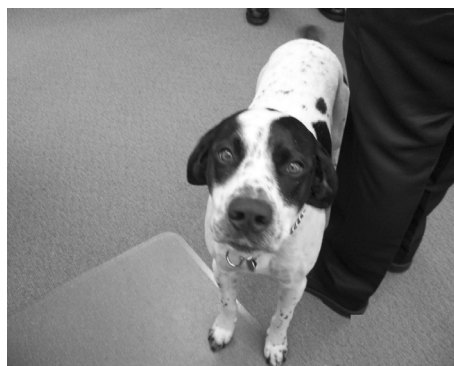




THE FLASH City of Talent

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

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Meet "Sam" the newest addition to City Hall! City Manager Jay Henry and his wife Evelyn recently adopted Sam from the Humane Society. Sam, part short haired border collie and part pointer, is friendly, well behaved and the new heart throb at City Hall!

PUBLIC WORKS

Do you know where your water meter is?

Please take a minute to locate the City water meter that services your home or business. Make sure it is clear of debris and or vegetation.

* We need access to take readings and perform routine maintenance. If you have a leak, quick and easy access saves time and money. Remember do not pile dirt, plant landscaping, or place pots or lawn ornaments on top of the meter box. Doing so not only makes access difficult, but may also damage the meter.

* Can't find your meter? Give Utility billing a call at (541) 535-1566. We would be happy to help.

Tips From the Experts:

Need to shut the water off at your home or business? Here are a few tips:

- Call Utility Billing: Turning off your water takes a special tool. Don't use a wrench – you could damage or break the valve. If you damage a valve, you could be responsible for cost of the repairs. For assistance, call Utility Billing at 541-535-1566.

- Call Two Days in Advance: We will schedule someone to come out and turn your water off at no charge.

- Need Your Water Turned Off Frequently? Consider installing a shut off valve at the City water meter. Then you can shut the water off yourself. No need to call ahead; there may be a wait.

- Have an emergency? We are here to help. Call Utility Billing at 541-535-1566 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. For after hours emergencies, call 541-535-2322

Need More Information? Contact the Public Works office.

- Physical Address: City Hall, 110 East Main Street
- Mail Address: P.O. Box 445, Talent Oregon 97540
- Hours: Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 5pm.
- Phone: 541-535-1566
- Website: www.cityoftalent.org

URBAN RENEWAL

Centennial Clock: The Agency has purchased a pedestrian scale clock to be installed at Depot Park in support of the City's upcoming Centennial. Plans for a time capsule are being organized by the City's Centennial Committee.

Stage Shade: At long last, the uprights for the planned shade structure above the stage at City Hall have been built and installed. Special thanks to Christo Kalemkeris, who fabricated the uprights as a gift to the Talent community. Shade cloth will be installed soon.

West Valley View: Although the project has not gone to bid yet for a general contractor, a decision on timing should be made soon. The Agency has completed some initial right of way acquisitions for the project, and is also coordinating closely with Camelot Theatre's new building on timing for utilities and parking.

Rehab/Façade Improvement Grant Applications: Property owners are reminded that the Agency offers a grant program to owners of historic or commercial properties within the urban renewal area. Grants are available as \$5,000 direct grants, or as matching grants up to \$10,000 per tax lot. Owners of National Register properties or properties on the City's Local Landmark list are also eligible for historic maintenance funds.

For more information contact Marla Cates, Executive Director, 541-535-6170 or execdir@talenturbanrenewal.com

TALENT PD NEWS

by Mike Moran



New Officer Dan Moulin

Last issue I said we were in the process of hiring a new police officer. Talent PD is very pleased to announce our new officer is Dan Moulin. Dan started at Talent PD on August 2, 2010. Dan is a life long Rogue Valley resident. He is a South Medford High graduate. Dan has extensive training in emergency response in both the emergency medical field and fire service. Dan has prior experience in the emergency dispatch field also. Officer Moulin entered law enforcement with the Eagle Point Police Department. Budget cuts there in 2009 resulted in positions being cut and that lead Dan to the Jacksonville Police Department. He served with JPD for one year. Currently Officer Moulin is in training with our officers and will be patrolling on his own very soon.

