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Public Transportation

Free Hailey Circulator Bus Up and Running

Mountain Rides continues to leverage Local Option Tax funding to serve the residents of Hailey. The Hailey circulator is offered Monday through Friday during the day (excluding 10:55 a.m. – 1:59 p.m.). The busses start and end at the Community Campus and are timed to share stops with the Valley Route. The route includes the Post Office and the St Luke's Hailey clinic. Busses will deviate within Hailey City limits up to ¼ mile off the fixed route to pick up passengers that are unable to make it to the posted stop. For this service, customers must call 24 hours in advance, M-F between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Look for the green and purple schedule card for locations, times and map or go to www.mountainrides.org.

Community News

2nd Annual Curtis Park Weed-Out Seeks Volunteers

The City of Hailey and Wood River Land Trust staff will conduct an annual Pesticide Free Weed-Out at Curtis Park in Hailey on May 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. as part of Wood River Land Trust's Trout Friendly Lawn program. The program promotes simple steps residents can take in yards and parks throughout the Wood River Valley to conserve water and protect water quality and local fisheries. For more information, contact Sam Phillips at 788-3947.

May 8 is Yard Waste Clean-Up Day

The City of Hailey and Clear Creek Disposal offer the opportunity for easy disposal of the season's garden waste. On Saturday, May 8 decomposable materials may be dropped at the Park & Ride lot at the corner of River and Bullion from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Branches must be cut into maximum three-foot lengths and plastic bags will not be accepted.

If May 8 does not work for you, please use the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station's allowance of one free truckload

of yard waste per week at no cost. Using this service (or choosing to pay the fees for dumping construction waste and the like), can help keep the gulches adjacent to town free of yard waste and other undesirable materials.

Any questions may be directed to Clear Creek Disposal at 726-9600 or the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station at 788-2351.

City Initiatives

City Facilities Achieve Gas & Power Usage Reductions

Since the signing of the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement in February 2007, the City of Hailey has been conscientiously working towards reducing its impact on the environment. When compared with the first quarter of 2007, city facilities have consumed 2,660 fewer therms (natural gas) and 119,912 fewer kWats (power) during the three month period of January 1 through March 31, a reduction of 16% gas usage and 19% power. Using California PUC's average emissions rate of 0.524 lbs CO₂ per kWh and 13.446 lbs CO₂ per therm, city facilities reduced their carbon footprint for this 90 day period by almost 50 tons. Over \$10,000 in utility cost savings were realized for this period as well.

During the past three years a number of retrofits have been implemented. These include replacing traditional thermostats with programmable thermostats which are set according to the time of day (for example, in the winter they are set to maintain a lower temperature during the non-occupied hours of the night and weekend); more efficient lighting throughout the interiors of the buildings and most recently adding caulk and insulation around the existing windows by removing the trim and sealing any holes and gaps.

An abundance of conservation information is available on the city's web site and elsewhere on the web. The conversion rates mentioned above can be found at: www.pge.com/about/environment/calculator/assumptions.shtml.