



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

The family unit provides the basic structure for our community. I was reminded of how important the Boys and Girls Club is to the family unit and the health and well being of our community at a recent meeting I attended to discuss the Boys and Girls Club summer program. Many working parents depend on this club as a safe, positive and fun place for their kids to go after school, from 2:30 pm to 6:30pm. This is an amazing service for \$40 per year. In the summer months the club extends their hours from 7:30am to 6:30 pm to accommodate working parents and again provide the kids a safe and structured place to be. The cost for Boys and Girls Club extended summer hours is based on actual costs. The club hopes to offer scholarships to those families who cannot afford this additional cost. The club in Talent presently has a membership of 297 kids. As we all know, kids left to their own devices can be problematic, not only for their parents but the community as a whole. I encourage parents to call the Club Director at 541-292-4851 if they believe the Talent Boys and Girls Club may be a service to their family.



In today's world of gangs, drugs, kidnappings, etc., there is a real need to provide a safe and structured place for our kids to be. This not only benefits individual families but the community as a whole. If you would like to be a part of helping the families and young people of Talent, I urge you to contact the Boys and Girls Club at 541-292-4851.

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City Council Elections 2012

Interested in running for office? Now is your chance! The filing period for the Talent City Council vacancies for the General Election on November 6, 2012 will be:

FIRST DAY TO FILE	-
July 19, 2012 8:30 a.m.	
LAST DAY TO FILE	-
August 23, 2012 5:00 p.m.	

Election packets will be available for pick up **Monday, July 16, 2012 during normal business hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Talent City Hall: 110 East Main Street, Talent, OR 97540. (forms will not be available electronically).**

Open Positions on the City Council:

Councilor #2 – Four Year Term

(currently held by Sherman Lamb)

Councilor #3- Four Year Term
(currently held by Kierstin Brown)

Councilor #4 – Four Year Term
(currently held by Teresa Cooke)

Councilor #6 – Four Year Term
(currently held by Edwin Jerome McManus)

Candidate Requirement: Qualifications to become a candidate for a City Office include both residency and being a registered to vote prior to petition submittal. A person cannot file for more than one position during a single election.

City Election Officer: Filings for City Office are to be submitted to the City Recorder for processing.

For more information you can go to the city's website: www.cityoftalent.org or contact City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala at 535-1566 or email: melissa@cityoftalent.org

Talent PD News By Chief Mike Moran

"Summertime temperatures cause crime increase!" That is not exactly true but one could make a case that correlates some increase in crime activity to the sweltering heat we experience during summer months in Talent. The reason is people seeking relief from the heat tend to leave windows open on both homes and cars and then forget to secure them. Unauthorized entries into cars during the summer are mostly into unsecured cars.

Windows left open at night should have some means to keep the windows open enough for a breeze but not for someone to crawl through. Plus when you leave your home closing those windows will keep burglars out during your absence.

Crimes of opportunity are the easiest to prevent by removing the opportunity.

Our traffic tip of the day relates to license plates. Oregon requires both front and rear plates. It is also required they are clearly visible which means sticking the front plate in the dash is not sufficient and it means plastic covers over the plates are illegal. I am asked why we care about only one plate on a vehicle. Often thieves steal one plate and use them on suspect cars. Sometimes the missing plate is used to avoid registering two cars. Having both plates enables witnesses to more easily catch the plate number if need be.

When you get stickers to renew your licenses be sure to put the new stickers for the year on the bottom right side of the plate and the month on the bottom left. I have seen confusion over the last few years as the month numbers are the same as the year numbers. Going into 2013 that should decrease. Also note that the month sticker has the name of the month in small print on it.

Finally I would like to encourage you call whenever something does not look right to you. It may be nothing but why not let the police check and determine that? If you don't feel the incident is a 911 type of call, please

call the non-emergency line at 541-776-7206. Our dispatch center has direct 24/7 access to the officer on duty versus calling our office line. Enjoy summer in Talent.

