



OUR TOWN

Sustaining Hailey's Community

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Message from the Mayor

Weather Emergencies and Disasters

A simple winter emergency preparation is to keep your vehicle fuel tank full. A more complex but essential emergency preparation is to have a family plan for all types of emergencies. We have included a supplement insert to this Our Town edition to provide information on preparing for winter weather or winter emergency. The material provided is from the American Red Cross. Visit their website for more information:

<http://www.RedCross.org/>

hailey.recovers.org

A normal snowstorm in Hailey can feel like an emergency event to the elderly, disabled, and even single parents of young children. In modern times, we may not be aware of our neighbor's needs. Hailey provides a tool for those interested in helping others to connect to those who would appreciate help. The tool: **hailey.recovers.org**.

Here is how it works: Ideally, long before a disaster or other event occurs in the community, citizens who are willing to help in the recovery of the town or provide assistance to others should register online at the website **www.hailey.recovers.org**. Using this website serves as a way for us to coordinate these needs with responses from members who want to help.

The Hailey Volunteer Firefighters' Association, in team with the Hailey Public Library, began a program for connecting those who need help during a disaster to people who can provide assistance. Approximately 300 people signed up to help others during the Beaver Creek Fire.

We extend a robust THANK YOU to both past and future subscribers to **hailey.recovers.org**, and to the Hailey Fire Department for sponsoring a year of this program!

Idaho Puppet Theater! comes to Hailey Public Library

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HIGHLIGHTED MEETINGS

- 1. Water & Wastewater Conservation Ordinance.** Please see story on page 3 for more information. Nov 4 and 18, 2013.
- 2. Water and Wastewater Fees set under the parameters of Conservation Ordinance.** Please see story on page 3 for details. Nov 4 and 18, 2013 City Council Meeting.
- 3. Cross Connection Ordinance for Backflow Prevention Program.** Hailey City Council to consider ordinance on November 4, 2013.
- 4. Electronic Message Display Ordinances.** Hailey City Council to consider ordinance on November 4, 2013



Public Works

Don't Let Winter Parking Restrictions Catch You By Surprise

Prepare now for winter parking restrictions along city streets during winter. Residential and business parking rules require vehicles to be parked more than 6 feet from the edge of the pavement. Otherwise, Hailey police order them to be towed from the right of way so that snow removal can occur. Plan now to park vehicles in areas that comply with these rules when snowstorms begin.

Calendar

Important Dates

City Council.....	11/04/13, 11/18/13
Art & Historic Preservation Commission.	11/07/13
Hailey Urban Renewal Agency	11/13/13
Parks & Lands Board	11/05/13
P&Z Commission	11/12/13
Tree Committee	11/14/13
Veteran's Day *	11/11/13
Thanksgiving *	11/28/13
Friday Following Thanksgiving *	11/29/13

* City offices closed.

Winter Weatherization

Baby it's Cold Outside

Keep warm this winter and reduce your heating costs by taking a few simple and inexpensive steps to weatherize your home. Often, if you have a drafty house, sealing leaks is the most cost effective step you can take to improve the comfort of your home and reduce utility bills. Sealing should then be followed by increasing insulation and other energy efficiency upgrades such as upgrading to efficient lights and appliances. Of course, an energy audit done by yourself or a professional energy auditor is the best way to identify your home's needs.

A few ideas on sealing from *www.DoItYourself.com*:

- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows that leak air
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring (including canned lights) penetrates through exterior walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets
- Install rubber gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on exterior walls
- Install storm windows over single-pane windows or replace them with double-pane windows. Storm windows as much as double the R-value of single-pane windows and they can help reduce drafts, water condensation, and frost formation
- When the fireplace is not in use, keep the flue damper tightly closed. A chimney is designed specifically for smoke to escape, so until you close it, warm air escapes – 24 hours a day!

