



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Community Development

Community Development Efforts

In mid-August 360 bicyclists and 40 support personnel participating with Ride Idaho's annual tour of Idaho held a two-day layover in Hailey. Participants from 31 states and Canada enjoyed our town with a robust welcome of such warmth and vigor designed to bring them back again, in future Ride Idaho ventures or as individuals.

The bikers camped out at Nelson Field and used the new Rodeo Park facilities for their shower trailer and support vehicles.



Ride Idaho campers at Nelson Field.

During their stay Ride Idaho purchased \$10,000 in Hailey Chamber Bucks for the riders, donated new playground equipment for Hailey Elementary School and provided bike racks to the city of Hailey for the rodeo grounds. A block party was put on by Sun Valley Brewery, the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Hailey, complete with a live band and participating business booths. The riders were treated to a pancake breakfast hosted by Hailey Chamber of Commerce.

Many thanks go out to Ride Idaho, a non-profit organization powered by the dedication of local volunteers.

Hailey is very proud of having participated in and been a recipient of Ride Idaho's mission which is to:

- inform and inspire cyclists with Idaho's heritage and history,
- provide positive economic impact within Idaho,
- promote healthy and active lifestyles, and
- raise awareness of safe cycling.

Ride Idaho was founded in 2005, with a previous tour through Hailey in 2006. Information about the organization is at www.rideidaho.org.

The Ride Idaho event is a wonderful example of community development in practice. Hailey recently amended its ordinances to allow camping in town when associated with special events. The Blaine County School District maintenance team encouraged Ride Idaho to camp on school property. The Rodeo Park Arena helped make the area inviting, with accessible restrooms built through the generosity of Hailey taxpayers and community donors. The downtown location brought campers directly into Hailey businesses. The Hailey Chamber of Commerce and city staff teamed to host the riders and assist with organization. In turn, Hailey benefited from the enthusiastic participants and generous sponsors of Ride Idaho.

Calendar

Important dates

City Council.....	09/07/11, 09/12/11, 09/26/11
Hailey Arts Commission.....	09/01/11
Historic Preservation Commission.....	09/27/11
Hailey Library Board.....	09/21/11
Parks & Lands Board	(no meeting in Sept.) 10/04/11
P&Z Commission.....	09/19/11
Tree Committee.....	09/15/11
Urban Renewal Agency.....	09/12/11
<i>Labor Day (City offices closed).....</i>	<i>09/05/11</i>

Highlighted EVENTS

1. Farmers' and Artists' Market.

- Thursdays, 06/16-/10/13/11, 2:30-6:30pm, Main St. between Sturtevant's and Bank of America

Sustainability

City Water Rate Reduction Encourages Conservation

In order to continue to encourage water conservation throughout the city and generally keep water rates as low as possible in this economy, the city plans to adjust water rates. It is recommended that the water rates be revised for 3 categories of users, in the following ways:

- Less than 30,000 gallons/month: Reduction from 25¢ per 1,000 gallons to 20¢ per 1,000 gallons.
- Between 31,000—60,000 gallons/month: Increase from \$1.10 to \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons.
- Between 61,000 –70,000 gallons/month: Increase from \$1.70 to \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons.

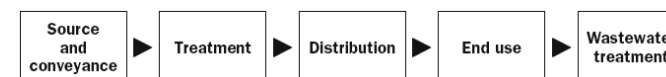
(Residential water usage in Hailey averages 45,000 gallons per month.)

All other water rates will remain the same, while the base sewer rates will increase by 5%. Between the water decrease and the sewer increase, residents who are able to manage and control their water usage below 30,000 gallons a month will not see an increase in their bill.

Rate changes will be posted on the city website if they are formally approved by the City Council on Sept 12th. The new rates would go into affect on October 1, 2011.

Water Conservation = Energy Conservation = \$ Savings

The city uses energy to pump, treat, and distribute potable water supplies to Hailey citizens; these citizens use energy to heat, cool, or pressurize water; and Hailey's waste water treatment plant (WWTP) uses energy to treat and discharge wastewater.



The Hailey WWTP uses quite a bit of energy. 80% of the energy used by the city for its municipal operations, buildings, street lights, etc. is attributed to the WWTP. The WWTP represents 3% of the entire community's energy usage!

Water conservation—through reducing the need for *all* of the above—can provide direct energy savings. Equally important, it delays or eliminates the need for cities to develop new water supplies and costly expansions and upgrades of their waste water treatment facilities when they begin to near capacity.

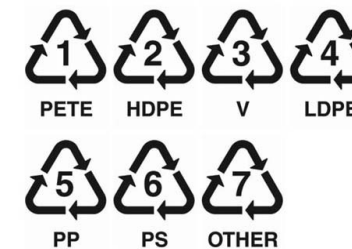
Water conservation represents a “win” on four fronts:

1. it saves water,
2. saves energy,
3. saves consumers' money on their energy, water, and wastewater bills, and
4. helps avoid new and expensive water supply projects.

Information taken from: Western Resource Advocates. Stacy Tellinghuisen, Energy/Water Analyst, June 30, 2009

Plastic Recycling Expands to Include No. 1- 7 Containers and Bottles

The Blaine County Recycling Center once only accepted plastic bottles with threaded necks that were No.1 and No. 2 grade plastics. This meant that yogurt containers and many other plastic materials ended up in the landfill. Now, you can recycle Styrofoam containers, plumbing pipes, produce containers, some plastic bags, and baby bottles, either curbside or at the Blaine County Recycling Center at Ohio Gulch Transfer Station.



Look for one of the above plastic grade symbols on the bottom of the container or material to know whether it can be recycled.

Since curbside pick up of all recyclable materials is offered at no charge as part of every service for both residents and businesses in the city, the more you recycle the less you pay for garbage service by downsizing. As an example, for residential service, a savings of \$140/year could be achieved, simply by recycling more and using a smaller (33 gallon) trash can.

Visit the New E.W. Fox Garden

In late July, the final touches were made to the E.W. Fox Demonstration Garden, located on the north side of Fox Acres Road near the Community Campus. The garden is a water-conserving, low maintenance landscape displaying drought tolerant species appropriate for planting in and around Hailey.

The garden has interpretive signs, benches and botanical markers to help visitors identify the trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses that comprise the landscape. For those who want even more information, look for the garden guide located at the southeast entry sign.

Guides are also available at <http://www.haileycityhall.org/TreeCommittee/TreeComProjects.asp> or at City Hall.

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