



THE FLASH

City of Talent

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

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URBAN RENEWAL NEWS

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Shade for civic center events:

The Agency is in the process of designing potential shade structures for the Commons stage and lawn areas. While designing shade for the lawn area presents a bit of a challenge technically, aesthetically and financially, it is likely that shade for the stage area can be constructed this summer easily.

Civic Center Alley: Design plans are nearly complete for improvements to the alley next to the Community Center, to include placing utility wires underground, paving, parking, lighting and additional electrical outlets. The goal is to have most of the work completed in time for the Harvest Festival.

North Talent Avenue Improvements: The first phase of construction, which began June 12, included crossing the roadway with underground conduit for utility lines, and moving utility pedestals and storm inlets. As of this writing, there is still more below-ground work to perform and once that phase is complete, it will be easier to predict a completion date for all construction. The Agency continues to stay in touch with property owners and tenants in the construction area and the road remains open to vehicle and bus traffic.

LANI WAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Lani way construction project has begun and will be completed by the middle of July. The contractor is replacing sections of curb gutter and sidewalk that has been damaged by existing trees over the years. Unfortunately the trees that are causing the problems will not be able to be saved during construction. The roots have damaged the street and created very unsafe sidewalks in the neighborhood. After the construction is completed the sidewalk will be in much better shape. The contractor on the project is Cope-land Construction. If you have any questions please call the City of Talent Engineering department at 535-5531.

COP TALK

by Chief Mike Moran

The heat of summer is upon Talent and a couple of heat related issues are worth talking about again.

First of all, leaving pets inside vehicles is a serious safety concern for animals, not to mention children. Even on a mild 75 degree day, temperatures inside a car can reach in excess of 110 degrees in less than 30 minutes. Even cracking the window of a vehicle will only reduce the temperature slightly inside the vehicle. If you would not stay in the car due to heat, your pet also would not want to. Leaving a pet

in a vehicle can lead to charges of animal neglect if a person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence fails to provide minimum care for an animal in such person's custody or control.

There are additional laws relating to leaving children in vehicles but the consequences are heightened during hot weather.

The second issue is regulating the growth of weeds to prevent grass fires. Talent has a City ordinance that requires property owners to cut high weeds. We no longer have a Code Enforcement officer specifically assigned to this but Talent PD will be enforcing this ordinance with the assistance of a police intern.

Please review Talent City Ordinance #716 below:

(1) It shall be unlawful and a public nuisance for any owner or occupant of real property in Talent to allow grass, weeds, brush or bushes, or any like vegetation over the height of ten inches (10 in.), to remain upon such real property, or upon adjacent streets or alleys ten (10) days after fire season has been declared of any calendar year and until such time as the last day of fire season as determined by the Oregon Department of Forestry; provided that this shall not apply to ornamental shrubs, bushes, or like vegetation maintained and kept in a landscaped yard or place, or any crop grown and maintained for agricultural purposes or grass or any like vegetation grown and maintained for pasturage upon property fenced, zoned and other wise lawfully used for said purpose.

(2) Each day during which such a condition is unlawfully permitted to exist after notice has been given, in the manner prescribed by Section 4, shall be deemed a separate offense, punishable in the manner prescribed by Section 7 of this ordinance; provided, that the said condition shall be deemed a nuisance and, in addition to the foregoing remedy, may be abated by the City in the manner prescribed by law.

In short, please keep grass under ten inches. If you see a property that is a violation of this contact the Police Department 535-1253 or City Hall 535-1566.

SUMMER HOUSEHOLD WATER SAVING TIPS

At this time of year, the City starts to see water consumption by City residents increase rather significantly. Irrigation systems are turned on and vegetable and flower gardens get started. The City would like to remind residents to be especially conscious of their water usage since water is a non-renewable resource and it also will increase your water bill charges. In addition to having your sprinkler system checked out by a professional, here are some other tips that may help in your water conservation efforts:

- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering indoor plants or gardens.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes over 2,700 gallons of water in a year.
- Replace showerheads with ultra low-flow versions.
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily.

- Check your toilet for leaks by placing a drop of dye in the tank of the toilet. Wait ten minutes without flushing. If the dye color comes into the bowl – you have a leak. A leaky toilet can use thousands of gallons of water each month.

- Avoid letting the water run when brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving.

- Operate dishwashers only when they are completely full.

- Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Do not let the tap run while you are waiting for water to cool.

