



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

I grew up in a small mountain community in Northern California. Just about every time a major storm would move through the area the power would go out, sometimes for a week at a time. At the same time



it was also common for the roads to be closed into the valley where we lived. My family was always prepared to take care of ourselves for extended periods. We always had a supply of nonperishable food, candles, kerosene lamps, and a good supply of wood for heat and cooking. Today the infrastructure is much more reliable but we still need to be prepared for emergencies. I encourage each household to seriously analyze what resources your family will need to be self-sufficient, without services, for at least a week and maybe two. There are endless resources available to help you do this. One of the best is the internet. Just type in emergency preparedness into your search engine and see what pops up. One good internet site is: www.ready.gov. But in the end, good common sense goes a long way in preparing for an emergency. Food, water, heat, light, and the ability to cook go a long way in coping with a disaster. You may also want to participate in a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Contact Fire District 5 for information on how to do this. In the event of a disaster you can be assured that Chief Moran and the Talent Police Department will be actively engaged in keeping your family and property safe. You can also be assured that Lester Naught and his Public Works Crew will be working hard to restore services to our City. Let's all hope we never need to face a disaster in Talent, but if we do let's be prepared.

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Bear Creek Greenway Under Construction in 2012

Several sections of the Bear Creek Greenway are slated for repair in the summer of 2012 and there will be times when closing portions of the trail will be necessary. Specific dates have not been determined, but Jackson County will maintain updated information in three places: a message phone

line- 541.770.7799, the Bear Creek Greenway- Jackson County Facebook Page, and the Jackson County website at www.jacksoncounty.org/bearcreekgreenway. Updates will be made as changes occur, at a minimum weekly, once construction begins through project completion. Please plan your trips on the Greenway accordingly and respect construction zones and trail closures. The repairs will be a temporary inconvenience, but they will make for a much improved trail experience for everyone once they're completed!

Repair project locations include:

1. .25-miles of trail approximately 1 mile north of the Ashland Dog Park.
2. 3.5-miles from South Valley View Road in Ashland to Suncrest Road in Talent.
3. .25-miles between Fern Valley Road and Northridge Terrace north of Phoenix.
4. 3.5-miles from Barnett Road to the Biddle Road ramps (north of Railroad Park) in Medford.
5. Smaller projects later in the summer may include sealing the pavement, installing signage, and other miscellaneous repairs. These will have less impact to the trail. Google Map: <http://g.co/maps/9dq9x>.

Celebrate Arbor Day at the Great Green Garden

Don't forget to join the City in celebrating Arbor Day, Tuesday, April 3rd at 2pm at the Talent Great Green Garden Gazebo, Talent Elementary School at 2nd and Wagner St. The program includes the reading of the winning poem from 4th and 5th grade class entries on "Why I Love Trees" and the planting of 3 Almond Trees in the garden.

Our state celebrates the first week in April while our national holiday is April 27. This is our city's opportunity to highlight the benefit of trees by dedicating a special tree as well as be recognized for our 12th year as a Tree City USA Community. This is a great celebration for all ages so come on down and bring your children; there are special activities planned including a poetry contest about trees for the fourth and fifth graders. For more information please contact Melissa Huhtala at 535-1566 or email: melissa@cityoftalent.org

From Parks and Recreation

Keep a look out for the **Summer Recreation Program Brochure** it is coming soon! This year there some of the most popular classes from the past will be back such as: **tennis, kids art and various crafts, guitar lessons, swimming, drumming, sewing, cooking, jump rope and dance.** There will also be some new classes like **writing workshop, drumming, and kids tumbling and dog obedience.** Back by popular demand will be the **environmental classes** with trips to Mt. Ashland and

the Applegate for fun and important nature studies. Look for our summer brochure titled "**Got Talent**" and start planning you summer fun right here in Talent.

News from the Parks and Recreation Commission

Summer Youth Program

Our **annual summer youth program** needs instructors (ages 18 and older) to teach classes and workshops. We hope to offer an enriching variety of sports, arts and crafts, life skills, and self-improvement classes for young people. If you have a talent you would like to share and are interested in offering a class or workshop (for pay!), please contact program coordinator Brian McKinnis at Brian@cityoftalent.org.

Attention All Dog Lovers and Bark Park Users!

Are you interested and motivated to improve our dog park? Do you have some time and ideas to share? A Bark Park group is forming, which will be responsible for communicating suggestions and ideas to the Talent Parks Commission. If you are interested, please contact Parks Commissioner Janet Chose at tandjchose@charter.net.

