



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

For the last year or so I have been struggling with how to better communicate with the citizens of Talent in a timely fashion. I have looked into social media, e.g., Facebook, but there are a number of legal and logistic issues that make social media complicated in the public sector. To resolve this, beginning on the first day of October there will be a "Mayor's News" site on the City web site (cityoftalent.org). I will post information on this site which I believe to be timely and important to the citizens of Talent. You may also find emergency information on this site such as road closures, fire, etc. I will also be soliciting your input on issues. If you would like to comment on any of the information on Mayor's News site, you will be able to click my e-mail address at the bottom of the page and reply directly to my mail box. We will periodically update this site as needed. My hope is to keep the citizens of Talent better informed on the issues facing our City and to keep me better informed on your thoughts on resolving these issues.



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WELCOME TO THE CITY

Greetings neighbors and friends, my name is Dave Maynard and I am proud to be the newest addition to the Community Development team here at the City of Talent. I have been a resident of Talent for over nine years and have volunteered my time to various community based organizations. These include: 3 years as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Talent, Den leader for Talent Cub scout Pack 110, Phoenix-Talent Pop Warner, and the Friends of Talent Police board member.

For the City of Talent I will be conducting various tasks in the planning department, but my main focus will be enforcing City codes and ordinances. Code enforcement can be very important to a city's vitality and it encourages people to become an active member and take pride their City. That is what I Love about Talent. So many of us take great pride in our little Community and we are delighted to say we live in Talent. I hope to continue to make the residents of Talent proud to call this City home.

With this honor, I look forward to working with each and every one of you so we can strengthen the bond we all have with the Community we all love. Feel free to call me with any code enforcement questions me at 541-535-7423 or email dmaynard@cityoftalent.org

Citizen of the Year Award Nominations

Each year the Mayor recognizes one person for their dedication and contribution to community building programs that have made a significant and positive impact to the quality of life in Talent. **You can nominate an individual for the 2012 Mayor's Citizen of the Year award by sending their name along with a description of why they should be the Citizen of the Year to Melissa Huhtala at City Hall.** Nominations can be delivered in person to Melissa at City Hall, by mail to P.O. Box 445 Talent, Oregon, or email to Melissa@cityoftalent.org.

A committee comprised of one member of City Council, one member of the Talent Chamber of Commerce and one member of the media will make the final selection. The Mayor will present the "Mayor's Citizen of the Year Award" at an annual awards ceremony on December 5, 2012.

FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Volunteers Needed:

The City of Talent is looking to fill two vacancies on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission provides a variety of services to the City, including reviewing development applications and drafting ordinances relating to comprehensive planning and zoning outcomes. Except during the holidays, the Planning Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center. 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 within 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.

From the Parks and Recreation Commission

We Need to Hear From You

As directed by Mayor Cecil, the Parks Commission has begun revising the City of Talent Parks Master Plan. The Master Plan will set goals and guide decision-making for our parks for years to come. **Public input is an essential part of this revision process.** Therefore, if you have suggestions, wishes or constructive criticism about our beloved parks, we urge you to let us know. You can drop off your comments at City Hall, or e-mail them. And/or you can pick up a survey at City Hall that the Parks Commission has created.

Welcome New Parks Commissioners

The Parks Commission has two new Commissioners, Jeanne Tribble and Jeff Rehbein, and one new Alternate Commissioner, Ryan Pederson. The Commission is now just one Alternate away from operating at its full capacity of seven Commissioners and two Alternates. Alternate Commissioners perform all the duties of Commissioners, including voting at meetings if a Commissioner is absent. Pick up an application at City Hall if you are interested in serving.

Talent PD News By Chief Mike Moran

Thefts On the Rise

In the last few weeks we have seen an increase in thefts from vehicles. Please lock your vehicle even if it is in your own driveway. Plus remove valuables from the car each night. We also have had a burglary of a home where entry was gained via a door left unlocked. While Talent is a wonderful small city, we do have crime occur. Please call when you someone suspicious. If it is not a 911 level emergency, call 541-776-7206. This connects you with our Dispatch Center. Calls to our business office may go to voice mail and by calling Dispatch directly, we can respond more quickly and efficiently.

Bath Salts

Bath salts is a slang term for a type of designer drugs that may contain substances which when ingested can produce a high similar to that of cocaine or methamphetamine. However emergency rooms reported seeing the

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more prevalent negative effects such as very high blood pressure, hallucinations, extreme paranoia and an unusual level of pain tolerance.

Bath salts are being seen more frequently by law enforcement in the valley. Contacts with several individuals who have used bath salts have resulted in extremely violent behavior by the person towards police and medical personnel.

Bath salts can be smoked, swallowed, snorted or injected. They are illegal. They have been sold in a variety of retail businesses including "head shops." They come in interesting packages but the key is the warning on most packages that they are "not fit for human consumption." If you find such items, contact local law enforcement.

Halloween

With Halloween coming up this month please keep these safety tips in mind to ensure that everyone has a safe Halloween night.

Make sure that costumes are bright and reflective. If they are not already reflective, adding reflective tape to the costume or trick or treat bag can be helpful. Carry a flashlight and be sure it has fresh batteries. Only go to well-lit homes. Remain on porches and do not enter houses.

