



# OUR EARTH

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## Your City in Action

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### Hailey Planner Earns LEED Accreditation

Mariel Platt, City of Hailey Planner since October 2007, has earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Professional Accreditation. LEED Accredited Professionals have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED Green Building Rating System.



Mayor Rick Davis has declared the benefit this accreditation brings to the city. "Mariel has the expertise to review applications for LEED certified buildings submitted to the city for approval, as well as the knowledge to successfully steward city buildings through the LEED certification

process," said Davis. The City of Hailey allows applications for projects eligible to be certified according to the LEED Rating System to be Fast Tracked through the city entitlement process.

LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

## Hailey Police Department

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### Bicycle Auction Set for August 29

If you don't ride a bike already, now might be good time to start! The Hailey Police Department recently announced a bicycle auction to take place on Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 a.m. The auction will occur on the sidewalk near the alley entrance of City Hall. Beginning



August 1, interested bidders may view a listing of the bicycles at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org). Contact the Hailey Police Department at 788-3531 for more information.

## Transportation News

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### Safe Routes to School on Elm Street

The City of Hailey and Mountain Rides Transportation Authority team together to secure federal grants to install safety improvements for school children. This year's grant project will spend \$90,000 in federal funds for a 10-foot wide sidewalk on the south side of Elm Street from Hailey Elementary to the Wood River Trails bike path. Hundreds of school students travel this route each day on bikes and on foot.

The project begins the first week of August, and will be completed prior to the opening of schools on August 31.

Grant applications for future projects seek funding to connect safe paths for Woodside Elementary School children. This coordinated effort with Mountain Rides is made possible through Hailey's base contribution to Mountain Rides, paid for through Local Option Taxes.

### Hailey In-Town Bus Trips Add Up



Mountain Rides, with Local Option Tax funding, added a Hailey Free-Ride Zone in October, 2008. According to Jason Miller, Executive Director of

Mountain Rides, local ridership within the Free Zone averages 3,000 trips a month, or 36,000 rides annually. The average trip is two miles, which translates to 72,000 vehicle miles saved per year. This equates to a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions savings of 66,240 lbs. On a new service proposed with additional LOT funding, Miller estimates ridership of 55,000 trips annually, from which we can expect a carbon emissions reduction of over 101,000 lbs. Watch for this local circulator bus in the near future!