Schools out! Schools out! Now what? Talent Parks and Rec's "Got Talent?" That's what.

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 and the City of Talent at 110 East Main St. *Come on and join the fun!*

Parks and Recreation July Calendar

Cooperative Games Ages 5-8
July 2,3,5,6 M ,T,TH,F 10:30-11:30am \$20
Everyone's a winner if they're having FUN!

Break-dance Workshop W/Lui-G
Ages 8-16
July 2,3,5,6 M ,T,TH,F 4-5pm \$40

Children's Tennis Lessons
July 2,3,5,6 M ,T,TH,F 9-10am \$25
July 16-19 Mon.-Thur. 9-10am \$25
July 23-25 Mon.-Wed. 9-11am \$35

Learn to Play Guitar Ages 8-15
July 10-26 Tues & Thur. 10-11am \$40

Drums and Rhythm Ages 8-15
July 12-26 Tues-Thur 11:30-12:30 \$40

Rogue Rock Gym
July 13 Friday 11:20-2:30pm \$18

Backyard Nature Discoveries Kids from 1st to 5th grade
July 20 Friday 9-11am \$5

Discovering the Applegate Kids from 1st to 5th grade
July 27 Friday 9-3pm \$10

Skateboarding
July 30-Aug 3 Mon- Fri 9-11am \$40

Weed Abatement Update From the Police Department

Fire season has officially started as of June 20, 2012. Talent City Ordinance #716 section 3 states that property owners have 10 days to cut their weeds after fire season has been declared, before we can enforce this ordinance. We are asking that citizens who would like to file complaints of this section of the ordinance wait for the duration of 10 day period, before filing their complaints. So, property owners have until July 1, 2012 to clear the weeds. We will begin taking citizen complaints on July 2.

This year we will be trying a new

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approach in hopes that lot owners will start complying as soon as they are notified. After a complaint is taken we will check the property to make sure the property is out of compliance. If it is, we will send the lot owner one certified letter asking them to comply with the ordinance. After 15 days of receipt of the certified letter, if the property is not in compliance we will use Community Justice to abate the property, and the lot owner may be cited into Muni Court.

Weed abatement complaints can be sent to Amesur@cityoftalent.org or call 541-535-1253 ext.. 1101. Citizens can come in to the station and advise of a complaint too.

Trees Please!

Talent Friends of Trees, a new branch of Together for Talent, is looking for Talent's most cherished trees. Trees give us so much – flowers, fruit, and fall color, shade and shelter, wildlife habitat, climbing retreats, tree houses, and backyard swings, plus cleaner air and water. Here's your chance to say thanks! Nominate your favorite tree from our city's streets, parks or private yards. Whether it's a grand specimen or a twisted survivor, a huge shade tree or delicate decorative, a pampered exotic or stalwart native, we want to hear about it. Bring your choice to talentfriendsoftrees@gmail.com or call Elizabeth at 541 499-2264 with your pick. What kind is it, where is it growing and why do you love it? Please include a name and a phone number or email along with your message so we can follow up for more details.

In addition to identifying special trees of our community, Talent Friends of Trees plans to survey existing trees, facilitate tree planting, and provide information through workshops, articles and access to experts. Anyone wanting to help is welcome to join us.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2012

It is almost that time of year again! For that true Harvest feel the 2012 Harvest Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 6, 2012.** For almost 40 years this has been an annual event in the City of Talent. The Harvest Festival is open to the public

with **no admission.**

The Harvest Festival Committee has already been working really hard to make this a Festival to remember! The festivities will begin with a pancake breakfast from 7-11 am provided by the Chamber. The morning will continue with a 10K Run or 5K Run/walk hosted by Southern Oregon Runners which will begin at 8 a.m. and end just in time for you to enjoy the parade at 10 am. We have great ideas for the parade this year and would love as many participants as we can get! Start thinking of your entries now! Floats, music, dancers, roller-skaters, cars, bikes etc.! Come one come all!!