Planning Department

Volunteers Needed

The City is looking to fill a vacancy on the Architectural Review Committee. Except during the holidays, Architectural Review Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Architectural Review Committee reviews new development and legislative code amendments relating to architectural design and policy within Talent's Old Town District. Civic participation can be very rewarding and educational. Please contact Mark Knox at 535-7401 or Melissa Huhtala at 535-1566 for any specific questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Graffiti

Over the last couple of months there has been a rash of graffiti siting's, mostly concentrated in and around the Talent Old Town District and specifically within the 100 and 200 block of Talent Avenue. Graffiti is not a typical issue for Talent, but it does occasionally occur. And, if left alone, it could easily spread and negatively impact the community's charm. As such, the City of Talent will be attempting to curb the graffiti by focusing on its quick removal, publicizing it as an issue, and to have our Police patrols looking-out for suspicious activity. If you see suspicious activity relating to graffiti, please immediately call the Talent Police Department's dispatch center at 541-776-7206.

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Talent PD News By Chief Mike Moran

In another article in this edition of FLASH by City Planner Mark Knox you will read about graffiti in Talent. I just want to add that Crimestoppers recently featured this issue and is offering reward for information leading to an arrest. Information can be anonymous. If you know who has committed graffiti in Talent, especially the gang related kind, call Crimestoppers at 1-800 3 DETECT 1-800 333-8328. Refer to case **030612.**

Another aggravating crime is when you are the victim of theft. Many thefts can be prevented by the simple act of locking your doors to your car, outside buildings and your home. There has been a rise in recent theft activity involving unauthorized entry into motor vehicles also known as UEMV's. In the majority of UEMV cases the vehicles were unlocked. While Talent is a wonderful small city, it is not immune to criminals.

I'd like to talk a little about Talent PD history for a bit. It was 50 years ago in the summer of 1962 that the City of Talent hired Charles H. Roberts as Chief of Police. Chuck has served this community in so many ways beyond his 22 years as chief. He was a past member of the School Board. He served as a Talent City Council member. Plus, Chuck and his wonderful wife, Ruby, played a huge role in the early days of the Talent Harvest Festival.

I also appreciate that Chuck gave me my start in law enforcement by encouraging me to be a reserve for Talent in 1975.

Chuck turned 90 a couple of months back. I am amazed at his knowledge of things going on in town. He is still very involved. I think it may be my turn to buy coffee so I can find out the latest scoop.

Thanks for all you have done for Talent, Chuck.



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2012

The time has come once again to start planning for the 2012 Talent Harvest Festival. Please come and be involved with one of the greatest events in the City of Talent. There is plenty to do whether you want to be a part of the Committee, be a Parade Entrant, Volunteer, Sponsor or Vendor!

The next Harvest Festival Committee meeting will be Thursday April 12th at 2:30 at City Hall.

If you would like more information please contact Melissa Huhtala at 535-1566 or email: melissa@cityoftalent.org.

Now on View at the Talent City Hall Gallery: *The Wild Life*

The Talent Public Art Committee is proud to announce our newest show at the Talent City Hall Gallery. Featuring local visual artists from Talent and the Rogue Valley at large. This exhibit will be on view from April 9th through June 7th at the Talent City Hall, located at 110 E. Main St. in Talent, OR. Hours are from 8am-5pm Monday-Friday.

Please come check out the Talent in Talent and support local creativity and culture!

City Hall Mailing Address Reminder

With the recent changes in the Postal Service delivery system, we would like to take this opportunity to remind our citizens that the City of Talent does not have street delivery and only receives mail at the Talent Post Office. All mailed correspondence should be addressed to:

**City of Talent
PO Box 445
Talent, OR 97540**

For your convenience, utility payments may be made at the following drop box locations:

**Talent (Medicap) Pharmacy
205 N. Pacific Hwy
(Collected weekly)**

**Talent City Hall
(white drop box in driveway)
110 E. Main St
(Collected daily)**

Time sensitive payments, such as payments made after the due date should be made at City Hall.

If you use an auto pay service through your bank to pay your utility bill, please take a moment to verify that your utility account number is correct and the mailing address is P.O. Box 445, Talent Oregon 97540. These few simple steps will help ensure timely receipt of your payment.

City of Talent April Calendar of Events

Monday, April 2

Court 3:00 pm Comm. Center

Tuesday, April 3

Arbor Day Celebration 2pm TES

Wednesday, April 4

City Council 6:30 pm Comm. Center

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Together for Talent 3:00 pm City Hall
Historical Society 4:00 pm Museum

Wednesday, April 11

Parks 6:30 pm Comm. Center

Thursday, April 12

Safety Committee 11:00 am City Hall

Monday, April 16

Court 6:00 pm Comm. Center

Tuesday, April 17

Urban Renewal 6:00 pm 102 Home St.
Arch. Review 6:00 pm City Hall

Wednesday, April 18

City Council 6:30 pm Comm. Center

Thursday, April 19

Public Arts 6:00 pm Comm. Center

Thursday, April 26

Planning Comm. 6:30 pm Comm. Center