



THE FLASH

City of Talent

An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works and Police Departments

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CITY COUNCIL GOALS 2009-2010

The Talent City Council held a day-long meeting on January 17, 2009 at City Hall in order to review and revise Goals for the next two years. These goals will provide focus to the Council and City Staff in how City resources will be spent. Details of these goals will be available on the cities website in the near future. The goals are stated in the diagram to the right of this column.

Gibson Street Improvements

The City of Talent would like to thank the citizens that showed up to the Gibson Street Improvement community meeting that was held on January 15th at the Talent Community Center. Everybody that showed up had very valuable input that will be taken into consideration during the design of the project. After reviewing the comment forms and hearing what the residents had to say the City is moving forward with the design of sidewalk and paved parking on one side of the street. Parking will be allowed on the opposite side of the street, but will not be paved. Most of the residents wanted to try and maintain the look and feel of the area while supplying what is needed for better safety and usability of the street. It was nice to have a large amount of input and I think the final project will be something that we all can enjoy. Please contact Public Works Management at 535-5531 if you have any additional input or have any questions.

COP TALK

By Chief Mike Moran

February is a very unique month. Three of its 28 days are celebrated as special days; Groundhogs Day, Valentines Day and President's Day. So I have three police related tips for you this month.

PARKING VIOLATION

A little known parking violation is parking on the wrong side of the street. You may wonder what parking on the wrong side of the street is. To help understand that here is Section 21 of the Municipal Ordinance.

1)No person shall stand or park a motor vehicle in a street other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement, and with the curbside

City of Talent Goals 2009 -2010	
Planning and Economic Development	
GOALS	ACTION STEPS
Expand Available Industrial Lands to Attract Business and Sustainable Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Amend Comp Plan to include Urban Reserves➤ Be supportive of affordable housing providers➤ Develop a "Community Profile" document highlighting community and economic development attributes for potential future businesses, the Chamber & potential economic stimulus programs
Annex Lands West of I-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Start process of annexing lands between Hwy 99 and I-5 into city limits
Develop Rail Road District Plan (long term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Fine tune the master plan
Infrastructure	
GOALS	ACTION STEPS
Monitor the Urban Renewal Capital Improvement Projects: Talent Avenue & Valley View Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Practice sustainable infrastructure replacements and upgrades
Strategic Acquisitions to support parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Suncrest Park - Department heads to develop strategy to acquire access to this park➤ Lynn Newbry Park - Public Works to assist Manager in working with ODOT and Jackson County to transfer ownership of the park to the City
Citizen Involvement	
GOALS	ACTION STEPS
Evaluate and Restructure City Commissions and Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Begin with Parks and Planning Commissions➤ Review ordinances to determine roles, functions and responsibilities of commissions and committees
Culture and Recreation	
GOALS	ACTION STEPS
Support Summer Recreation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Review resolution to see if funds can be used beyond maintenance needs➤ Explore funding options for a recreation coordinator position
Budget and Finance	
GOALS	ACTION STEPS
Develop a Sustainable Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pursue diverse sources of revenue➤ Adopt budget policies – including changing from cash to accrual accounting
Develop a Maintenance Management System for all city infrastructure and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Capture cost data for all city infrastructure➤ Identify and evaluate options to obtain building management consultant services to assist in evaluating and develop plans for the maintenance/improvements for all city facilities➤ Determine costs for capital and ongoing maintenance➤ Include capital improvements in the CIP identifying years when actual work can take place
Staffing Issues	
GOALS	ACTION STEPS
Evaluate staff resources allocated to committees and commissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Provide staff report to council
Develop a City Manager evaluation process by June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Staff recommends format and process to council

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er, locker or closet. Under your desk or visible to others is not safe.

- Call the police if you notice someone who frequents your business without buying anything or who has no legitimate business there, or who make you feel uncomfortable with their words or actions.
- If you see someone sitting in a vehicle or hanging around outside the business and you think they appear to be suspicious, do not approach them to ask what they are doing. Call the police.
- Walk out to your car with a co-worker or friend; or call the police if you need an escort to your vehicle if you feel uneasy about exiting your business.
- If one of your employees has an active restraining or protective order against another person advise the police department and provide them with a copy of the order. Also inform the police if you or your employee has received any threats of violence by that person against the employee or business. The police may be able to provide extra patrol.
- Inform your supervisor if you notice that one of your co-workers seems especially agitated at work or makes comments about violence against the business.

MISSING CHILDREN

Recently the Medford Police Department used a new program to make automatic calls to a defined area surrounding where a missing child was reported. It is a service available to police agencies under defined circumstances.

If your child is missing contact police immediately. Erring on the side of calling for help sooner than later is always OK

Prior to that, always have recent good photographs available for the police to use to help locate your child.

If you think you have seen a missing child: Contact police immediately. Write down full descriptions of the child and anyone with the child as well as vehicle description.

wheels of the vehicle within twelve (12) inches of the edge of the curb, except where the street is marked or signed for angle parking.