If you are interested in having a booth, being a parade entrant or being a sponsor for this fabulous community event, please visit the city website www.cityoftalent.org and complete the applications. You can also come by Talent City Hall or call (541) 535-1566 or more information.

From the Parks and Recreation Commission

A reminder to all residents: Our tennis courts in Chuck Roberts Park are for tennis and pickleball use only. Lately, people have been using the courts for such activities as soccer, bike riding, scooter riding, and chalk art. And, please, no throwing rocks from the playground onto the tennis courts! When residents who want to play tennis drive up and see the courts being used for other purposes, they could change their minds and go home. Surely, they shouldn't have to chase people off the courts so they can use them. Parents, please help us in getting this message to your children, who may be using the courts for other things besides tennis and p-ball.

The Summer Recreation Program has begun, but it is not too late to sign up your child for enriching, fun-filled classes. Classes run through August. Pick up a schedule and registration form at City Hall.

The organization, I Heart Rogue Valley, is coordinating a Day of Community Service on July 28. A list of the many volunteer projects occurring throughout the valley on that day, including some maintenance projects in our Talent parks, is up on the website www.iheartroguevalley.com. Check it out, and please consider participating.

If you are community-minded and love our parks, why not serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission? We are still short of our seven-member capacity. Application forms are available at City Hall.

Talent City Hall Art Gallery

Now showing "Students of Lithia Springs" exhibit, featuring Lithia Spring students. All original works! Come view this great display! It will be showing through July.

All you artists out there get ready for the next exhibit titled **"What makes Talent Your Talent"** this exhibit will run from August to September.

Please come view and support the Talent Public Art Committee members who will be showing their art work at the Talent Art and Music Festival on Friday, July 13th from 5-8PM. **Megan Headley** will be exhibiting abstract oil paintings as well as providing light refreshments of wine and cheese. The address is 106 Talent ave. suite 5, Talent, OR 97540 (Follow signage to the back south side of the building by the parking lot.) Karen Rychek will be exhibiting her mosaic and ceramic

art at the Total Picture located at 201 Talent Avenue. You will also want to check out Ron Hodgdon's artwork and his wife Jesse Hodgdon's handcrafted recycled dolls which will be displayed at Paradise in Bloom at 108 S. Market Street.



Firelines

by Dan Marshall, Fire Chief
Jackson County Fire District N0.5

Fire Season Begins

Fire season in Jackson/Josephine counties began on June 20, 2012. Fire season is determined by the state forester when vegetation becomes dry and fires become harder to control.

The fire danger level moved to "moderate" (blue) on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at 12:01 a.m. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) will be 1 (one).

Fire Season Restrictions

- Debris burning is prohibited.
- The use of fireworks on forestlands are prohibited.
- Commercial operations such as timber harvesting conducted on forestlands are required to have fire suppression equipment on the job site at all times.

Other restrictions regarding camp fires, smoking and traveling in the Wild and Scenic section of the Rogue River can be obtained by calling the Oregon Department of Forestry, in Central Point at 541-664-3328 or go to www.swofire.oregon.gov.

Defensible Space/Wildfire Safety Tips

Defensible space is the best protection your home can have from a wildfire. It helps firefighters to safely and effectively defend your home. During fire season, it's especially important to limit or remove flammable vegetation. Keep your property safe by maintaining your defensible space each year.

- Create a 30' to 100' safety zone around your home.
- Remove loose vegetation at least 15' from your home.
- Remove flammable debris from your roof, gutters and downspouts.
- Store flammable liquids in safety containers.
- Store fire wood at least to 30' from your house.
- Mow native vegetation within 100' of your home (4" or less).
- Replace flammable groundcover with fire resistant landscaping.
- Always, make sure you have working smoke detectors and have a fire extinguisher available.

If you have questions or need more information regarding fire season, defensible space, wildfire safety or other fire safety issues please feel free to call 541-535-4222, or check out our website at jcf5.com.

Have a firesafe summer and remember, at Jackson County Fire District N0.5 "We Still Make House Calls".