

Twin Falls Still Embracing Recycling

Since the launch of the Twin Falls' recycling rewards program in late January, Twin Falls residents have recycled more than 950 tons of waste. That's equivalent to more than nine Boeing 757 jet airliners.

It has been a little over six months since the city of Twin Falls and PSI Environmental Systems began participating in the single-stream RecycleBank program that offers rewards in the form of coupons you can use for local and national retailers.

Just to give you an idea of how popular this program has been in Twin Falls, recycling rates have increased waste diversion by 411% since the program began in late January. In addition, 71% of households are participating.

Not only is the program having a hugely positive impact on the community in terms of saving the environment, but recycling is simply the wave of the future.

This your last newsletter to be included in monthly utility bills

Due to budget constraints, beginning Oct. 1 the monthly newsletter you're used to receiving in the monthly utility bill will be conveniently available on-line. You will be able to find the newsletter on the city homepage at the bottom on the right-hand side of the page.

If you don't own a computer and you want to get a copy of the newsletter, you will be able to pick one up at the public library, the senior citizens' center or at the main counter at City Hall where residents pay their utility bills.

You can also sign up to receive it in your e-mail box by going to <http://www.tfid.org/> and signing up in the "Notify Me" module, also located on the right-hand side near the bottom of the home page. The only thing you have to do is either give your e-mail address for notifications via email or give your phone number for text messages. Your information will not be shared with anyone, and you can unsubscribe any time you wish. *(over)*



Teachers: Be on the lookout for RecycleBank's Green Schools program to be unveiled sometime in early autumn. It could mean substantial cash for your school if your school comes up with an environmental project that fits well into RecycleBank's Green Schools program.



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Ascension and Drury parks to get restrooms

It won't be long before those long waits to get to a bathroom after soccer games will be over. The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is moving forward on constructing bathrooms for Ascension Park on Eastland and Drury Park on Fourth Avenue West.

The Ascension restroom will have both male and female bathrooms. The cost is estimated at about \$95,000. It is being paid for with an \$8,500 donation from a private individual who wishes to remain anonymous. The rest is funded from the general fund along with \$27,000 in cash from developers who chose to give money to the city in lieu of land required by ordinance for parks in new developments.

The Drury restroom will be unisex. The cost is estimated to be between \$40,000 and \$45,000.

Remember that all city park restrooms are locked during the winter months, primarily to keep pipes from freezing.

School starting means increased police patrol in school zones

The Twin Falls Police Department would like to remind motorists, parents and students to be extra cautious in school zones.

The Twin Falls Police Department has adopted a "zero tolerance" policy towards aggressive driving in school zones. The speed limit in most school zones is 20 mph, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. all year long. The fine for school zone speed violations is \$151.50, which is an enhanced fine from the \$85 charged for infractions in other areas of the city.

In 2010, one quarter of the total speeding tickets written in Twin Falls were issued in school zones. Last year the TFPD wrote 451 total speeding tickets, 106 of which were school zone speeding tickets.

Almost all of the City's school zones have marked crosswalks and a school bus stop. Unfortunately, there have been several incidents in the past when drivers have failed to notice the crosswalks and the students walking in them. Most crosswalks around the elementary schools are manned by crossing guards but only before and after school.

Parents: Please instruct and remind your children to use the crosswalks, not to dart out from between cars into traffic and to always look both ways before entering a crosswalk. If your children ride bicycles to school, they should walk the bikes when in crosswalks.