



THE FLASH

City of Talent

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

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The Official February Kick-Off for: The Talent Centennial Celebration of 2010

For those of you who don't know, Talent will be celebrating its 100th year of official city hood in 2010. Talent was established on November 2, 1910. A series of events, beginning in February, will continue throughout the year. These events will range from lectures, silent films, the Centennial Flag, tree plantings, family quilt project, a new city clock, 2 time capsules, historical walks, tours and books, a "100 years of Talent," theme for the Harvest festival & parade and a November 2nd, 2010 public celebration. Citizens are encouraged to get involved and participate in all the events. This is a great time to live in Talent! Visit the Talent Historical Society or City Hall for more information.

FEBRUARY EVENTS: Talent Centennial Kick-off Ceremony

Sunday, February 14th, 2010
From 12 Noon to 1:00 PM at
Talent Community Center
206 East Main Street, Talent.

Join the Mayor of Talent, city officials and the citizens of Talent as we raise the Centennial flag designed by local 2nd grade student Alexa Macias-Montoya. The Talent "Pictorial Book" will be on sale.

The Centennial Committee, Friends of the Library and the City of Talent

February Talent Centennial Event: Interested in history? Then join the Friends of the Talent Library for a Talent Centennial Presentation, as we take you on a trek through time, charting the:

"The 90-Year History of the Talent Library"

Our research has yielded interesting facts and photos so come prepared to be enlightened and surprised. Saturday, February 13th at 2 p.m. and again on Saturday, February 20th at 2 p.m. at the Talent Branch Library, 101 Home Street. For more information about this free program call 541-535-4163.

Talent Centennial Quilt Project

How to Participate:

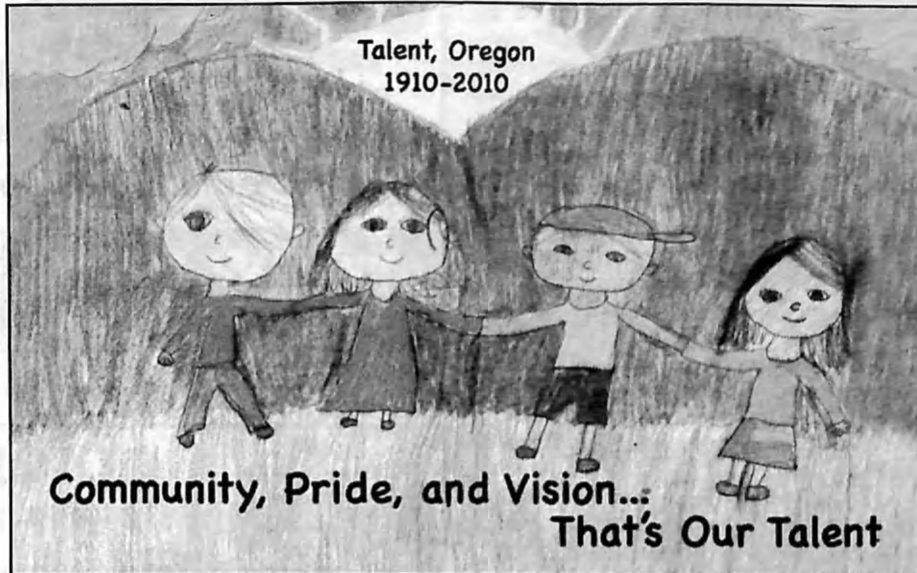
Purchase a 6.5-inch square of muslin, for \$5, from the Talent Library.

These squares are available starting February 1st, 2010 till March 30th, 2010.

All completed squares must be returned to the City of Talent Library NO LATER than MARCH 31, 2010.

The quilt will be assembled and displayed at the 2010 Harvest Festival in September.

Directions will be attached to mus-



The winning design by Alexa Macias Montoya, 2nd grade Talent Elementary.

lin square.

Any kind of stitching material paints & inks as long as they are waterproof. Possible ideas for square: artwork, family name w/current residences names, picture of house, a wish for the city, a photo of family or current building, famous landmark or park.

The Raising & Dedication of the NEW Centennial Flag

Designed by "1st Place winner- Alexa Macias-Montoya a 2nd grade student from Talent Elementary School. Runner ups were: 2nd- Marley King, 3rd- Desiree Smith, 4th- Sierra Milburn, 5th- Emily Johnson.

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CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Due to the resignation of Brian Roberts from the Talent City Council the City is seeking applications for this vacancy. When vacancies occur between elections the City Council appoints someone to serve until the next general election. To qualify, candidates must reside within the City limits and be a registered voter in the City prior to submitting an application for appointment. Applications must be submitted to the Office of the City Manager no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010 to be considered. The Council will interview the applicants at a special session on Wednesday April 7, 2010, 5:30 p.m. Talent Community Center, 206 E. Main Street, Talent, Oregon 97540. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 110 E. Main Street, Talent, Oregon 97540; phone 535-1566 or on the City website: www.cityoftalent.org.