Harvest Festival Road Closures
The Talent Centennial Harvest Festival

is Saturday September 11th. To accommodate the run/walk and the parade, don't forget that there will be several road closures and detours that day beginning in the early morning in the downtown area and along Main St from the grade school area to Talent Ave. If you need to leave your home and use those roads remember the run will leave from Main and the tracks at 0800 and go out Foss Rd before returning to the finish line at Skate Park. The parade will run from the school down Main to Market St. then back up Wagner to the school. The parade starts at 1000 hours.

Parking Violation Citations

In July Talent PD began issuing Parking Violation Citations. This has resulted in several calls about the new cites.

Parking violations are spelled out in Oregon Traffic law as well as in Municipal Code. Parking violations are important to enforce because, at a minimum, they are a nuisance to other citizens, and worse, they are a safety hazard. 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.

Another violation that is both a nuisance and safety hazard to pedestrians is when a car is parked in a driveway across a sidewalk. People walking on the sidewalk are forced to go into the street to get around.

Previously we issued citations on a Uniform Traffic Complaint form, a regular traffic ticket. There was a minimum fine of \$142.

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, with the Municipal Court.

Please take time to review proper parking protocols. The most frequent violations are: Parking on the Wrong side of the Street (also known as Not Parking with Flow of Traffic lane); parking more than 12 inches from the curb; Parking Outside of markings; Obstructing Driveways or parked across sidewalks and parking in an alley. Additionally parking in a bike lane could also result in the vehicle being towed.

For more specific information refer to Oregon Revised Statutes 811.550 and 811.570.

Student Safety

Don't forget schools are back in session in September in Talent. There will be more pedestrians, bikes, cars and school buses in the morning and afternoons. Please remind yourself to look out for the safety of our students and help them arrive safely at school and back home in the afternoon.

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tion Safety and Traffic Control Commission

The Talent Council established a Transportation Safety and Traffic Control Commission (TS&TC) in 2003 for the purposes of establishing traffic controls and resolving transportation safety concerns. Since that time the TS&TC has inventoried and established all the speed zones, parking requirements, stop and yield signs and all other traffic related signs and controls throughout the City. It also has addressed numerous safety issues that have been raised by individuals and groups.

By ordinance, the TS&TC consists of seven to eight voting members: 2 Council members, the public works director, the police chief, the planning director, and two or three members of the public at large. Currently, there are seven members.

Recently, the TS&TC has evaluated concerns that have been raised about sight distance at the intersection of Front and Main Streets. This has resulted in some of the landscaping on the north side of Main Street being modified to make it easier to see approaching traffic from North Front Street.

The Talent Middle School and Elementary School have requested assistance from the TS&TC to address safety concerns with the heavy traffic during the school year where students are dropped off and picked up along Wagner Creek Road between the two schools. A meeting will be held after school resumes to consider additional steps which might be taken to improve safety in the area.

Meetings are held on at least a quarterly basis but sometimes more frequently depending on the need. The next meeting will be held on September 14. Meetings are normally held at the Community Center. The dates and times for future meetings can be checked with Coleen Bradley at 535-3828. If you have a safety concern that might benefit from discussion with the TS&TC please call Coleen to schedule your agenda item.

Plastic Round Up

Keep saving your plastic for the Plastic Round up October 8th and 9th. Save money and gas too by joining



Fire Station, Jackson County District #5

with a friend to make the trip. For information, see <http://www.jcrecycle.org/pages/about-the-partnership/special-events/plastic-round-up.php>. If you need help getting your plastic to the drop off points, call Sharon at 535-9055.

From the Together for Talent Committee: **On Honoring Talent's 2010 Centennial**

Be a part of your community's future. Your business can participate in our Centennial by planting a street tree in Talent. These trees will help create a welcoming entrance to our small town. Plant Oregon of Talent will provide an appropriate tree and plant it for you for a special price of \$100. This special offer with discounted price is for the Centennial Year only and is a collaboration between the City of Talent's Together for Talent Committee and Plant Oregon. Please respond directly to: Dan@plantoregon.com or for more information, contact Cynthia at 541-292-2677.

From the Harvest Festival Committee:

There will be a significant Zero Waste Effort ongoing and throughout the festival. Please look for the set of recycling bins to reduce the amount of waste generated at the event. Also, please bring your own water bottles; there will be a water refill station.