Cross the streets at a corner and don't assume you have the right of way. Drivers may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Do not cross mid-block.

If older children are going out alone, plan a route and establish a time for when they should return home. Have them carry a cell phone.

For those staying home and handing out treats, prepare your homes for Trick-or-Treaters by removing objects from the approach to the front door to reduce the chance that someone will trip.

HARVEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 6th!!!

Don't forget the **Harvest Festival** is right around the corner! Join us **Saturday, October 6th** for a fun filled event for all ages. There will be many activities for all to enjoy including: delicious food vendors, local beer and wine garden, arts and craft booths, pony rides, rock climbing wall, a dunk tank and much more. Our live music features: **Rogue Suspects, Mariachi Centella, Flat Five String Band and Lovebite**. There will also be live dancing and a clown show. You don't want to miss out on this wonderful community event so be sure to mark your calendars. There is still time if you would like to participate in the **Parade** or be a **vendor**. You can find applications on the City website: www.cityoftalent.org or at City Hall. For more information please contact Melissa Huhtala at 541-535-1566 or melissa@cityoftalent.org.

'Firelines'- Open House- October 9, 2012 Fire Prevention Week- "Have 2 Ways Out" by Dan Marshall, Fire Chief Jackson County Fire District # 5

The fire district's annual open house is scheduled for October 9, 2012, from 5-7pm at our Headquarters Fire Station 1, 5811 South Pacific Highway, Phoenix, Oregon. The annual open house is scheduled in cooperation with National Fire Prevention Week which is October 7-13th. This year's fire prevention message and theme will be "Have 2 Ways Out".

Open House activities will focus on how to 'protect your family from home fires' and emphasize the importance of fire-safe family habits including fire escape planning and practice to ensure you "Have 2 Ways Out" when it counts the most. There will be several interactive displays highlighted by the use of the fire safety trailer, designed to identify home fire hazards, train families on home fire escape planning, and stress the importance of 'working' smoke alarms.

Additional fire prevention stations will include wildfire safety tips for homeowners, emergency preparedness information and firefighter protective clothing and apparatus and equipment displays. We will also have simulated firefighting (spraying water) for the kids, and of course a 'stop, drop, and roll' challenge for the entire family.

Come on down and join the fun, meet your firefighters and enjoy free refreshments including the world famous barbecued hot dogs.

Remember at Jackson County Fire District # 5-"We Still Make Housecalls"

Talent Public Works Construction Projects

The City of Talent has several projects going on around town. Slight traffic delays have been seen on Talent Avenue near Main Street due to Urban Renewal work that has been under way as part of the West Valley View Plan. Along with this work the City has a contractor beginning installation of underground utilities on Gibson and Fairview Street. Once the underground work has been

completed the contractor will begin replacing the existing road section. Traffic in this area is definitely affected and we appreciate your continued patience. The City crews will also be finishing up irrigation installation and landscaping along Arnos Street between Talent Ave and Hwy 99. If you have any questions please call Talent Engineering at 541-535-5531.

TREES

Look for Talent Friends of Trees at the Harvest Festival, in the Together for Talent booth. Talent's Cherished Trees will be featured - with a place to add your own - and arborist Chris John will be on hand, from 11:00 to 1:00, to answer your tree questions. After the festival you can still offer your favorite tree; just email talentfriendsoftrees@gmail.com. Also, the seeding rescue project is moving ahead and needs 1 and 5 gallon planting pots for the planned tree nursery. Please email us or call Liz at 541 499-2264 or Sharon at 541 535-9055 if you have used pots to donate.

November & December Leaf Recycling Opportunity 2012

Please keep leaves out of the landfill and from clogging the storm drains to our streams. We will compost leaves for you.

Come to the Recology Ashland Sanitary Service office at 170 Oak Street in Ashland to purchase (5) Pre-paid bags for \$ 14.50. **Talent & Ashland residents have limited discount on bags from 10/29-11/12. Thanks to City of Talent, City of Ashland Public Works, the Conservation Commission & Recology Ashland Sanitary Service : (5) bags @ \$10 w/ a two package limit.** This is for those living inside the urban growth boundary only.

These pre-paid bags are for **leaves only**. There is a 35 pound limit. Bags will be picked up **curbside only**. Customers must live within the urban growth boundaries of Talent and Ashland.

Please place your pre-paid leaf bags curbside in November and December only. Place leaf bags on the curb on trash pick up day during GREEN DEBRIS & RECYCLE week. If you are not on green debris service, call office for pick-up schedule.

Leftover bags may be used again next year at this time.

For more information call 541-482-1471, or visit www.RecologyAshlandSanitaryService.com.

THOSE FALLING LEAVES

Here are some options for using or recycling those beautiful leaves this fall:

- Leaves are great for compost or mulch in your garden.
- Leaf Exchange-Do you have extra leaves, or are you someone who can't get enough? Contact Jackson County Air Quality at (541) 774-8207. Each fall they send out the names of both to interested parties who then contact each other to make arrangements for pick up.
- Leaves can be dropped off at the Recology Recycling Center, on Water and Van Ness St in Ashland from 9-4 pm on November 11, December 2 and December 16.

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