

LOCAL WEATHER

# City breaks ground on landscape ordinance

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## Online

The draft of the landscaping ordinance is available online at <http://www.hermiston.or.us/sites/hermiston.or.us/files/File/PlanningDept/20150403%20Draft%20Landscape%20Ordinance.pdf>

Mayor David Drotzmann provided a rare tie-breaking vote this week directing city staff to start the public hearing process on a landscaping ordinance.

The ordinance, if approved, would set minimum landscaping requirements for new development on commercial, industrial and multi-family residential land.

"We're about the only city in Oregon that doesn't have an ordinance for landscaping," city planner Clint Spencer said.

The ordinance requires 15 percent of multi-family residential property, 3 percent in the C-1 Commercial Zone, 6 percent in the C-2 Commercial Zone and 3 percent or 10,000 square feet of industrial land to be landscaped. It only ap-

plies to new development, including renovations or a change in business use, and only to the section of land actually being developed.

"It's only the area you're actually moving dirt," Spencer said.

Under the ordinance, developers would have to get a landscaping permit approved by the city, showing that their plan follows the ordinance's guidelines. Newly planted trees must be taller than four feet, for example, pathways longer than 30 feet must have

landscaped lighting and rock beds cannot make up more than one third of the landscaping credit.

"A lot of people have a lot of gravel and very little planting and are calling it landscaping," Spencer said.

Kathy Erz, a local business owner, said she spends an extra \$40 to \$50 a month on her summer water bill to water the landscaping at one of her businesses, plus \$100 a month for someone to weed and mow. She said not everyone can afford the upkeep or the original planting and design costs.

"This is an unfunded mandate against businesses," she said.

Diana Ables said she doesn't own any commercial property, but would like to, and some of the property she has looked at isn't landscaped at all, meaning she would probably have to tear up part of the parking lot.

"It makes it very cost-prohibitive for us," she said.

Spencer said 3 percent of a property isn't as much as it sounds — Fiesta Foods has nine percent of its property landscaped and still has plenty of room for parking. He said city staff have discretion in allowing for alternatives like window planters and decorative lighting

when a property's slope or location isn't conducive to much green space.

Councilwoman Jackie Myers, who sits on the Community Enhancement Committee that drafted the ordinance, said the committee tried to leave the ordinance very open-ended, allowing property owners to do what works best for their situation.

"We did try to structure this so it wouldn't be a burden on people," she said.

In the end Myers, Rod Hardin, John Kirwan, Manuel Gutierrez and Drotzmann voted in favor of the ordinance, while Doug Smith, Lori Davis, Clara Beas-Fitzgerald and Doug Primmer voted no.

# Banner Bank issues warning of phone scam

Banner Bank continues to receive reports of fraudulent phone calls to both clients and non-clients regarding their debit and credit cards that appear to be part of a wide-spread phishing phone scam, according to a press release from the company.

Bank officials said the robo-calls are not from Banner Bank.

These fraudulent calls, which may appear to originate from the bank, tell the recipient that their "Banner Bank card has been compromised" and to "press one to speak with an operator." At this point, the fraudsters ask for card information.

"These robo-calls are part of a phishing scam attempting to obtain bank account and personal information," Banner Bank Senior Vice President Dianne Larsen said. "Banner Bank has not been compromised, and these calls are not from

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- Beware of suspicious text messages requesting account information via a mobile device (e.g., cell

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• Keep passwords secret, do not share passwords, do not leave passwords in an unsecured area and change passwords regularly.

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For tips about Internet security and password safety, visit [bannerbank.com/advice-center/internet-safety](http://bannerbank.com/advice-center/internet-safety).