From the Talent Garden Club:

The Harvest Festival will include a Sunflower Contest! Gift certificates for the largest sunflowers will be given by the Talent Garden Club. Look for our booth.

From the Talent Centennial Committee:

Vote on a Centennial Tree!
We want to know your choice for our town's Centennial Tree to be planted this November at City Hall. Look for the "Together for Talent" booth at the Harvest Festival on September 11th and cast your vote. And, if you have planted a tree at your home this year, stop by and receive your special button and plant tag as our "Thank You."

FIRELINES – ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

*Submitted By
Dan Marshall, Fire Chief
Jackson County Fire District #5*

There is no question one of the best indicators of future success is what has happened in the past. And, often times in order to move forward we must look back. I have found that especially true in terms of managing the fire district. By knowing our fire district's humble beginning and organizational history, to realizing departmental successes and even failures, we have become much more effective at providing current-day fire protection services.

Jackson County Fire District #5 was incorporated as Talent Rural Fire Protection District in 1963 after several years of providing fire service on a

contract basis to residents outside the City of Talent. Initially, staffing levels were very thin, with only a paid fire chief and approximately 20 volunteer firefighters. The original jurisdictional boundaries consisted of the rural areas of the cities of Talent and Phoenix. In 1968, Barron Rural Fire District, which protected the Emigrant Lake area southeast of Ashland, was annexed to the fire district.

By the mid 1970's, Talent Rural Fire Protection District became known as Jackson County Fire District #5. In July 1999, the City of Talent was annexed to the fire district and the City of Phoenix followed by annexing in 2008. Over the years the fire district has grown from approximately 30 square miles to 115 square miles.

Today, operating out of 3 stations (Phoenix, Talent, Emigrant Lake) and responding to over 2200 calls for service each year, Jackson County Fire District #5 provides fire prevention, public education, fire suppression and emergency medical services for approximately 25,000 customers and provides mutual and automatic aid to the cities of Ashland and Medford, Oregon. The fire district employs 27 career firefighters and is supported by 40 volunteer/student firefighters.

Our ongoing mission is "to deliver quality and professional services that promote community life safety and property conservation." Emphasizing quality customer service, our firefighters understand we exist because of the people we serve. We are also very mindful of the many individuals who worked so hard to establish the original fire district.

Unclaimed Land Will be Turned Over to State

The following individuals have unclaimed property held by the City of Talent. Please make arrangements to claim your property by October 1, 2010. Any property unclaimed as of October 1 (and having met the appropriate abandonment period) will be turned over to the Department of State Lands.

**Anderson, Sharon
Bannon, Trevor
Barger, John
Bradley, Coleen
Braun, Laurin
Bucher, Gerald
Calkins, Stacy
Carlsen, Charlotte
Carr, Dana
Colthrap, Jess
De La Torre, Richard
Dial, Betsey
Edwards, Jake
Engel, Sam
Glover, Cherry
Hafner, Gloria
Hartwell, Christina
Hinkle, Adam
Kingsmore, Ed
Kuester, Jeremiah
Marikos, Michelle
McQueen, Wade
Meredith, Mike and Barbara
Rounds, Dylan
Sawicki, Beth
Silva, Mirna
Sorensen, Christopher
Switzler, Craig
Taylor, Danika
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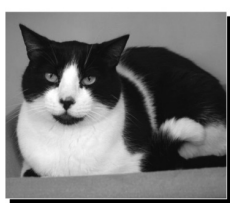
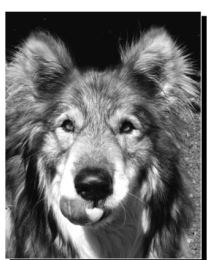


PETS OF THE MONTH



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The Jackson County Animal Shelter is located at
5595 S. Pacific Hwy. 99, between Talent & Phoenix.
Adoption Hours: 11-4 weekdays, Noon-4 weekends.

 <p>Patch is a silly 1-year-old Tabby who lays on her back. Case #K1172</p>	 <p>Tommy is a 5-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Case #K1580</p>	 <p>Chuck is a handsome black and white cat. Case #K1473</p>
 <p>Willie is an older, big & handsome Malamute mix. Case #1119</p>	 <p>Curly is an 8-week-old kitten with only half of a tail. Case #K1443</p>	 <p>Joleen is a mellow 5-year-old Akita with pretty colors. Case #1079</p>

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