



# THE FLASH

## City of Talent

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

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### 2010 City Council Elections

Filing for the Talent City Council vacancies for the General Election on November 2, 2010 will be accepted from June 2, 2010 until August 24, 2010. This year there will be the following vacancies:

- Mayor - 4 year term
- One Councilmember Position #1 - 4 year term
- One Councilmember Position #3 - 4 year term
- One Councilmember Position #4 - 4 year term

All prospective candidates must be qualified electors, a resident of the City of Talent and registered to vote in the city. Councilmembers must obtain 20 qualified signatures from residents within the City of Talent.

To file as a candidate, you must complete certain election forms and file them with the City Election Officer prior to beginning your campaign. Those interested in filing for candidacy for the above positions can obtain candidate filing information and forms beginning June 1, 2010 from the City Recorder, Talent City Hall. For more information call 535-1566.

### COP TALK

This Spring was one of the wettest and coldest in recent years. As such it delayed the declaration of fire season by the Oregon Department of Forestry. We use that declaration as the point after which we begin enforcement of the weed abatement ordinance. Fortunately, most property owners see the need to keep weeds mowed for aesthetic reasons and that is greatly appreciated by neighbors and by us.

The expected fire season is expected to be declared by July 4th, so please mow your grass and weeds to less than ten inches. This is good to not only be in compliance with our city ordinance but also to reduce the likelihood of a fire when fireworks are being used.

Speaking of fireworks, certain fireworks are banned under State Law. Basically, if it flies or explodes it is illegal to possess. Please use fireworks responsibly.

One item I have discussed before is parking violations. There are several safety reasons for enforcing parking ordinances. For example, if you park facing the wrong direction on your street, that means that the car was driven on the wrong side of the road when it was parked and it will be again driven on the wrong side of the road when you leave your parking spot. This creates dangerous situations for cars, bikes and pedestrians. When a car is parked in a driveway across a sidewalk that forces people walking to go into the street.

I mention all of this because we will soon be taking a more active parking enforcement role. In the past we issued citations on a Uniform Traffic Complaint form. There were several

disadvantages to this. The biggest disadvantage to the violator was a minimum fine of \$142. Soon we will be issuing most parking citations under authority of city ordinance and using a new parking citation/envelope.

Issuing citations under Municipal Code versus State Law will be a positive change in several ways. The fine will be \$20 if taken care of within ten days. If the violator wants to take care of the matter by paying the fine it can be dropped off at City Hall or mailed. In the past, a parking citation required an appearance before the court. Citizens receiving a citation may still request a hearing, of course.

The new fine is more commensurate with the violation and it usually will have the same effect of stopping the violation and increasing safety. However, if the violation is a repeated problem the violation may be issued under State Law.

### URBAN RENEWAL NEWS

For more information, contact Executive Director Marla Cates, 541-535-6170

**New e-mail:** Effective immediately, the e-mail address for the Talent Urban Renewal Agency has been changed to a new address: [execdir@talenturbanrenewal.com](mailto:execdir@talenturbanrenewal.com). The old e-mail address will no longer function after June 30.

**West Valley View Project:** Final engineering plans are under review by the City Engineer's office, Executive Director, and other agencies, and the permitting and utility contract phase has also begun. Landscape and lighting construction plans for Seiber, Main, and Wagner are nearing completion. It is anticipated that Phase I of this project will be bid mid-summer, with preliminary construction on Seiber Street taking place this fall and the remainder of the Phase I (Main Street and roundabout) spread out over two years.

**IGA with Phoenix Urban Renewal Agency:** In accordance with ORS 190 which encourages intergovernmental cooperation for the purposes of economy and efficiency in local government, the Agency has entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Phoenix Urban Renewal Agency to provide the services of the Executive Director on an as-needed and as-available basis during fiscal year 2010-11 as Phoenix begins planning its first projects. Talent Urban Renewal will remain the Executive Director's top priority, and the Phoenix agency will compensate the Agency for services used.

### JAM! Your Annual Fundraiser to support Talent Parks & Rec Summer Program

Saturday August 7th, 7pm-sun down at The Commons next to City Hall.

- Live outdoor music by local talent!
- Food by Talent's best restaurants and friends
- Folks from Trium Winery, Caldera, etc.

• Special auction items for everyone to enjoy and support Talent Parks!

A big thank you to South Valley Bank and Trust, the 2010 Sponsor of the Scholarship fund for the Parks and

Recreation Summer Program. Stop by their branch in Talent and echo our appreciation!