NEW CODE VIOLATION COMPLAINT FORM

The City of Talent occasionally receives complaints pertaining to a variety of nuisance issues such as barking dogs, loud music, illegal units, un-permitted additions, etc. Often times the complaints are submitted with limited information that cause City staff to spend an unusual amount of time researching the complaint. In order to more efficient, we've created a "complaint form" that asks specific questions about the complaint such

as nature of the violation, address of the violation and any known hazards on-site such as dogs, known criminal activity, etc. All of this information will help City staff respond efficiently and safely as we continue to make Talent a better place to live and work.

Nerton Street and Talent Avenue

The City of Talent received money this year through the Federal Stimulus program and constructed overlay projects on Talent Avenue and West Valley View Road. When the temperatures begin to rise and the weather dries out the projects will be striped and completed. The money that was allocated to the City was not used in its entirety for these two projects so the City is working to complete two additional projects to utilize the remaining funding that is available. The City will be using the remaining funds to complete Nerton Street between Talent Avenue and Lithia, and for constructing curb, gutter, sidewalk and storm drainage along Talent Avenue north of Rapp Road. The Nerton Street construction will enhance circulation in the area along with providing improved emergency access to the residential neighborhoods. The project on Talent Avenue will fill in the missing section of sidewalk between downtown and Rapp Road. If everything goes per plan citizens should expect to see these projects under construction by late spring to early summer.

COP TALK

BY CHIEF MIKE MORAN

Recently I reviewed the statistics for 2009. Talent Police officers were very busy and made Talent a safer place through their work. Total calls for police service in 2009 were down from 2008. We handled 3727 calls compared to 4087 the previous year. A reduction of 360 calls is about 9% for the year.

I believe some of the reduction in calls for service is attributable to the good work of our officers in patrolling the city. Our citizens deserve credit too for their efforts to prevent crime and to report crimes when they occur.

One particular crime that declined was Vandalism we had 78 in 2008 and 23 this last year. Part of that decline is willingness of citizens to get involved in preventing and reporting those crimes.

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Traffic enforcement is one highly visible way to make a city safer. For the second year in a row TPD has shown excellent DUI enforcement. The numbers of impaired drivers removed from the roadways was up by 32. DUI is a serious, potentially fatal, crime and the arrest of an impaired driver potentially saves lives.

A total of 97 impaired drivers were removed from the roadways last year by Talent Police Officers. That compares to 65 in 2008. I would note that the 2008 number was a significant jump for TPD from 2007 so this years 49% increase-is phenomenal. Again, this year Officer Bill May has shown excellent DUI investigation skills.

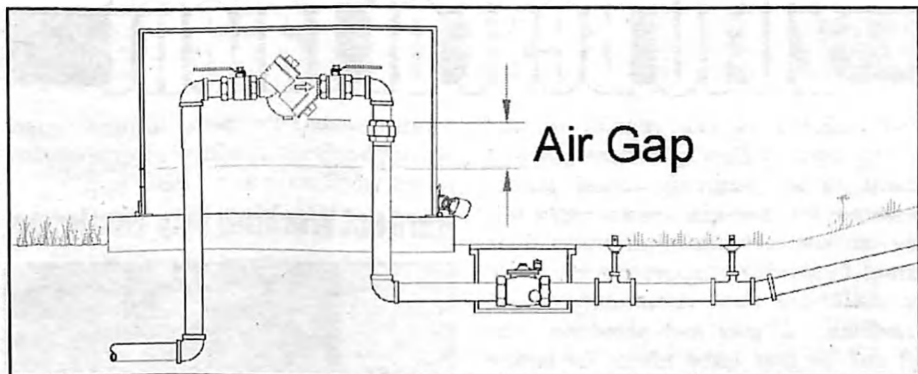
As I alluded to earlier, citizen involvement is a key component to successful policing. We need help from victims of crime and witnesses to solve cases and to successfully prosecute them. One of the things in the justice system many are not familiar with are subpoenas. If you are a victim or witness you may need to be served with a subpoena to appear in court. It is a legal requirement that officers serve these in preparation for trial.

We often encounter difficulties in getting those subpoenas served as trial approaches. If you are needed for a possible trial please keep in contact with the investigating officer and let us know if you have moved, changed jobs or schools or any other information that will make it easier to get your subpoena to you.

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.

Planning to Dig ?

The State of Oregon requires anyone, even homeowners, who plan to dig or excavate to have all utilities in the work area to be located.

For free utilities call...

"Oregon Utility Notification Center" Statewide Toll Free: 1-800-332-2344

Call at least 48 hours in advance. After receiving a call the Oregon Utility Notification Center notifies all of the utilities that have lines in the area of notification that they will need to locate and mark the whereabouts of their underground utilities.

Various utilities have service lines buried at different levels which make it very important to call before you start any project that requires digging.

Project examples might include planting trees, putting up a fence, building a deck or any yard excavation.

More Information call Talent Public Works: 535-3828