



OUR TOWN

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Water Issues

Low Water Pressure Prompts Urgent Need for Conservation

Hailey has been experiencing low water tank levels resulting in reduced water pressure to many areas throughout the city. On the evening of July 20, the tank level at Indian Creek Springs dropped to 2 feet, down from the 9 foot level it had built up to throughout that day. Normally, the Indian Creek tank is at 11 feet, and it is critical for fire safety that water levels in the tank remain above 5 feet.

Mayor Susan McBryant is requesting that Hailey residents voluntarily reduce their water usage. Hailey's water system cannot keep up with irrigation demands as residents increase irrigation during hot summer days. Irrigation in excess of every third day should not be necessary. The city consulted with a local landscape company, Hailey Nursery, who has advised of proper guidelines for irrigation:



- Lawns needs about 1 inch of water each week. If the weather is very hot, apply an inch of water about every 3 days.
- Watering to a depth of 4-6 inches encourages deeper, healthier root development. It allows longer periods between watering.
- To measure the water, put an empty tuna can on the lawn while watering. Stop watering when the can is full or if you notice water running off the lawn.

- Early morning or night is the best time for watering to reduce evaporation.
- Leave the grass clippings to decompose on the lawn. Annually, this will provide nutrients equivalent to one or two fertilizer applications. Set mower at 2 inches to reduce water use during hot weather.

The Hailey Municipal Code prohibits irrigation between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Community Involvement

Camp Rainbow Gold

This August, numerous Hailey Police Officers are volunteering their time to help out with Camp Rainbow Gold. Officers Sergeant Steve England, Shelly Pharis, Raul Ornelas, Derek Stewart, Jameson Sharp, and Manuel Ornelas will be providing protection and security services to the camp during the weeklong event.

Nearly 25 years ago, Dr. Dave McClusky began Camp Rainbow Gold, a summer camp for children diagnosed with cancer. The original camp was located at Paradise Point in McCall; in recent years, the camp has been held at Cathedral Pines north of Ketchum. Hailey restaurateurs and residents Rob and Kris Cronin serve on the Board of Directors.

The City of Hailey is proud to have its police officers involved in the community in which they serve.

Pedestrian Safety

The Idaho Code and/or the Hailey Municipal Code provide for these pedestrian safety responsibilities:

- A pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any traffic-control devices specifically applicable to him, unless otherwise directed by a peace officer.
- No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.
- Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
- No pedestrian shall cross a highway intersection diagonally unless authorized by traffic-control devices.



City Launches Updated Website

The city has updated its website to better serve citizens. The new site should be up and running sometime in August. Updates include:

- Easy access to meeting schedules, agendas and minutes.
- The latest city news.
- Recent ordinances proposed and adopted.
- Special events schedule.
- Application forms.
- Codes and plans.

In the coming months, the city will develop the online bill payment page of the website.

We hope citizens enjoy the new format.

Emergency Services Surveys

Included with this newsletter are two surveys: one for the Hailey Police Department and one concerning a new fire station. Please take a moment to complete and return these surveys. Your input makes a difference, and we want to hear from you!

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	8/15/06
City Council Meetings	8/14/06
.....	8/28/06
Historic Preservation Commission	8/29/06
Parks & Lands Board Meeting	8/01/06
P&Z Meetings	8/07/06
.....	8/21/06

Blaine County Fair
August 7-12, 2006
Blaine County Fairgrounds
Carey
Information: Phone 788-5585
4-H Building
Opens Wednesday, August 9
Open Class Building
Opens Thursday, August 10
Swine & Sheep Show
Thursday, August 10
Beef Show
Friday, August 11
Market Animal Sale
Saturday, August 12
Little Britches Rodeo
Friday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.
Join the fun!