Information on identifying your home's energy efficiency needs with a do it yourself energy audit and a do it yourself guide on weatherization can be found at:

Energy audit: http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/static/DIYweb_LatestReleased_DPDP016083.pdf

Weatherization: http://www.bpa.gov/energy/n/energy_tips/weatherization/index.cfm

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare's Tips on Flu Prevention

- Wash hands often w/soap & water or alcohol based hand cleaners.
- Cover nose & mouth with tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth.
- Stay home from work or school if sick.



For information on financial incentives, please see a list of financial resources found at: www.SaveAWatt.org

Hailey Public Library November Events

Our events are free and posted on our website at:
www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 6pm - 7:30pm:

Circle of Nine Quilting with Janet Houts.

Explore a unique system for arranging any of nine quilt blocks into a creative sampler. Janet will discuss her new books and the Circle of Nine system.

Thursdays from 6pm – 7:30pm: *Knitting and Crocheting Maker Space.*

All skill levels: meet weekly to work on knit/crochet projects at the library. We provide the space and time, helpful books and online resources. Bring your own projects; meet other yarn lovers.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 6pm - 7:30pm:

Backyard Beekeeping. Hailey City residents can now keep up to five beehives on a property. Learn about the new ordinance - knowledgeable presenters will instruct what it takes to keep bees.

Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1pm – 4pm:

International Gaming Day. Come celebrate International Gaming Day at your library. This unstructured event allows your family to drop in and enjoy any of a variety of games.

Thursday, Nov. 21 from 6pm – 7:30pm:

Adult Book Club Discussion. Come discuss Wallace Stegner's *Angle of Repose*, one of five Western Fiction books our adult book club is exploring.

Saturday, Nov. 23 at 11am and at 1pm:

Children's Puppet Show. Presenting original shows, puppets, and sets, the Idaho Puppet Theatre is a treat to watch. View one of two shows. All ages welcome; youth under 10 years old must be accompanied by guardian age 14 or older. Watch our website for more information.

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Possible Fee Changes Would be Effective December 1st

For the last few months the Hailey City Council and the Mayor have been reviewing changes to water and wastewater city ordinances and rates that will ensure the city collects enough fees to cover its budgeted expenses. The proposed changes are suggested to go into effect December 1st. The proposal described below will likely be decided at the Hailey City Council meeting on November 18th.

Primary objectives to changing the fees and creating conservation programs/projects:

- ◆ Generate enough revenue from rates to fund FY2014 budget expenses
- ◆ Promote water conservation while not overburdening citizens with excessive fees
- ◆ Reduce demand to curtail excess water use, which will further supply efforts
- ◆ Reduce water consumption to alleviate or postpone future impacts and expenses incurred by conjunctive management
- ◆ Maintain the health and aesthetics of Hailey’s urban landscape by proactively addressing irrigation deficiencies and curtailing excess water usage to more effectively and efficiently use water
- ◆ Create a more equitable rate system—pay for what you use/discharge to wastewater system.

How Would the Proposed Changes Effect Customer’s Monthly Bills? In general, bills will increase if usage is more than 14,000 gallons of water a month and if wastewater discharge is for more than 7,000 gallons a month. (Wastewater discharge is based on wintertime water usage, taken monthly from individual water meters.) Monthly bills will decrease or stay the same if usage is less than these amounts each month.

If the Council approves the proposal on November 18th, when would changes likely take effect and what are some of the anticipated changes?

November Bill (received at the beginning of December)—would be less, assuming water usage remains constant or decreases compared to October’s bill.

- The current rate would be charged.
- There would be a reduction in the bill, due to the expiration of a temporary charge for engineering expenses that was applied to every customer’s bill beginning in May 2013.

December Bill (received at the beginning of January) and each month thereafter —may be less or more, as previously stated and illustrated below.

- The new rate would be charged.

April bill (received at the beginning of May)

- In April the bill will be adjusted to establish wastewater rates, based upon winter water usage.

The City Council will continue their review on November 4th and will likely make a decision on November 18th. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings (5:30pm at Hailey City Hall) and share their comments.



Various usage scenarios and how the proposed changes would effect utility bills are illustrated below.

