



# THE FLASH City of Talent

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

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Home Occupations in Residential Zones

The zoning code allows people to conduct certain types of businesses in residential zones provided they are not disruptive to the residential character of the neighborhood. Prospective business owners should contact the planning department for more information and for a Home Occupation application form. If approved, you also need to get a City business license, which is dependent on the home occupation approval. Disruptions include excessive non-residential traffic and noise. Retail businesses are not allowed, but offices are. The occupation is to be carried on within a residential building and only by members of the family occupying the dwelling. For more information, see Article 22 of the Talent Zoning Ordinance, which can also be viewed on-line.

### West Valley View Master Plan

No doubt Talent is headed in a positive direction. Evidence is everywhere that Talent's citizens enjoy the new City Hall, library and park, as well as the many new sidewalks, paths, pedestrian lights and landscaping improvements found throughout the City and specifically within the Old Town area.

On Wednesday, April 21st, as part of the West Valley View Master Planning efforts, the City Council will consider three items which will include 1) expanding the Old Town District Boundaries from Talent Avenue towards Highway 99; 2) Modifying the existing Downtown Design Standards to guide new development within this area; and 3) adopting the final landscaping plans for the new park promenade which is to be within the vacated right-of-way of the existing street. These planned improvements will be significant to Talent's future, and the efforts put forth by the Talent citizens to help make these changes possible is admirable.

### Architectural Review Committee

Are you interested in Talent's own special architecture? In getting your feet wet in municipal government? In balancing preservation with development? Come join the Architectural Review Committee.

This committee meets for a couple of hours each month (on the 2nd Tuesday in the evening) to review remodel and new construction plans in the "Old Town" design district (see map on the City's website under "Planning"). It also advises the Planning Commission

on the architectural design of development projects and will soon be busy considering new design standards beyond the "Old Town."

If you would like more information on these matters, please feel free to contact Planning at 535-7401 or via e-mail at mark@cityoftalent.org.

## COP TALK

The recent interest in our City by the TV show America's Got Talent caused me to reflect on how others may see our community.

One perspective is that the city seems to be full of really nice people. That is true. There are so many people who are wonderful and they show their pride in being a Talent resident. One such resident is a man I have seen around Talent since I came to town who cleans up litter while he is out walking his dog. He does it because it's a nice thing to do. I went out recently and gave a Talent PD coffee mug to him and thanked him for his volunteer efforts to make Talent special. His name is Cecil Gore. When you see him out helping to keep Talent beautiful say hi and thanks!

Usually I talk about this next topic in the September issue of Flash: Student school route safety. But actually May is a month where kids going to and coming from school need you to watch out for them even more. The weather is nice and anticipation of summer vacation is distracting them. Please watch for them on foot, on skates and on bikes. Plus if you are the parent of a child please be sure they wear their helmets while skating and biking to school.

The nice weather also increases our population at the skate park. All riders must wear helmets in the park, adults and kids. We have cited people for this and we have excluded people from using the park for violating this and other skate park rules. If you are at the park and observe disorderly or bullying behavior we also will contact those subjects and may exclude them from the park. Certainly, if you see illegal activities such as drinking alcohol in the park or illegal substances being used call us immediately. The non-emergency number is 541-776-7206.

Speaking of dispatch, the agency that dispatches for Talent PD is Southern Oregon Regional Communications. Effective July 1, 2010 that name will change to Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon. At that time the current consortium will be joined by Medford PD and Medford Fire and Ashland PD and Fire as well as SOU Security. Some details of procedures are still being worked out. Each entity has to make changes and sacrifices in the merging of the old SORC and Medford communications centers. Change is always hard. But the citizens of this county will be well served in the long run by the combining of dispatch centers.

Finally, I have been appointed to coordinate the planning for the Centennial Harvest Festival in September. If you are interested in sponsoring the event as a business owner, please consider doing so. If you think you'd like to enter a float or a group in the parade please contact City Hall for an application.

### Talent Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale

The Talent Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale in Tark's parking lot on May 8th from 10:00 - 2:00. Load up on vegetable and flower starts, herbs, succulents, grasses and two lovely maples available to early shoppers. You'll also be able to get your ticket for the Talent Garden Tour to be held on June 12th before they go on sale. If you need some gardening inspiration, head over to the Talent Historical Society to see how Martha Talent is dressed for her day in the garden and check out the catalogs from her day to see what she might be planting.

### The Three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The city's Together for Talent Committee invites you to participate in special events scheduled for May, our Centennial Recycle Month. So this month remember the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

### THE MONTH OF MAY

Stop by the library all month and see a special display of recycled/re-used items from 1910 to the present.

### MAY 15 ONLY

**RECYCLE YOUR YARD WASTE** by taking it to the Ashland Transfer Station, 3000 Valley View Road today from 7:30am to 4pm at a special discounted rate of only \$4 a load.

### WHAT CAN YOU REALLY RECYCLE?

What do you do with all those things that (you think) don't or shouldn't go in your Blue comingled bin? Get all of your questions answered by Jackson County Master Recyclers at the Green up and Clean up Booth in Tarks parking lot Saturday, May 15 from 8-12. Volunteer for trash pick-up at the same time.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL THAT STUFF YOU PUT IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN?

