27/07
Parks & Lands Board .....	02/06/07
P&Z Meetings .....	02/05/07
.....	02/20/07
President's Day * .....	02/19/07

\* City offices closed.

# **Announcing...**

## **The Easiest Way to Pay Your Bill**

Our new online bill pay option saves you time and gives you more flexibility in how you pay your bill.

If you have an Internet connection and an e-mail address, you can now pay your bill online. It's fast, it's easy, and you no longer have to write a check each month or find a stamp when it's time to send in your payment.

And, you can choose to discontinue paper bills and envelopes being sent to you by specifying that you only want an e-mailed bill reminder.

### **How It Works**

We have contracted with **Xpress Bill Pay**, a secure and insured on-line bill provider.

When you sign up for online bill payment you get a unique password that you use to access your personal account at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org). Every month we'll send you a reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is online.

Then, just log in through your Web browser and view your bill, which will look like the paper statement you're familiar with. Select a payment type — electronic check (EFT), debit card, or credit card — enter the information; you're done!

It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes. We're offering this service at the request of customers like you. Sign up today and see why so many people use this method to pay their bills.

### **Online Bill Payment Facts**

- It's free to sign up for online bill payment at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org).
- You can pay your bills with a transfer of funds directly from your checking account, or you can pay with a debit or credit card.

- You can pay your bill from anywhere, as long as you have access to the Internet through a Web browser. No need to worry about late payments if you're out of town when your bill is due.
- After you complete the transaction, you can receive an e-mail receipt to confirm that the payment went through.
- You can view up to a year's billing history of your account online, so you can compare your current bill to a year ago.
- If you'd like, you can select the auto-pay option with a steady pay date of your choice, and your bill will be paid automatically each month.

### **What To Do Next**

If you're ready to get started with the convenience of online bill payment, here's what to do:

- 1) Go to [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org), and select "Bill Payment" on the right hand side of the blue menu bar. We have contracted with Xpress Bill Pay to provide you with online bill payment service.
- 2) Click on "New to Xpress Bill Pay" and complete the short registration form including email address and password.
- 3) After you login, click on "Add New eBills" and follow the instructions to add your bill.
- 4) Once your bill is added to your account, you can view and pay your bill online, or setup a recurring auto payment.
- 5) Call with questions, and our friendly staff will be happy to assist you.



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