In essence, you have to park in the direction of traffic on the side of the street where you are parked. The reasoning behind this law is that if you park on the wrong side of the street you have to drive into the oncoming lane while parking and exiting the parking space. This is also a State traffic law.

PERSONAL SAFETY AT WORK

Safety in the workplace is a more pressing concern than ever before. No business is exempt from crime, so here are a few tips to be safer at your place of employment.

- Secure your wallet, keys, purse, and other valuables with you at all times or place them in a locked drawer

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PROJECT

The City of Talent Together for Talent Committee is putting together an effort this spring to help residents of Talent who need special help to clean up their front yards. We are looking to identify those recipients and also develop volunteer crews for each home. Persons eligible for this special yard clean up assistance would be either elderly or disabled residents of Talent. Please contact Sharon to receive more information and details at 535-9055 if you need help or if you know of someone who does. If you are interested in volunteering for this effort, contact

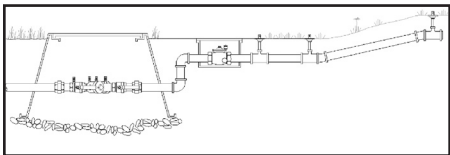
Backflow Prevention Lawn Irrigation Systems

For the protection of the water purveyor's distribution system, all irrigation systems must have an approved backflow prevention assembly that is commensurate with the degree of hazard. Irrigation systems are categorized as high health hazard or moderate health hazard as defined below.

Any irrigation system that contains pumps or injectors for the addition of chemicals and/or fertilizers is considered a high hazard. This risk assessment is also based on the additional hazard posed by bacterial contaminants found on lawns, and on the possibility of changes being made to the irrigation system by the customer. An approved reduced pressure backflow assembly (RPBA), or approved air gap separation, should be required in all cases where chemicals or herbicides may be injected into the irrigation system, or where an auxiliary water supply is also provided for irrigation water.

All irrigation systems that are not classified as high health hazard are considered to be moderate health hazards. This risk assessment is based on the hazard posed by bacterial and chemical contaminants found on lawns, and on the possibility of changes being made to the system by the customer. An approved double check valve assembly (DCVA).

Reduced Pressure Backflow assembly for Isolation of Lawn Irrigation System



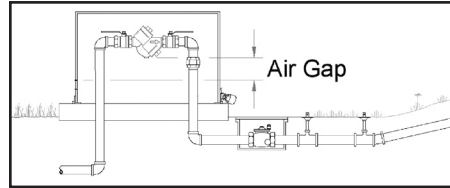
The reduced pressure backflow assembly (RPBA) should be installed to isolate irrigation systems using injectors or pumps to apply fertilizer and other agricultural chemicals.

The RPBA must be installed above ground to prevent the relief valve from opening and from becoming submerged.

The RPBA should be installed in an insulated enclosure to provide freeze protection.

The RPBA should be tested by a certified backflow assembly tester upon installation, after any repair or relocation, and at least annually.

Double Check Valve Assembly for Isolation of Lawn Irrigation System



The double check valve assembly (DCVA) may be installed to isolate all irrigation systems that do not use injectors or pumps to apply fertilizer and other agricultural chemicals.

The DCVA may be installed in a below ground enclosure. The assembly test cocks must be plugged pointed up.

Adequate space must also be provided for maintenance and testing, and any compressed air connections must only be installed downstream of the DCVA.

The DCVA shall be tested by a certified backflow assembly tester upon installation, after any repair or relocation, and at least annually.

What is legal basis for a local cross connection control program?

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The Oregon Health Division regulates public water systems in our state, including cross connection control, through Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs).

One such rule is OAR 333-61-0070, which requires water districts to administer a cross connection control program that will protect the potable water supply, and City of Talent Ordinance 649 on cross connection control. For more information, visit www.cityoftalent.org

RECYCLING TELEPHONE BOOKS

What to do with the old telephone books when the new ones come out in April? Talent residents have two opportunities to recycle their old telephone books once the new directories are delivered in mid April. For all residents, but especially those Talent residents outside the city limits, you can take the phone books to Talent Elementary School for their phone book collection drive as part of the Oregon Green Schools Program, which Talent Elementary is a proud member. The school will accept phone books from residents or businesses that are dropped off to the school. For questions contact Denise Wright at Talent Elementary 535-1531. Ashland Sanitary will provide a pick up service at the school for all phone books accumulated. As another option, residents in city limits receiving recycling service can place those used phone books with your other recyclables or take them to the Ashland transfer station anytime throughout the year. New hours at the transfer station are Tues-Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm, closed Sun. and Mon.

If you are not recycling now, you can make arrangements for the recycling curbside collection program by contacting Ashland Sanitary and Recycling Service at 482-1471 or visit their website at ashlandsanitary.com to find out additional information on all types of recycling services offered.