WATER QUALITY IN TALENT

All water customers in Talent should have received by now a copy through the mail of the Annual Water Quality Report from the Medford Water Commission. While the water that you receive at your home or business is stored and transmitted by the City of Talent, the actual origin of the water is from the Medford Water Commission water supply. Seven years ago the City connected to the Medford Water Commission system through a joint effort with the Cities of Ashland and Phoenix. This consortium is often referred to as the "TAP" project and has allowed the City to finally offer its residents water of high quality and in sufficient quantity to meet all the demands. Please take the time to read the informative brochure presented by the Commission detailing the quality of the water that is being consumed by City residents as well as how it meets Federal water quality standards.

37th Annual Harvest Festival

Sat., September 12th

This year's festival is just around the corner. Did you know that the Talent Harvest Festival is always the second Saturday in September, this year falling on September 12th? Everyone's invited to the Civic Center Commons for a full day of fun for the whole family.

The day begins at 6:00 am with a pancake breakfast in the Community Center to benefit the Lions Club. The 5-K/10-K Run/Walk begins registration at 7:00 am. Contact Felicia at 535-3406 for more information. The Main Street Parade begins at 10:00 am, followed by live stage performances immediately after the parade. Science Works will perform for the kids and live music by "Rutendo"; LAW and the Rogue Suspects, until 5:00 p.m. Kids-you won't want to miss the Science Works hands-on interactive science tents and Giant Jump House, along with lots of other fun stuff in the Kid Zone.

Don't miss the many Artists/Crafters and Food booths. There will be balloons, face painting and pony rides for the little ones and much more...

For more information, please contact Cheryl at 535-1566 or check the website www.cityoftalent.org for pictures of last year's event and to print your applications to be a vendor and enter the parade. Hurry and sign up, spaces fill up fast. Plan a float or a walking group to be part of the parade. Trophies will be awarded for the best three entries. See you at the Harvest Festival!

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Register now for fun and affordable classes and activities offered in our summer program “got talent?”

Children and adults are getting involved and classes are filling up. Come join in on the fun! Look for the new got talent? T-shirt when you are registering for classes at City Hall between 8:30-5pm Mon-Fri.

Parks and Recreation July Calendar

Tennis lessons for Seniors	July 6 – July 9	9-10:30 Mon. – Thurs.	\$35
Swim Lessons	sessions 1 and 2 are FULL		\$35
Juggling	all ages	June 29 – July 8 Mon. & Wed. 4-5	\$25
Fun Fitness for Kids	Ages 8 – 12	July 6 – July 9 4:00 – 5:00	\$15
Teen Tennis Lessons	July 6 – July 9	Mon – Thur eve. 5:30 – 7:00	\$35
Ice Skating at The RRRink	July 10 taking RVTD from Talent	TBD	\$12
Rogue Rock Gym	July 17 taking RVTD from Talent	1:50-4:20	\$15
Bowling	July 24 taking RVTD from Talent	1:50-4:20	\$10
Skateboarding	July 13 – July 16	9:00 – 11:00	\$35
Young Artists (FULL)	Ages 8 and up	July 13 – July 16 2:30 – 4	\$45
Football Camp	Session 1	July 20, 21, 22 3rd & 4th grade	\$25
	Session 2	July 27, 28, 29 5th & 6th grade	\$25
Dodgeball	Ages 10 – 14	July 14, 16, 21, 23 12-1:30	\$15
Yoga	Adult w/ Reanna Feinberg	Tues. eves 6:15-7:30 July 14 – Aug 8	\$75
Jewelry Making	Ages 9 to adult	July 20 – July 24 5-6:00	\$30
Kids in the kitchen	3-day cooking class for kids		\$20
	10-11:30	Ages 8- 10 12-1:30	Ages 11-14
	Session 1	July 28, 30 & Aug. 4	OR Session 2 Aug. 6, 11, 13
Drawing & Water Color for Teens	July 28 – July 30	2:00 – 5:00 at TES	\$35

Coming in August

Hip Hop Dance with Calysta	Ages 10 - 16	August 3 - August 14	\$38
Mosaic	August 3 – August 6	6:00 – 7:30	\$35
Basketball Camp	All ages	August 17 – August 20	\$40
Soccer Camp	All ages	August 10 – 14 5:30 - 7:30pm	\$45 ea. or a Team price of only \$350

We'd like to extend a special thank you to the Talent branch of **South Valley Bank** and **Umpqua Bank** for their extremely generous contributions to the “got talent” scholarship fund.

Call (541)535-1566 for more information or visit us at www.cityoftalent.org