The Summer Program has started and classes are filling up! If you are interested in participating or supporting your community's program, you may email [recreation@cityoftalent.org](mailto:recreation@cityoftalent.org) or call 541-535-1566 for more information. Thank you for all your support, Talent!

### 10 YEARS AS TREE CITY USA

The City of Talent celebrated its 10th year as a Tree City USA with an Arbor Day Celebration on April 27 by planting a Sequoia Tree at Talent Elementary School with the help of elementary school students. Matt Krunglevich from the Oregon Dept of Forestry presented Mayor Don Steyskal with a Tree City flag and a plaque commemorating our 10 years as a Tree City USA. The tree was donated by Dan Bish of Plant Oregon. Students at the Outdoor Discovery Program magnet school also celebrated Arbor Day by planting a zelkova tree—also donated by Plant Oregon—at their site.

### 100 TREES FOR TALENT CENTENNIAL PROJECT UPDATE

Over 200 trees were planted on April 11 beside the Greenway in collaboration with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The trees were donated by Dave Henneman from the Bureau of Land Management and planted by volunteers with great help from our Lester and Bret from Public Works. Leslie Parsons and Debie Svarren from ACS organized the event. The ACS memorial grove will be dedicated at a future event.

Chuck Roberts Park now has many more trees, thanks to Dan Bish from Plant Oregon Nursery on Wagner and Dave Henneman from Bureau of Land Management. Volunteers planted over 20 deciduous and conifers at the park with the help of Lester and Steve from Public Works on May 6. More trees could be planted in the fall, around the Little League Field, if more volunteers join the project.

Residents of greater Talent, we would really like to know if you have planted a tree this year in celebration of the Centennial. Please map your tree at City Hall or simply email the information to [trees4talent@gmail.com](mailto:trees4talent@gmail.com).

Business owners, please join the project by planting street trees at your place of business this fall. Special arrangements have been made with Plant Oregon to assist you. Email [jardinducare@yahoo.com](mailto:jardinducare@yahoo.com) for more information.

### 1910-2010 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,

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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 for more information.

July Events:  
Talent Centennial Parade & Celebration  
& Harvest Festival Sign Up!

Event Description:  
This is it!!! The Summer celebration for the 100th Centennial Celebration for the City of Talent, 1910-2010! The Talent Harvest Festival will be the center of fun & celebration this year, with a "100 Years of Talent" theme. This year's Harvest Festival will feature vending booths, food, drinks, music, entertainment & a 100 Year Theme Parade and so much more.

Sign up now, for a booth for your business, farm, committee or local organization.

Also, sign up to make an entry into the parade. The Harvest Festival Parade needs your creative spark! So design a neighborhood float, get your group, family or organization together and design something fun & special for 2010 and our 100 Year Centennial. Talk to others and spread the word!

Entry forms for both the booths & the parade are available at City Hall now.

Remember that the Harvest Festival needs volunteers to make this event run smoothly.

So, if you have some time, call today to get involved.

### 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 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 and 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, contact the Oregon State University Extension Service.

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.

## Schools out! Schools out! Now what?

### Talent Parks and Rec's "got Talent?" That's what.

And it's not just for kids, any more. Register now for local fun and affordable classes and activities all summer long.

Scholarships are available!

The Got Talent? activity guide, scholarship application and registration forms are available online at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) and the City of Talent at 110 East Main St.

### Come on and join the fun! Parks and Recreation July Calendar

**Skateboarding** July 26-29  
9-11 am skate park \$35

**Children's Tennis Lessons**  
July 5-8 M - TH  
Ages 5 - 8 10:00 - 11:00  
Ages 9 -13 11:00 - 12:00 \$25/wk

**Cooperative Games Ages 5-8**  
July 6 & 8 5:00-6:00  
Chuck Roberts Park \$10  
Everyone's a winner if they're having FUN!

**Learn to Play Pickleball**  
July 12 - July 15. 8:00-9:00 am  
at Chuck Roberts Park tennis courts \$20

Pickleball is a low-impact sport that is part badminton, part ping pong and part tennis.

**Circus Theater** Ages 7 & up  
Session 1 July 5-9 9-10:30 am  
Session 2 July 12-16 9-10:30 am  
\$35

Slock rope will be new this year in addition to juggling, stilt walking, rola bola, hoops, rolling globe, and pedalo. Students will play improvisation games, creat characters and learn presentation skills to ignite the imagination and help lose inhibitions!

**Dodgeball** July 27, 29, Aug. 3, 5 1:00-2:00 TES \$5 each day \$15 for all four

Come play fun and competitive games. Learn the five D's: Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and Dodge.