



OUR TOWN

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Important Town Message

77 Acres of Park Land Donated to Hailey by Friedman Family

Mayor Susan McBryant and the Hailey City Council welcomed Bill Simons of Boise to their last meeting to hear Simons offer a gift of 77 acres of land just west of Lion's Park to the City of Hailey.

Bill Simons is a member of the Friedman family, which operated the Friedman Company in Hailey and donated land in 1931 to the City of Hailey for use as an airport. He hoped that his donation would continue his family's legacy in our community.

The 77 acres lies adjacent to Lion's park and extends westward along Della Mountain and encompasses the wetlands area at the mouth of Croy Canyon. Although deeds have not yet been drafted and signed to finalize the gift, those deeds will restrict the area to its natural state to be used for passive recreation.

Simons noted that such areas are widely used in Boise, and referenced Camels Back Park, located on a hill in Boise's north end neighborhood, full of hiking trails used by children, bicyclists, equestrians, and dog enthusiasts. As he graciously outlined his vision of the Croy Canyon land, he brought to the council chambers the warmth of days gone by.

Finance and Budget

BUDGET ADOPTION

A budget workshop is scheduled for July 17, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at city hall. We welcome your input and requests for specific city spending programs.



Water Issues

Utility Bills

Most Hailey properties are now receiving their water meter reading on their utility bill. And for some of you it may be a shock to see how much water you are using. Especially at this time of year water use is very high. The Water Department has been tracking 40 properties throughout the city to determine what average water use is in order to provide some point of reference for homeowners. In July of 2005 the average monthly use was just over 56,000 gallons. In August it was 64,000 gallons. Contrast that with the average wintertime use of 6,000 gallons.

The EPA grant awarded to Hailey to pay for the water meter purchases was predicated upon conservation. Hailey will continue to provide educational materials about water conservation to residents. An important method of water conservation has been made into law prohibiting watering between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Other conservation activities include activating automatic irrigation systems at night, installing drip irrigation systems, and planting drought tolerant plants.

Friends Host 2006 Garden Tour

The Friends of the Hailey Public Library hosts the annual Hailey Garden Tour on July 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The self-guided tour highlights some of the beautiful gardens in old Hailey. Local musicians will entertain garden visitors, and refreshments will be provided in shady nooks of some of the gardens. Tickets will be available at local outlets. Call Sallie Hanson at 788-3178 or 720-0866 for more information.

Boards & Commissions

New Arts Commission Formed

Mayor Susan McBryant and the Hailey City Council have appointed three commissioners to the newborn Hailey Arts Commission. The new commissioners are Mark Johnstone, Denise Simone, and Lisbeth Ruiz. The fourth and fifth seats on the commission have yet to be appointed.



The Hailey Arts Commission was established to ensure the arts are an integral part of Hailey’s community fabric. The commission will promote the cultural, educational and economic growth of Hailey through the enhancement of its arts and cultural heritage. Its first tasks are to articulate its mission, define goals for the year, and develop short and long range plans. The Arts Commission also recognizes the need to bring forth support and advocacy of the arts as Hailey continues to grow and define its community – Hailey’s cultural identity can be expressed through excellence in the arts. The group is off to a strong start with the pursuit of a public arts grant for the new Woodside Central Park.

City Parks Enjoyed by Residents

Hailey’s parks are frequented by many citizens throughout the warm months of summer. Reservations for Special Events, family picnics, birthday parties, and other social gatherings are at an all time high, with Hop Porter, Lawrence Heagle and Roberta Mc Kercher being the most popular parks.



If you want to reserve a park for that special occasion, plan ahead. The parks are reserved on a first come, first served basis, and this time of the year, availability goes fast. For more information on reservations and fees, call City Hall at 788-4221, ext. 0.

Calendar

Important Dates

Independence Day	*7/04/06
Arts Commission	7/07/06
City Council Meetings	7/10/06
.....	7/17/06
.....	7/24/06
Historic Preservation Commission	7/25/06
Parks & Lands Board Meeting	7/11/06
P&Z Meetings	7/03/06
.....	7/17/06
Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee Meeting	7/06/06

* City offices closed.

