



THE FLASH

City of Talent

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

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Puncture Vine

Puncture vine is listed by the STATE as "noxious vegetation" that must be cut down or destroyed as needed by the owner or person in charge of the of the property.

With current soil moisture and sunny days, the noxious weed known as puncture vine or goat head is growing and new plants will appear from spring until fall. Public Works is asking that everyone check their parking strips and properties and take steps to control the spread of this weed.

Puncture vine is a low, mounding annual plant that can spread as much as ten feet in diameter from a central base. Flowers are yellow with five petals, and leaves are composed of 4 to 8 pairs of leaflets. Its simple taproot has fine rootlets that allow it to obtain moisture for growth under conditions unfavorable for most other plants and to survive in drought conditions. It generally prefers dry, sandy or gravelly sites, and has become common along roads and highways Oregon.

According to the Oregon State University Extension Services, "The best method of controlling puncture vine is to prevent establishment by destroying the first plants found in an area before burs begin to form. If green burs carrying seed are present, dispose of the plants properly, preferably by burning." Because the seeds mature continually from May to October and remain viable for years in the soil, puncture vine is best controlled by pulling the plants, bagging them and burning them in a safe place before the seeds harden and drop off. Check with Jackson County Fire Dist. 5 for burn permits and fire restrictions. Loose seed pods should also be vacuumed or raked up for burning.

Chemical control with contact or soil-applied herbicides must be well-planned, as the plants begin producing viable seeds within 4 weeks, and spraying a mature plant will only increase the infestation when the seed heads drop to the ground and are spread. For more information on chemical control of puncture vine, contract the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Puncture vine is considered to be noxious vegetation, as one might expect of a plant whose genus name comes from the Latin word *tribo*, "to tear," and whose family name, *Caltrop*, is defined as a medieval spiked metal device used to slow advancing armies. The seed pods (goatheads) of puncture vine have long woody spines arranged at different angles, so that no matter how the seed falls, at least one spine points upward. Less than 10% of the seeds sprout the first year, with the rest lying dormant in the soil for 4 to 5 years. Seedlings tend to emerge in flushes following rainfall or irrigation, with flowers forming within 3 weeks and viable seeds 1 to 2 weeks later. The sharp spines easily penetrate

leather, rubber tires and skin and can puncture bicycle tires.

The City is making a concerted effort to control puncture vine on city property and public right-of-way under its jurisdiction, as are other local agencies including Jackson County. Public Works is asking that everyone check their properties and take steps to control the spread of this weed.

Please help us in the control of puncture vine.

City of Talent Public Works

2009 Parks and Recreation Program

In closing out another great year for the Talent Parks and Recreation programs,

I would like to send a huge thank you to all of our instructors who provided students with the best quality instruction around and to those individuals and organizations that helped to facilitate this program. Special thanks again to South Valley Bank and Umpqua Bank! and Paschal Winery, and all those who attended this year's fundraiser - A Taste of Talent! You are what makes "got talent" a success.

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And all our great citizens who revealed through their participation that they definitely have "got talent".

By the way, there are still some remaining "got talent?" t-shirts available for purchase; just \$12 at City Hall.

Public Input Needed Regarding Lynn Newbry Park

In the August edition of the Talent News and Review Mr. Dave Orchid made some observations regarding the poor condition of Lynn Newbry Park

that caused me to research the history and ownership of that facility. What I replied in the same edition was that the real estate is owned by the State of Oregon and that the park historically has been maintained at various times by both the city and the county. The city expressed an interest in ownership of the park in 2007 and made plans to begin improvements on the park. One of the improvements was a very nice restroom facility, which was completed at city expense this year.

The research brought up several further questions that should be addressed:

Do the citizens of Talent value the park enough to pay for the ongoing maintenance and/or further improvements; even if there is almost no chance that we will ever own the property?

Who uses the park?

What is the split between Talent residents and non-residents?

The city has invested a sizable amount of money in the restroom facilities, and has plans to invest even more in the landscaping during Fiscal Year 2012/2013. Does Talent wish to continue down this path or do we cut our losses in these tight budget times and shut down a very useful facility on the Greenway?

The City of Talent Parks Commission will be meeting to make a recommendation to our City Council regarding Lynn Newbry at 6:15pm on September 9th at the Talent Community Center and they are requesting public input on this issue. They have asked city staff to calculate the cost of maintaining the park and to report to them at this meeting. Your opinion is valued and your input at this meeting would be very welcome.

Jay Henry

Talent City Manager

COP TALK

by Chief Mike Moran

Talent PD would like to welcome a new employee. Julie Byrd has been hired as our Records Clerk here at the police department. Julie has 16 years experience working for Springfield Oregon Police as a dispatcher. She has also worked for the State of Oregon in Social Services and has a variety of experience that will be useful in her new position. We will be training Julie as well as sending her to some specialized training with other agencies on our police records system. There may be some normal business hours where the front office door will be closed however, that should be for only a short amount of time.

