



THE FLASH City of Talent

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

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From the Mayor's Office

Over the years I have seen so many people contribute so much time and energy to make Talent a better place to live. This year we would like to recognize one such person with the first annual **Mayor's Citizen of the Year**



Award. This award will be given to an individual for their personal dedication to community-building programs or projects that have made a significant and positive impact on the quality of life in Talent.

I need your help in finding the one person, out of so many, who is deserving of this award for 2011. Please nominate the person you believe is the most deserving of the Mayor's Citizen of the Year Award by filling out the nomination form in this issue of the TNR. **Deliver your nomination to City Hall in person, by mail, or email by October 28, 2011.** You will find an electronic copy of this form on the City web site.

A committee comprised of one person from the Talent Chamber of Commerce, one person from the media (TNR), and one City Councilor will review the nominations and recommend to me the one person who is the most deserving of this award for this year. **I will present the Mayor's Citizen of the Year Award at a community awards ceremony on December 7, 2011.**

I hope I can count on everyone to help me honor the one person who has made Talent a better place to live.

Bill Cecil, Mayor
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Talent Artist Registry

The Talent Public Arts Committee is now accepting submissions for its own Artist Registry. This information will only be used to contact you for upcoming public shows in Talent, OR, or for related arts events. It will never be shared with anyone else without your express permission. Please submit to Talent Public Arts Committee at melissa@cityoftalent.org with the subject line "Talent Artist Registry".

In the body of the email, please provide the following information IN THIS ORDER:

1. Full Name
2. Phone #
3. Home Address
4. Business Address
5. E-mail Address
6. Web Address
7. Preferred medium(s)

We will be giving preference to artists who reside in Talent, OR, so this is your chance to get your work shown. We are currently showing work in the Talent City Hall lobby gallery

and intend to do rotating shows there, changing them out approximately every 2 months. Other venues will be added over time. Please help us showcase our local Talent in Talent by participating in this free of charge effort all run by unpaid volunteers. Help us to make your Talent known!

Call to Artists

The Talent Public Arts Committee is also accepting applications for our upcoming show *The Figure in Art* to be on view from Oct. 14th-Dec. 14th 2011 in the Talent City Hall Gallery. If you have 2-D work in this theme we would love to take a look. Only original artwork will be accepted (no reproductions). This is an *on-line only* process. Precedence will be given to Talent residents, though everyone is encouraged to apply. Details for submissions can be found by going to www.cityoftalent.org and downloading the "Call To Artists" form on the Public Arts Committee page. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 4th. For additional information you may call 541-621-6239.

Talent PD News By Chief Mike Moran

The transition to a merged dispatch center has been in place for over one year. But the changes keep coming. We are now in the beginning of a transition to a new report writing and records keeping system. There may be some bumpy spots in this but we will work through the issues.

October is a time where morning driving conditions are not ideal for seeing youngsters going to school. The Daylight Savings Time makes for longer daylight after work but cause dark mornings after some kids are on their way to school. Please use caution!

Standard time returns the first Sunday in November.

I have been asked recently about Grand Jury and how it works. In the State of Oregon, a person can be arrested without warrant if an officer sees a crime being committed or if he or she has probable cause to believe a crime was committed. If the crime is a misdemeanor the person is given an appearance date to appear for trial.

In a felony matter, a case is often presented to a Grand Jury before an arrest is made to obtain an indictment and an arrest warrant. The Grand Jury also hears cases presented regarding people already arrested and the Grand Jury is then asked to indict the person.

The Grand Jury is made up of 7 Jackson County citizens. They listen to a presentation of facts by the investigating officer, the victim and witnesses. If 5 of the 7 feel the facts warrant it, a True Bill is returned and the suspect is indicted.

You could be chosen to serve on the Grand Jury as the process is similar to being chosen to serve in a regular courtroom jury. It used to be that only registered voters were in the jury pool. Now, DMV records are also used to compile a list of potential jurors.

It is an honor and civic duty to be asked to serve on a jury and it is a key component in our criminal justice system.

What to do with all of your leaves?

Here are some ideas:

- Spread as mulch on your yard or add to your compost
- Deliver to someone who wants them. The leaf exchange program operated by the Air Quality Program for Jackson County maintains a list of donors and interested recipients. Call Lynn at 541-774-8207 for information. (The Fry family of the Fry Family Farm in Talent wants your leaves, call them directly at 535-8044)
- Drop off plastic bags of leaves for free at the Recology Recycling Station on Water St. in Ashland on one of 3 Sundays later this fall, November 6, November 20, and December 4 from 9-5 where they will be taken for composting. If you want to drive a bit further, you can drop off yard waste including leaves free of charge daily at the Rogue Disposal Recycling Station at 8001 Table Rock Rd in White City.
- Have them picked up at curbside by using compostable leaf bags in November and December. These special leaf bags may be purchased from Recology at a discounted price of \$10 for 5 bags at their office: 170 Oak St in Ashland. These will magically turn into compost as well.