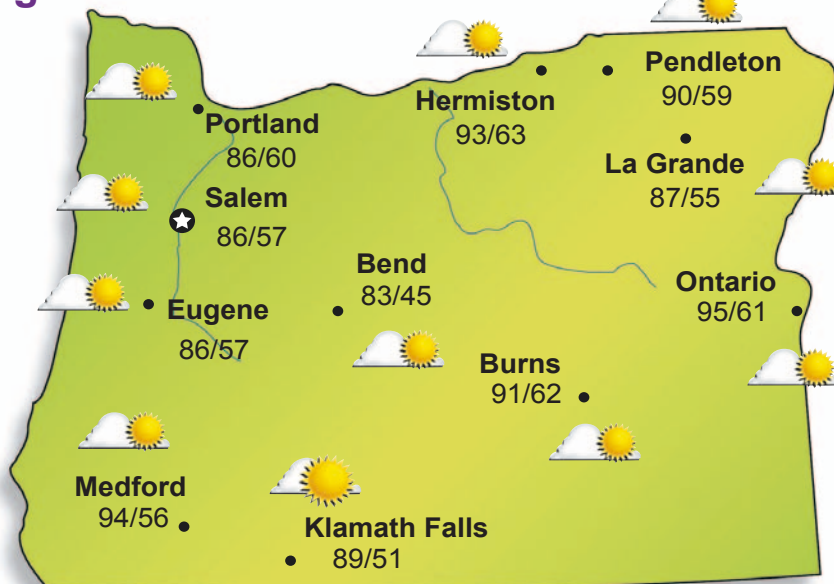
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 6/24	Thu 6/25	Fri 6/26	Sat 6/27	Sun 6/28
<b>93/63</b>	<b>98/65</b>	<b>105/67</b>	<b>110/72</b>	<b>109/73</b>
Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 93F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Sunny. Highs 103 to 107F and lows in the upper 60s.	More sun than clouds. Highs 108 to 112F and lows in the low 70s.	Plenty of sun. Highs 107 to 111F and lows in the low 70s.
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### Oregon At A Glance



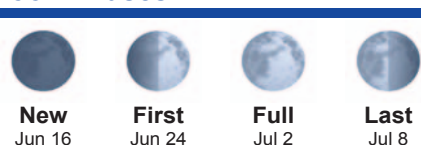
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	86	56	pt sunny	Florence	67	50	pt sunny	Newport	63	52	pt sunny
Ashland	92	57	pt sunny	Grants Pass	94	58	mst sunny	Pendleton	90	59	pt sunny
Astoria	68	54	pt sunny	Hermiston	93	63	pt sunny	Portland	86	60	pt sunny
Baker City	86	52	pt sunny	John Day	87	54	pt sunny	Redmond	88	49	pt sunny
Bend	83	45	pt sunny	Klamath Falls	89	51	mst sunny	Roseburg	89	58	pt sunny
Brookings	72	58	pt sunny	La Grande	87	55	pt sunny	Salem	86	57	pt sunny
Burns	91	62	pt sunny	Lakeview	91	54	pt sunny	Springfield	85	54	pt sunny
Coos Bay	66	53	pt sunny	Lincoln City	69	55	pt sunny	The Dalles	90	64	pt sunny
Corvallis	87	55	pt sunny	McMinnville	85	56	pt sunny	Tillamook	69	54	pt sunny
Eugene	86	57	pt sunny	Medford	94	56	pt sunny	Vale	94	63	pt sunny

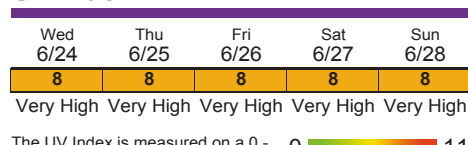
### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	97	74	mst sunny	Houston	95	75	pt sunny	Phoenix	108	79	sunny
Boston	81	62	sunny	Los Angeles	82	63	pt sunny	San Francisco	67	54	pt sunny
Chicago	79	65	pt sunny	Miami	91	80	mst sunny	Seattle	79	60	cloudy
Dallas	96	75	sunny	Minneapolis	84	63	pt sunny	St. Louis	92	79	rain
Denver	89	62	cloudy	New York	85	67	sunny	Washington, DC	89	68	sunny

### Moon Phases



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## CORRECTION

The Lavender Festival schedule published on Page 1 of the Saturday, June 20 issue contained an error. There is no classic car display as part of this year's festival.

McKay Creek Estates presents:

# SAFETY FIRST

Join us as we host a lecture series to increase safety awareness on fall prevention, common home injuries and provide solutions to keep you and your loved one safe!

SafetyMan says  
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**Healthy Back Habits for Caregivers - CONCLUDED**  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 3:30PM

Many adults spend a considerable portion of their week caring for aging parents, relatives, friends, or other adults. According to the results of a recent study, the stresses and strains of providing care to an ill loved one may take a considerable toll on the mental and physical health of care-givers — including their back and spine health. Learn healthy back habits to keep you safe.

**Elder-Friendly Living: Modifying Your Home for Safety**  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 3:30 PM - CONCLUDED

No matter when the older person's home was built and regardless of whether it is modern or traditional in style, it likely was designed for young adults and their families. As adults age their homes also grow older, but most are not updated to accommodate the resident's changing needs. Home adaptation or modification can provide friendlier elder living so older occupants may continue to life safely in the comfort of their home.

**Know Your Numbers**  
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 3:30 PM

Are you at risk for diabetes, heart disease and other chronic diseases? Learn about the numbers and what they mean for various screenings to stay in control of your health. We will talk about cholesterol, blood pressure, body mass index (BMI) numbers and more.

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