Customer Example (based on typical usage— actual usage is determined by individual metered amount for each customer)	Average Winter Water Us- age (6 Mos)	Average Sum- mer Water Usage (6 Mos)	Current An- nual Water Bill	Proposed Annual Water Bill	Current Annual Sewer Bill	Proposed Annual Sewer Bill	Total Cur- rent Annu- al Bill	Total Pro- posed An- nual Bill	Difference in Total Annual Bill
Townhouse - No Irrig	2,000	2,000	\$105.84	\$93.00	\$394.08	\$275.16	\$499.92	\$368.16	\$131.76 less
1 Person Residence	2,000	15,000	\$125.34	\$120.00	\$394.08	\$275.16	\$519.42	\$395.16	\$124.26 less
Large Lot - SFH	4,000	40,000	\$180.84	\$243.00	\$537.36	\$461.88	\$718.20	\$704.88	\$13.32 less
Single Family House	4,000	25,000	\$143.34	\$160.50	\$537.36	\$461.88	\$680.70	\$622.38	\$58.32 less
Single Family House	4,000	18,000	\$132.84	\$132.00	\$537.36	\$461.88	\$670.20	\$593.88	\$76.32 less
Single Family House	8,000	18,000	\$138.84	\$138.00	\$823.92	\$835.32	\$962.76	\$973.32	\$10.56 more
Large Water Consumer	25,000	25,000	\$174.84	\$222.00	\$2,041.80	\$2,334.00	\$2,216.64	\$2,556.00	\$339.36 more



Welcome Center Receives LEED Silver Certification

Thanks in part to funding from the Hailey Community Climate Challenge, the Welcome Center in Hailey is using 40% less energy and 30% less water than a typical building of the same size and type. In addition, the contractor diverted and recycled 60% of all waste materials during the building process, indoor air quality was improved, and other attention was given to occupancy health and comfort during the building's design and construction.



The original goal for the project was LEED Certified, but was exceeded with an achievement of LEED Silver designation. LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building verification tool that addresses the entire building lifecycle. Building projects satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve different levels of certification.

Benefits of a LEED building:

- Lower operating costs and increased asset value
- Conserves energy, water and other resources
- Healthier and safer for occupants
- Qualifies for money-saving incentives, like Idaho Power Rebates.

FALL YARD WASTE CLEAN-UP Saturday Nov 9, 2013 9 am to 3 pm

Drop-Off Location:

Park & Ride lot at the corner of River & Bullion Streets

Bring grass, leaves, yard trimmings and branches less than 8" long and 18" in diameter.

City Chooses to Save Paper and Printing Expenses

Many utility bill recipients are already taking advantage of the city's paper-saving payment options. For those who have not yet gone paperless, Hailey would like to remind citizens currently receiving bills in the mail and mailing the city a check, to consider these options:

- **Autopay** – Sign up to have the outstanding account balance automatically deducted from a checking or savings account on the 23rd (approximately) of each month. Return the Utility Bill Autopay form (haileycityhall.org/finance/applications/autodraft.pdf) and a voided check to City Hall to sign up for this option. The city will continue to send a monthly bill in the mail or the customer may request to go paperless (see below).
- **Go Paperless** – There are two ways to go paperless. 1) Notify the city in writing, via email or letter (no email notification of new bill). 2) Logon to Xpress Billpay (see below), set up an account, and choose not to receive a paper bill (receive email notification of new bill).
Choosing either of these paperless methods does not force the customer to pay the bill online. Customers can set up an Xpress Billpay account and choose to use it to monitor their accounts. Customers may call in or drop off payments (no paper bill required).
- **Xpress Billpay** – Use the link to the city's secure website for bill payment. In the upper right corner of the city's website, click on *Bill Payment*. (<http://www.haileycityhall.org/billPay/index.asp>). From here follow the easy steps. Acceptable payment methods include electronic check, Visa or MasterCard.

⇒ Automatic payment – Set up a preferred automatic monthly payment date. Customers have the option of receiving a paper statement or not; and will receive an email notification that their new statements have been posted.

⇒ Periodic payment – On a monthly basis, customers may change the date, the type and/or the amount of payment.