News from the Parks Commission

If you are a Dog Park user, you've probably wondered what happened to all those benches, tables, chairs and pools, that were there one day and gone the next.

First of all, we would like to thank everyone, who enthusiastically brought their extra chairs and extra doggy bowls to share!

Unfortunately, we cannot keep all those items in the park, due to liability issues. Chairs need to be City approved, for safety reasons. An array of doggy bowls have been found tossed by the wind or other unknown forces onto Talent Avenue, and the pools simply didn't last long, because of complaints.

If you want to bring something of your own to use at the park, remember to take it home with you. If you have brought something to the Bark Park that has been removed by the City, please contact City Hall or Public Works to pick it up.

Thank you for all the donations that have come in so far! We really appreciate your effort to make the Dog Park and Talent nicer!

If you would like to contribute to a bench or trees, etc, please sign up on the donation sheet you can find at the front desk at City Hall. Thank you!

Please note that the tennis courts at Chuck Roberts Park will be under repair soon. There are some serious cracks in the surface that need to be taken care of. The City is waiting for the special patching material, which takes about four days to dry. The basketball court at Chuck Roberts Park has recently been repaired as well and is good to use again.

The summer program from the Parks and Recreation Commission has been a great success this year! Thank you to all who made this annual program possible and successful. A big thanks, especially to Brian McKinnis, who was the head of the planning!

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We are always happy about suggestions regarding the summer program or possibly an ongoing recreational program here in Talent. Maybe you have a talent you would like to share with others or would like to teach something? Please feel free to send any ideas to the Parks Commission at City Hall.

The next public meeting of the Parks Commission takes place at City Hall at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, October 12th.

News from the Planning Department

Sign Ordinance Amendment - Public Art:

On October 19th, 2011 the City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss an amendment to the Talent Sign Ordinance exempting public art from being considered a sign as long as such art is first approved by the City Council. As defined, signs are anything ranging from a mural to a figurine, including various art mediums. By exempting public art from the sign ordinance, property owners and citizens can petition the Council for consideration.

Volunteers Needed:

Spring is quickly approaching and the City is looking to fill some vacancies on both the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee. Except during the holidays, the Planning Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center and the Architectural Review Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Civic participation can be very rewarding and educational. Please contact Planning Director Mark Knox at 541-535-7401 for any specific questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Flood Insurance - Prior to the Rains

The City of Talent participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that makes available federally backed flood insurance for all structures, whether or not they are located within the floodplain. More than 25 percent of NFIP claims are

filed by properties located outside the 100-year floodplain, also known as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Following the purchase of flood insurance, NFIP imposes a 30-day waiting period, so residents should purchase insurance before the onset of the rainy season to ensure coverage during the flooding season. Please be aware that standard homeowner or renter insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. Before a person can receive a loan or other financial assistance, there must be a check to see if the building is in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The SFHA is the base (100-year) floodplain mapped on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). It is shown as one or more zones that begin with the letter "A" or "V". Copies of the FIRM are available for review in the City's Planning Office. Many lenders and insurance agents also have copies. It is the agency's or the lender's responsibility to check the FIRM to determine if the building is in an SFHA, although the City will provide assistance. Please contact Planning Director Mark Knox at 541-535-7401 for any specific questions.

Urban Renewal News

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

Citizen/Business Board Member Needed:

Are you pleased with what urban renewal has done in the past? Are you intrigued with what urban renewal has scheduled for the next six years? If so, consider becoming a member of the Board of Directors. For more information and for an application, contact Executive Director Marla Cates.

Old Theater Relocation:

The old Camelot Theater was purchased in 2009 by the Agency to make way for the extension of Main Street in 2012. Subsequently, Talent resident Chris LaDue stepped forward to acquire and relocate the building to property on Wagner Creek Road. As of this writing, the metal beams required for the move have been crafted and are on site, and preliminary prep work for the move is anticipated to follow.

Façade Improvement Grant for new Simply Sassy site:

The Agency recently authorized a grant to assist a façade improvement project at 100 West Valley View, the former site of Paradise in Bloom (which has moved to Market Street) and the new site of Simply Sassy salon, a long time downtown business. Watch for a new front door, rear access ramp, and signage designed to mimic original window openings in this vintage building, part of the original 1930's Talent Auto Court.

Seiber Street Now Complete:

The first phase of the West Valley View project, Seiber Street, is now complete. General clean up and a few last minutes touches still remain to be done, but the street is now fully accessible for parking behind the new Camelot theater. For the next year, Seiber Street must be entered via New Street (near Umpqua Bank). To exit, use the turnaround and exit via New Street, or exit via the one-way alley north of the new theater.

Camelot "Recycles" Its Annex:

Special thanks to Camelot Theatre for finding a new home for its "annex", the mobile home formerly serving as dressing room and rehearsal space. Re-use is always the best use.

2011 Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival was a great success. For a review and photo essay, see pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

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