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*Where the desert meets the mountains.*

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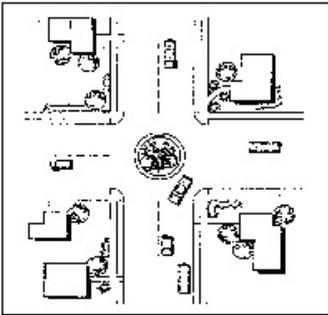
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## City Finances

### Development Impact Fees *The Second in a Series*

Last month, an article relaying the concept and origin of Development Impact Fees in the City of Hailey was presented. These funds are held specifically to pay for improvements to infrastructure to accommodate increased development. Currently, the City of Hailey is researching traffic roundabouts, to help the flow of traffic in intersections. The intersection of Cedar, Queen of the Hills and River Street is an eligible intersection for this type of improvement. The Hailey Transportation Master Plan recommends 14 of these throughout the city in

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CIRCLES  
(intersection islands)



specific places. Roundabouts are only one example of the types of improvements that can be achieved with development impact fee revenue. As Hailey continues to grow, infrastructure improvements will be more important than ever.

Useful in oddly-configured intersections, where stop signs may not make the most sense, roundabouts serve as traffic-calming devices as well as energy savers. A vehicle is more efficient when slowing and not stopping. Neighbors are not bothered by acceleration and braking noises. Approaching traffic yields to traffic already in the circle. Roundabouts have been successfully used throughout snow country in Idaho as well as Europe. Watch for more information!

### Local Option Tax Report

The City of Hailey has been collecting Local Option Taxes since the program's start in July 2006. The receipts – by fiscal year – break down as follows.

- FYE 2006 \$92,718.67 (July-Sept 06)
- FYE 2007 \$368,300.45 (Oct 06-Sept 07)
- FYE 2008 \$277,035.17 (Oct 07-July 08)

With two months left in the 08 fiscal year, Hailey estimates collecting an additional \$100,000, which is included in the list below. Since July 2006, **Hailey has collected \$738,054.29 in LOT payments.** Rental cars and lodging account for \$430,795.80; alcohol by the drink, \$92,815.79; and restaurant food, \$214,442.70.

### **How has the money been spent/allocated?**

So far, Hailey's elected officials have spent/allocated LOT funds as follows:

- \$343,862.82 for snow removal equipment
- \$220,000 for police officer salaries for traffic enforcement
- \$92,087.50 to lighted crosswalk project for pedestrian safety on Main Street
- \$61,000 to Hailey Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism
- \$38,000 to Wood River Rideshare to facilitate public transportation
- \$30,000 for parks maintenance
- \$27,483 for fire truck lease payoff
- \$22,480 to Woodside Boulevard striping project
- \$2,500 to Hailey Public Library for restroom remodel

The LOT remains in effect through FYE 2010 (June 2010).

### **November Dispatch Vote**

Hailey's Mayor and City Council have worked hard to ensure that Hailey citizens be equitably involved in decisions about funding county dispatch operations. Those efforts resulted in the Blaine County Commissioners setting the matter for a county-wide funding ballot in November. Watch this space next month for a thorough discussion of the issues.

## Construction Begins on Signal at Countryside Blvd. and Hwy 75

Construction on the new traffic signal at Countryside Boulevard and Highway 75 began on Monday, August 18. The construction period is estimated to take until September 29 with possible follow-up work in October. This construction is a result of an agreement with the Sweetwater Development adjacent to Countryside Boulevard.

Periodically during the construction period traffic will be rerouted through the area into single lanes in each direction. Drivers are urged to use caution during construction. The City of Hailey and the Idaho Transportation Department have been working together to bring this project forward. Any questions concerning the construction can be directed to the City of Hailey Public Works Director, Tom Hellen, at 788-9830, ext. 14.

## Volunteers Needed for New Park

Woodside Central Park is getting closer to its October dedication. The City of Hailey needs volunteers to help build the play structure for the children of the Wood River Valley. Would you like to volunteer your time and be part of the completion of Woodside Central Park? If so, please contact Public Works at 788-9830 X 22 to add your name to the list. We expect the date for this project to take place in September.