Come to a free showing of "Waste Not" a short 24 minute documentary that follows the journey your recycled items take at the Talent Library at 2:30pm.

Director Nicholas Stevenson, a recent graduate of Southern Oregon University, won a regional student competition at last year's Ashland Independent Film Festival for the film. He traveled across Oregon to track where recycling goes after it leaves your hands. Risa Buck, waste reduction educator for Recology Ashland Sanitary Service will be there to answer all your questions. For more information, contact Sharon Anderson 541-535-9055.

### TALENT'S ANNUAL GREEN UP AND CLEAN UP EVENT SATURDAY MAY 15

Come and help keep your community clean by picking up trash in downtown Talent. Stop by anytime Saturday morning from 8am to 11am for a route and bags. Master Recyclers will be on hand to answer all of your recy-

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cling questions. If you wish to drop off your returnable bottles and cans, we will turn them in for you. Coffee and tea will be provided. This event is sponsored by the City of Talent Together for Talent Committee. For information contact Susan Harrington 541-535-1865.

### WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FROM THE CITY OF TALENT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

#### Water Wise Lawn Care

- Did you know that landscape water use typically runs 40-50 percent of your total water usage?
- Water no more than every third day so the grass develops deeper roots and uses moisture deep in the ground.
- Water in the early morning or late evening when there is no wind.
- After a rain, skip watering until the grass dries.

#### Tips to Conserve Water Indoors:

Change habits and use less water. Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.

#### In the Bathroom:

- Turn off water while brushing your teeth or shaving. (This saves 35 gallons a week per person)
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can.
- Take shorter showers or bathe in half a tub of water. (This saves approximately 75 gallons a week per person)

#### In the Kitchen:

- Run the dishwasher only when it's full. (This saves 30 gallons a week)
- Don't rinse the dishes before putting them into the dishwasher, scrape them clean. (This saves 60 gallons a week)
- When washing fruits or vegetables, fill the sink with water instead of running the faucet. (This saves 30 gallons a week)
- Store a jug of water in the refrigerator for cool drinks.

**In the Laundry:**

- Run only full loads in the washing machine unless you can adjust for smaller loads (This saves 100 gallons a week).
- Pre-treat stains to avoid the need for rewashing.
- Install water-saving fixtures and appliances.
- Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.
- Share water conservation tips with friends and neighbors.

Please report broken pipes, open hydrants and errant sprinklers to the property owner or to City of Talent, City Hall 541-535-1566 or Public Works 541-535-3828.

**The Talent Centennial Celebration of 2010**

For those of you who don't know, Talent will be celebrating its 100th year of official cityhood in 2010. Talent was established on November 2, 1910. A series of events, beginning in February, will continue throughout the year until 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

**MAY EVENTS:****Viva Talent!  
Community Carnival**

Celebrating Talent's Centennial with a Latino flare- Mexican food, Folklorico dancing, games and activities.

To celebrate Talent's Hispanic Community traditions in Talent's Centennial

Year, the local dance troupe, Ballet Folklórico Ritmo Alegre, will present an afternoon carnival style event called Viva Talent! This event will be held in the Talent Community Hall at 206 E Main St., from 4 to 8 PM on Saturday, May 22. The event will include ongoing performances of colorful folk-dances from a variety of Mexican regions. Traditional Mexican foods such as tamales, pozole, and tostadas will be on sale as well as soft drinks and sweets. Among the activities to be offered will be a Wheel of Fortune game, photos with the dancers, a raffle and souvenirs.

Admission to the event is Free.

Tickets for food and activities will be on sale in the community hall.

For further information, please call Victoria Snow Mountain at 541-261-1906 or email [ritmoalegre@yahoo.com](mailto:ritmoalegre@yahoo.com) Sponsored by Ballet Folklórico Ritmo Alegre.

**Sterns Pioneer Cemetery Tour in Talent with Author & Historian Jan Wright**

Join Jan Wright-Historian & author of "Talent-A Pictorial History," at Sterns Cemetery on Anderson Creek Rd. in Talent for a fun & historical overview of the cemetery, its history & the history of the people who founded our wonderful town. Meet Jan at Sterns Cemetery, the tour will begin at 1:00 PM and last till 3:00 pm. Bring water, a snack and a camera if you got one. The stories Jan shares about the past pioneers of Talent are intriguing, compassionate, surprising and give a glimpse of the early days of our valley.

Jan will have copies of her book for sale, or pick up a copy at the Talent Historical Society, downtown behind The 1898 Community Hall.

Bad Weather cancels!

Admission to the event is Free.

For further information, please call Jan Wright at 541-535-2918 or [jan@wrightarchives.com](mailto:jan@wrightarchives.com).

When: Saturday, May 29, 1-3 PM

Where: Sterns Pioneer Cemetery  
Anderson Creek Rd. Talent  
(off of Wagner Creek Rd.)