



THE FLASH

City of Talent

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

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COP TALK

By Chief Mike Moran

One of the greatest things about being Chief in Talent is being able to experience the beauty that surrounds our city. Spring in the Rogue Valley is a favorite time because the orchards are blooming. Another thing I like about pear orchards in Spring is the occasional site of orchard heaters being used. With environmental concerns and better ways to save the fruit buds, it is not a common sight to see the smudge pots glowing. The glow of the heaters in the pre-dawn darkness is awesome! I realize not everyone loves a smudge-pot but I was a "smudger" in my teens and I loved being called out in the frosty night to work. It is a small fond memory of earlier days in the valley.

I mention this as a reminder to take time to appreciate the simple things in life. Besides taking time to stop and smell the pear blossoms I want to express my appreciation for the many good citizens of Talent who help our police efforts through being supportive law-abiding citizens, providing for their families and contributing to our community.

On more traditional police topics, I would like to remind everyone to take precautions with leaving valuables in your vehicles. In another local city I have seen reports of car break-ins rising. Please don't leave valuables in your vehicle unsecured, especially at night. We have had past car break-in sprees in town.

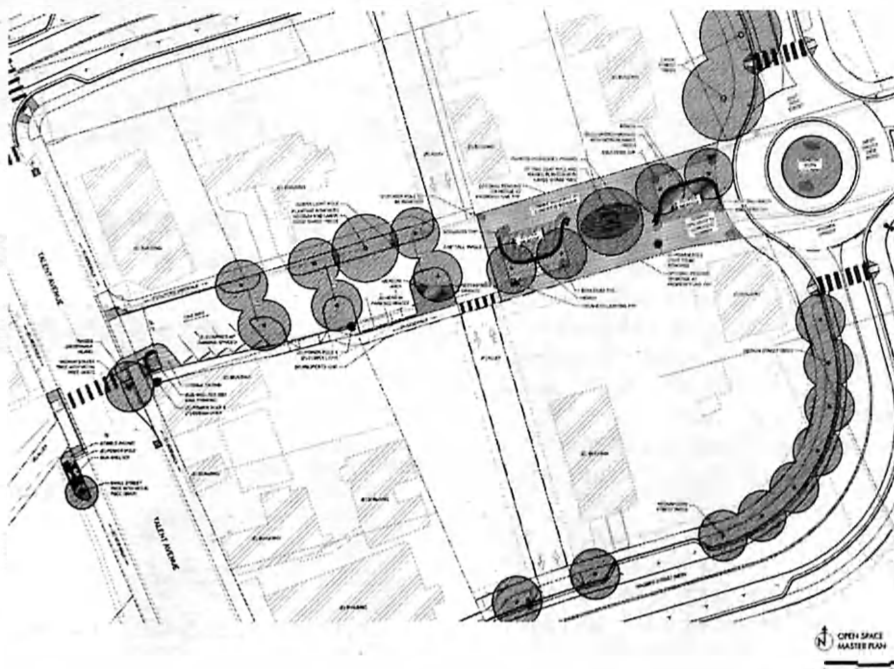
The unbelievable part of the recent thefts in the other city is two vehicles in the same neighborhood and on the same night had firearms stolen from their unlocked vehicles. The potential harm that could come from the wrong person with a stolen handgun is easily imagined and is in the news everyday. Responsible gun ownership involves securing weapons properly at all times.

One more reminder is appropriate use regarding cell phones. I am amazed at the number of people still routinely using their hand-held cell phones as they drive. Talent officers have issued citations for that and other agencies' "amnesty period" allowing those cites to be a fix-it ticket is over. I can tell you that a hands free piece is as inexpensive as \$20 for the earbud device. That is much cheaper than a citation. Please, don't drive and talk on a cell phone.

URBAN RENEWAL NEWS

West Valley View Project—Master Plan for the "Public Open Space" Now Complete

The landscape Master Plan for the Public Open Space is now complete. This area — which lies between the fu-



ture roundabout and Talent Avenue -- will feature a pedestrian park on the east end and a 1-way street with on-street parking on the west end. While it remains to be seen what name the pedestrian park will be called, at present "Founders Park" or "Founders Plaza" has been suggested and is being considered.

The Master Plan is a hybrid of three design concepts developed and critiqued via public participation to create a space that is suited to the community's needs and visually looks like "Talent". The public's preferences for simplicity, flexibility for the future, a traditional feel, the use of soft edges and materials, views to the traditional downtown core, pedestrian throughfare, and a nod to Talent's agricultural and historic past are included. Materials at present are trees, meadow, boulders, cobbles and decomposed granite. Lighting will use a minimum number of poles while providing adequate illumination for safety.