Remember the numbers to call Talent PD. Our usual hours of administrative operation remain Monday thru Friday from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm, except holidays and closed during the noon hour. There are police officers on duty 24/7, to respond to your needs. For an emergency call 911. For a police officer on non-emergency calls call the Southern Oregon Regional Communications SORC dispatching center at 776-7206 and ask for a Talent Police Officer to contact you. The

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dispatcher will contact our duty officer and the officer will get back to you as soon as they are able, considering all other priority calls as well.

For administrative issues or to leave a message for a Talent officer call 535-1253.

School is re-opening and we encourage all drivers to SLOW DOWN! During the summer habits of driving through school zones develop that need to be changed with children traveling to and from school. We have noticed speeds picking up on Wagner and Main Streets. Citations for exceeding the 20 mph limit are expensive.

Don't forget to drive slowly and plan detour routes due to road closures to accommodate the Talent Harvest Festival September 12, the run at 8 a.m. and the parade at 10 a.m.

On Sunday the 13th, Cycle Oregon will be cycling through Talent. They will come in to town on Colver to Talent Ave. and ride to the end of Talent Ave where it joins Highway 99.

COMMITTEE/ COMMISSION VACANCIES

Currently the City is seeking volunteers for the following Committees and/ Commissions. Joining a committee is a great way to get involved and make a positive contribution to local government. Application for positions are on the City's website www.cityoftalent.org or at City Hall.

Urban Renewal Agency/Budget Committee- 1 vacancy

(For more information, contact Marla Cates at 535-6170)

Parks Commission Advisory Board- 1 vacancy: 4 yr term, meets 2nd Wed. @6:15pm

Planning Commission Advisory Board- 1 vacancy: 2 yr term, meets 4th Thurs. @6:30pm

Arch Review Committee- 1 vacancy: meets 3rd Tues. @ 6pm

37th Annual Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 12th



This year's festival is just around the corner. Did you know that the Harvest Festival is always the second Saturday in September, this year falling on the 12th? Everyone's invited to the Civic Center Commons at 110 E. Main in Talent for an afternoon of fun for the whole family.

The day begins at 6am 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. Come out early so you don't miss the Main Street Parade beginning at 10am. There will be floats, horses, old time cars, BMX riders, fire trucks, the Phoenix High school band and lots more... parade route begins at Talent Elementary, heads down Wagner Creek to Market Street, then onto Main Street, ending back at Talent Elementary. The parade will be followed by live stage performances immediately after the parade. So, after the parade, be sure to get the kids and hurry over to the Commons stage where Science Works will perform for the kids at 10:45, followed by live music all day. Come and enjoy the sounds of **"Rutendo" Dance Band**, the **Rogue Suspects**, and **LAW** under the tents in the shade and enjoy "free" music all day until 4:30pm! Kids-you won't want to miss the Science Works hands-on interactive science tents that will be set up all day alongside a huge "jump house" and other fun stuff in the Kid Zone, come and see an old time demonstration of a cider press and lots of other fun stuff for the kids.

Don't miss all the Great Food booths and Artisans booths. Balloons, face painting and pony rides for the little ones and much, much more...

For more information, please

contact Cheryl at 535-1566. Cheryl@cityoftalent.org or visit: www.cityoftalent.org

Other happenings at the Festival, Sept. 12th...

Tree Planting

The Together for Talent Committee will be kicking off their Centennial Project to plant 100 trees in the City of Talent next year for its 100th birthday. Stop by their booth for information or to assist with the project.

Zero Waste

This year we are once again focusing on reducing the amount of waste we generate at the Festival. Our goal is to have 20% less garbage that must go to the Ashland Transfer Station than last year. You can help by bringing your own water bottle and bag to this year's festival. Stop by the Centennial Booth they will be selling reusable Harvest Festival bags in case you need one to carry all of the wonderful things you find at the festival. Also, when you get thirsty at the Festival, you won't need to buy water because we will have a "Hydration Station" serving fresh cool water to one and all. You may fill your own bottle that you brought, or a cup will be provided for you. After visiting one of the many delicious food booths and you need to dispose of something, look for one of the Zero Waste Stations located throughout the festival area.

Thank you all for your support!

Gigantic Sunflower Contest

Bring your sunflower to the Garden Club Booth. Your sunflower will be entered into the annual contest sponsored by the Talent Garden Club. Submission deadline is noon and winners will be announced on stage at the festival.

Gift certificates from local businesses will be awarded for the three largest sunflowers submitted.