## Important Mailbox Reminder

A friendly reminder that mailboxes placed in the Right of Way (ROW) or Easement are considered a street encroachment.

### How do I find out where the city ROW is and where my property line begins?

It varies, because street ROW varies. Please contact

the Public Works Department at 788-9830 ext. 22 to get information on your street ROW. The most accurate way to find your property line is to have it professionally surveyed to locate the property pins.

We also ask that you notify Public Works at 788-9830 ext. 22 to schedule an inspection for the placement of all mailboxes. The Hailey Municipal Code 12.16.040 B, includes specific standards for mailboxes and newspaper boxes. It can be found at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org) under the Codes & Plans tab. The code states, **“A mailbox or newspaper box shall be located at least eight feet from the street pavement.”** The city *is not responsible* for damage to property left within the ROW regardless of whether

the damage is caused by the City of Hailey, or its agents and employees.

## Hailey Announces Surplus Auction

On Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m., the City of Hailey will auction a variety of utility vehicles and miscellaneous equipment. The auction,

held in conjunction with Hailey Nursery’s liquidation of inventory, will be held at Hailey Nursery on Aviation Drive. The City of Bellevue will have items in the auction as well.

### Back to School Safety

Fall is in the air and that means back-to-school for the community’s youth. Please be on the alert for children traveling to and from school, either on foot or by bicycle. Rules of the road regarding school buses should be strictly followed. With a little extra effort, we can all do our part to keep our young people out of harm’s way.



### Kitchen Fire Safety Tips

The preparation of the home cooked meal is the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries. Unattended cooking accounts for 33% of these fires. Other leading causes are placing combustible items too close to the heat source and various electrical defects. There are a variety of situations that lead to unattended cooking fires. The most common is when the cook becomes distracted and leaves the kitchen. The most common distractions are attending to children, answering phone calls, watching television and answering doorbells.

**To reduce your risk of a cooking fire, follow this recipe for safety. While cooking:**

- Stay in the kitchen; don't leave cooking food unattended. (Stand by your pan!)
- Wear short or tight fitting sleeves. (Long sleeves are more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles.)
- Don't become distracted.
- Enforce a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around your stove. Turn pot handles inward facing the wall to prevent burns caused by overturning or spills.
- Keep the area around the stove clear of towels, papers, pot holders or anything that could burn.
- Cook at indicated temperature settings rather than higher settings.
- Regularly clean your cooking equipment so that there are not cooking materials, food items or grease accumulation.

- Have a pot lid handy to smother a pan fire. Do not attempt to pick up the pot or pan. Shut off the heat and cover the fire with a lid.
- Do not use water. It will cause splashing and spread the fire.

### Hailey Public Library

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#### Library Offers Expanded Hours

The Hailey Public Library announces an expansion of its hours beginning September 2, 2008. The library will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

The library is also offering patrons the opportunity to receive pre-overdue notices, as well as all other notices through email. Pre-overdue notices inform patrons that they have books coming due and they need to be returned or renewed. Please stop by and give us your email address to receive this service and help us cut down on paper usage and postage costs.

The library will be holding a TACKY (teen advisory council connecting youth) meeting on

September 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. All teens in grades 6-8 are encouraged to attend. We want your input into what you want in your library.

### Missing a Bicycle?

The Hailey Police Department has 33 recovered bikes in storage, of a wide variety of sizes and makes. HPD has been unable to match the bikes to stolen bike reports. So if you are missing a bicycle and have not filed a stolen bike report, please call Officer Larry Clark at 788-3531.



### Calendar

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#### Important Dates

Arts Commission .....	09/04/08
City Council Meetings .....	09/08/08
.....	09/22/08
Historic Preservation Commission .....	09/30/08
Parks & Lands Board .....	09/02/08
P&Z Meetings .....	09/02/08
.....	09/15/08
Labor Day * .....	09/01/08

\* City offices closed.

**Blaine County Senior Center**  
**Appreciation Lunch**  
**September 26, 2008**  
*In honor of Senior Center Day*

**For more info call the Senior Center at 788-3468.**