The final Master Plan design was submitted to the City in mid-March. It was used for illustrative purposes as part of the Planning Commission's March 18 public hearing, at which time revisions to the Old Town map overlay and design standards (including setbacks and parking) to include the West Valley View area were considered. The Planning Commission voted in favor of recommending the code revisions to the City Council for a public hearing Wednesday, April 21 (tentative). For more information on planning related activities, call the planning department at 541-535-7401.

The Master Plan is currently available for viewing at Talent City Hall, at Talent Urban Renewal Agency, on public notice bulletin boards, and soon on the City's website (cityoftalent.org). For more information on this project, contact Executive Director Marla Cates, 541-535-6170 or ura.talent@charterinternet.com.

Q: What if a Water Pipe Breaks in my Home

A: Shut off the Water!

If a water pipe breaks in your home, do you know where your shut-off valve is located? Find it, so you are prepared to turn the water off in a hurry during an emergency. Water damage can happen very quickly and time is of the essence if a pipe breaks.

Look for your shut-off valve in the following places:

- In the garage, near the water heater or laundry hookup
- In the crawl space or basement, where the waterline enters the home
- Outside near the foundation, often protected by a concrete ring or clay pipe

Can't find your Shut-off Valve?

If you can't find your waterline shut-off valve, you should have one installed.

If you need to shut your water off at the meter, please call:

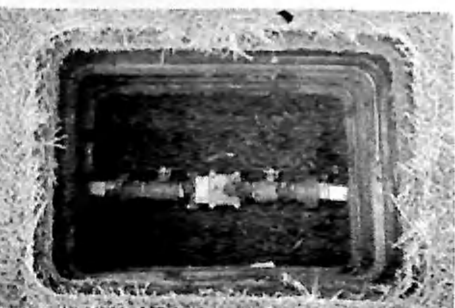
During Business Hours: (541) 535-3828 or (541) 535-1566

After Business Hours: (541) 535-2322

Please do not tamper with the meter yourself unless you are willing to assume liability for damages.

Types of Shut-Off Valves:

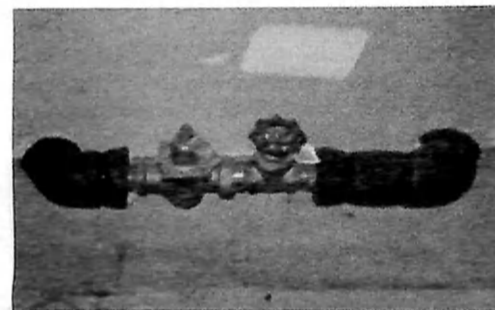
Shut-off valves come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors. Here are some examples as a guideline, but there are plenty more possibilities out there.



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Chuck Roberts Park

As previously reported the City of Talent has received a grant for the completion of the parking lot at Chuck Roberts Park through CMAQ funding. The new information that is being reported is that the cities funding will become available in the summer of 2011 rather than previously reported for 2013. The good news for the City of Talent is that this will enable the City to have parking lot completed in the summer of 2011. Design for the project will begin later this year and will be completed during the winter. The plan is to maintain the existing design elements of project including storm drain mitigation and landscaping.

City Wide Green-Up Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 15th

Green-Up and Clean-Up of Talent neighborhoods and businesses is happening on Saturday, May 15th from 8:00 to 12:00 pm. Please don't hesitate to come out any time between those hours. We can use all the help we can get! Everyone will be meeting in Tark's parking lot. Members of the Together for Talent committee will be available to lead and/or direct citizens beginning at 8 a.m. There will also be a Master Recycler available to answer any questions. Trash bags and gloves will be provided as well as hot coffee and water. For more information, please contact Sharon Anderson at 541-535-9055. Hope to see everyone there!

SPRING DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

Combined with the City's citywide Green-Up/Clean-Up Program set for May 15, 2009, Recology Ashland Sani-

tary has arranged a program to allow residential customers to come to their Valley View Transfer Station at 3000 Valley View Rd. - 7:30am-4p.m. to dispose of lumber (nails and screws allowed), brush, leaves and grass for a discounted rate of \$4.00 per load. This program is only available to residential customers and the reduced fee charged is only for May 15th. This offer does not include regular garbage and always the waste must be separated. Contact Recology Ashland Sanitary for more information at 482-1471 or online <http://www.recologyashland-sanitaryservice.com>

CITY WIDE YARD SALE

On Saturday May 1st join in the citywide yard sale. For \$5.00 you can have your yard sale address added to a list and map. A sign up sheet will be located at Talent City Hall from now until 5:00 pm, April 22th. These maps of yard sales in Talent will be available starting April 26th through April 30th at the following locations: **Tark's Market, Talent Post Office, Talent Laundromat, Talent Library, and City Hall.**

100 Trees for Talent

HAVE YOU PLANTED YOUR TREE FOR OUR 100 TREES FOR THE TALENT CENTENNIAL PROJECT?

