



# OUR TOWN

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Hailey Public Library

## The Smithsonian Institution's Journey Stories Comes to Hailey

Beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Blaine County Historical Museum will host the journey exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution. *Journey Stories* – tales of how we and our ancestors came to America and have moved across the continent – are a central element of our personal heritage. In the exhibit, accounts of travelers themselves express the hopes and promises, grim realities and fresh starts that have made today's America.

### Where are you from? What is your story?

The Hailey Public Library will work as a partner with the Blaine County Historical Museum to host a scheduled speaker, Diane Josephy Peavey, on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Diane will talk about "The Journey from East to West, Urban to Rural." The westward migration of our early pioneers continues today as a constant influx of "new westerners" that fill our communities. Those of us who make the journey are inspired by many of the same dreams and moral certainties as those we follow. But other than a new set of dishes from Bloomingdales, do we bring anything different to the journey and the resettling?

For more information on dates or times please contact Sandy Fahey at the library (788-2036) or the Blaine County Historical Museum (788-1801).



## Attend a Consumer Protection Education Presentation

The office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division will be giving a Consumer Protection Education Presentation at the Hailey Public Library on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. The Consumer Protection Division enforces the Idaho Consumer Protection Act, providing a valuable service to Idaho consumers from young adult through the senior

populations. The major function of this division is to counsel and assist consumers and businesses in resolving disputes and encourage consumers who have been damaged by deceptive trade practices to seek redress within their mediation process.

Each year the Consumer Protection Division travels to various counties in Idaho in an effort to update and educate Idaho consumers regarding the current scams that are most prevalent. Consumer Protection specialists will be on hand to answer questions and address concerns consumers may have about how to file a complaint if and when that may become necessary. Also available will be the updated version of the ProTecTeen CD and the Parents Guide to Social Networking. A variety of additional educational materials will also be available to benefit Idahoans and to help prevent Idaho consumers from becoming victims of scams that originate from telephone calls and suspicious pieces of mail to what one encounters and receives on the Internet.

For more information about the Idaho Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, visit [www.ag.idaho.gov](http://www.ag.idaho.gov) and click on Consumer Protection. For a list of consumer protection topics that are available, click on Consumer Information.

## Library Secures Grant to Expand Shelving System

The library will be expanding the shelving for its adult fiction section, thanks to a \$2,000 grant award from the Deer Creek Fund of the Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation. Library patrons will appreciate the additional shelf space in this popular section of the library.



## Calendar

### Important Dates

City Council.....	09/13/10, 09/27/10
Historic Preservation Commission .....	09/28/10
Parks & Lands Board .....	09/07/10
P&Z Commission .....	09/07/10, 09/20/10
Tree Committee .....	09/09/10

## Water Usage Sees Steady Drop

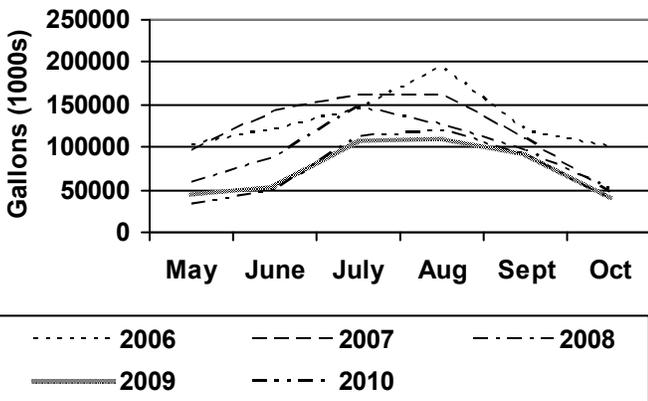
Water meter installation throughout the City of Hailey was completed in 2005 and after a year of metered usage for most residents and businesses, water was charged on a usage basis beginning in October 2006. Many leaks have been found and fixed throughout homes, businesses, parks and public buildings. Other savings have been the result of prudent irrigation, installation of efficient appliances and conscientious usage. The following table represents water usage measured among the following categories: commercial, multi-family and residential.

WATER USAGE FOR SUMMERS 2006-2010  
(measured in thousands of gallons)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
MAY	101,846	95,647	58,944	43,695	32,554
JUNE	122,141	142,672	88,167	53,571	48,631
JULY	145,093	160,253	147,642	106,528	112,054
AUGUST	194,736	161,401	126,934	110,511	118,663
SEPT	119,807	110,570	96,868	91,380	90,000 *
OCT	100,867	46,431	50,573	40,513	40,000 *
TOTAL	784,490	716,974	569,128	446,198	441,902
Savings over prev year		(67,516)	(147,846)	(122,930)	(4,296)
% Savings from 2006		-9%	-27%	-43%	-44%

\* Estimated Sept and Oct '10

Water Usage Trend



Hailey City Parks have been experiencing a large decrease in irrigation water. This year the parks have been maintained by city employees, who have been closely monitoring irrigation systems and usage, especially during wet periods. In August 2010, 54% less water was used for park irrigation than the previous year. July and June 2010 also realized large decreases, of 46% and 55% respectively.

Small changes make a large difference!

## NOTICE OF INTERESTING MEETINGS!

Two meeting topics that may be of interest in September:

1. **Basic Energy Assurance Planning Education Session.** This session is being conducted as part of Hailey's Local Energy Assurance Plan project. At the regular City Council Meeting, Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m., City Hall upstairs meeting room.
2. **River Street Improvements Neighborhood Meeting.** This meeting is being conducted in support of a grant application to the Idaho Department of Commerce to improve certain sections of River Street. Two sessions: Sept. 30, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m and 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., City Hall upstairs meeting room.

## MOUNTAIN RIDES PLANS HAILEY BUS ROUTE IMPROVEMENT

Coming in September, Mountain Rides will be implementing some schedule improvements based on what has been learned since April's launch of the Hailey Circulator bus. Service to all of Woodside, as well as added mid-day service routes, are planned. Look for new schedules, press releases and community outreach events in September. Call Mountain Rides to get information or offer suggestions at 788-7433.

## Thank You Rodeo Park Donors!

Donations are still being gratefully received and can be made at:

[www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org)

or

[www.haileyparks.org](http://www.haileyparks.org)



Donations to date for the Hailey Rodeo Park project total:

**\$113,253**

Your generous support is appreciated!