We know that many of you in Greater Talent have already planted a tree at your house this year so would you let us know? Come to the City Hall and sign in to have your tree be counted as one of the 100 TREES FOR TALENT for our City's Centennial. You'll also receive some small tokens in appreciation. If you can't make it to City Hall, we understand, but please let us know by email, trees4talent@gmail.com and we will do the rest. In your message, please tell us when you planted the tree, what variety, your address, and phone number.

And for the rest of you, what are you waiting for?

For information or to assist, contact Cynthia at 541-292-2677

TALENT MUNICIPAL COURT AMNESTY PROGRAM

If you have unpaid fines in the Talent Municipal Court that have resulted in the suspension of your driving privileges and/or have been referred to a collection agency, there is a short term Amnesty Program available that may help you.

All qualifying accounts will be eligible for a 25% discount if paid in full.

This program runs from February 16, 2010 through April 30, 2010.

What should you do if you think you may qualify for this program?

• Check with the court to determine eligibility and the amount owing.

**Talent Municipal Court
110 E. Main St.**

Talent, OR 97540

Phone (541) 535-1566

• Check with the DMV to determine what will be required of you to obtain a valid license.

**DMV - Medford office
1174 Progress Dr. Suite 103**

Medford, OR 97504

Phone (541) 776-6025

• Check with other courts that have outstanding fines against you.

Additional courts in this area may be participating in this program.

Once your outstanding fines have been paid, you will be given clearance forms to take to the DMV. These forms will show the DMV that you have met the court's requirements and the hold against your license will be lifted. Your license is not automatically reinstated with the payment of your fines. **Be sure to complete the necessary re-**

quirements with DMV to obtain your valid license.

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 till December. These events will range from lectures, silent film festival, the NEW pictorial book of Talent, the Centennial Flag, the Centennial Tree, the 100 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. Centennial Committee-Chair-Greg Goebelt-541-840-5966

The Centennial Committee, Talent Chamber of Commerce PRESENT...

The Talent Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night

Enjoy a fun evening of Bingo and a dinner of Spaghetti, salad and a roll, all while raising money for the Talent Chamber of Commerce. Water, Coffee & tea will be available, as well as both a vegetarian & meat sauce. Dinner will be from 4-7 PM and Bingo from 5-7 PM with great prizes & giveaways. The Talent Chamber of Commerce provided support to Talent Businesses in the form of monthly meetings to network, quarterly business education seminars and assistance in building strong businesses, so Talent has a good economic base and jobs locally for its citizens & community. Come support your local economy, your small businesses and your community and have a good meal & fun along the way! For more information please contact Talent Chamber of Commerce (541) 535-3937 or info@talentchamber.org

Saturday, April 24th, 2010 4-7pm at the Talent Community Center, 206 E. Main St.

Cost: \$5 adults \$2 children, and Bingo-by the card. Lots of Great Prizes!!!

The Talent Centennial Committee, Talent Historical Society PRESENT...

Frost/Nixon by Peter Morgan Starring Doug Warner and Paul R. Jones

Wednesday, April 28th, 2010

Time: 7 PM- Wine, Beer, Food & Treats/8 PM- Showtime!!!

It's 1977. British talk show host David Frost has become a lowbrow laughingstock. Richard Nixon has just resigned from the U. S. Presidency in total disgrace over Vietnam and the Watergate scandal. Determined to resurrect his career, Frost risks everything on a series of in-depth interviews with Nixon in order to extract an apology. The cagey Nixon, however, is equally bent on redeeming himself in his nation's eyes. In the television age, image is king, and both men are desperate to outtalk and upstage each other as the cameras roll. The result is the interview that sealed a president's legacy.

Come support your local Museum & Talent's History. This is the only source of funding for the historical society since all county funding was cut 2 years ago. Two other small historical societies have gone out of business and all are struggling.

Lets join together & make it a sold-out event & help keep OUR local history alive!

Where:Camelot Theatre- 101 Talent Ave./ (541) 535-5250: \$18.