



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

We all know one thing for sure -- water is not cheap in Talent.

We also know that we have a reliable system that delivers quality water. This was not always the case. When I moved to Talent in 1997 the City had just initiated a moratorium on building because of the lack of water. (It also didn't taste very good!) Nothing happened in Talent for several years. To alleviate Talent's water problem, the City negotiated a 4.5 million dollar loan to finance a tie to the Medford Water System and acquire water rights from Lost Creek Lake. This was a bold and necessary step for Talent to move into the future. About 20% of a typical water bill today is to pay the debt service on this loan. But that's not the end of the story. The City needs to insure that we can continue to provide a dependable supply of water to the citizens of Talent. The City Engineer tells us that a number of the City's water lines are nearing the end of their useful life. So now what? You guessed it, more money! To better understand what we need to do, the City Council asked the City Engineer to prepare a water rate study that defines what we need to do, when we need to do it, and at what cost. Over the next several months the City Council will be reviewing this study to determine how to best provide a dependable water system at a reasonable cost to the citizens of Talent. Each one of you can help your city government do this by participating in any public hearings and town hall meetings related to this issue. You can also contact me directly at mayor@cityoftalent.org or on the "Mayor News" site on the City of Talent web page. You can check this page for the latest news that affects the citizens of Talent.

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Talent Harvest Festival Striving Toward Zero Waste

This year the Harvest Festival made impressive progress in reducing waste. Together For Talent's goal remains zero waste at the Harvest Festival – adding nothing to landfill. The Harvest Festival was able to achieve new levels of waste reduction in five areas: Durables (reusable silverware), Waste/Recycling, Clearstream Containers (for returnable bottles and cans), Water on Wheels (two stations with cool fresh drinking water), and elimination of Styrofoam beverage cups, plus Master Recyclers to provide information and answer questions. The major step taken was the successful replacement



of plastic silverware with regular silverware at both the food booths at the Pancake Breakfast.

The Together for Talent committee is proud of the achievements made this year at the Harvest Festival and the cooperation and support of the Harvest Festival, the vendors, and the Master Recyclers in a continuing effort of "Striving Toward Zero Waste."

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for the Talent Tree Lighting Celebration on December 11, 2012. Along with the tree lighting there will be entertainment and refreshments. The festivities will begin at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

IN SEARCH FOR HOLIDAY CAROLERS

If you are interested in sharing your singing voice around the City of Talent and for the Holiday Celebration please call Carolyn Cecil at 541-535-5863 or email melissa@cityoftalent.org, with your name and contact information (phone number and email address if you have one).

Adopt a Family for Christmas

The Christmas tree will be up at the Talent City Hall on November 26th. We are kindly asking the community to join our City employees along with Fire District #5 in effort to make Christmas special for some of the less fortunate families in our area.

If you would like to help please stop by City Hall and pick up a gift tag from our Christmas tree. Each tag will have the first name of one family member and suggested gift from the wish list for that person. We will gladly accept donations of wrapping paper, gift tags/stickers, bags, bows and ribbon to wrap these gifts in.

If you have any questions please direct them to Leslea Heiken or Coleen Bradley at City Hall, 541-535-1566 or leslea@cityoftalent.org.

Thank you so much for your support!

'Firelines' Home Heating Safety Tips Submitted by Dan Marshall, Fire Chief Jackson County Fire District # 5

Summer fire season ended October 16, 2012, and as the weather begins to change from fall to winter, our calls for service change as well. Instead of battling grass and brush fires we begin to receive calls for structure fires.

A majority of the structure fires are related to home heating including fireplaces, woodstoves, portable space heaters and electric baseboard and wall heaters. As winter weather arrives it is very important to inspect home heating equipment before using them.

You can keep you and your family safe by following these home heating safety tips:

Fireplaces and Woodstoves

- Have chimney and woodstove flues inspected and cleaned each year by a qualified chimney specialist. Check for creosote deposits, soot build up, physical damage.

- Always use a fireplace screen. Make sure the screen is made of sturdy metal or heat tempered glass to prevent sparks from escaping.

- Keep a clutter-free environment. Clear the area around

the hearth of debris, decorations, and flammable materials.

- Store kindling, fire logs and wood at least three feet from any heat source.

Portable Space Heaters

- When using portable heaters make sure they come with an automatic tip-over switch and a high-temperature limit switch.

- Give heaters space. Keep at least three feet of space between the heater and combustibles.

- Check heater electrical cords.
- Never use an extension cord with a portable electric heater.

- Unplug heaters when not in use.

Electric Baseboard and Wall Heaters

- Beware of electric baseboard and wall heaters. These heaters are thermostatically controlled and may turn on without warning when temperatures drop.

- Keep combustibles clear. Give heaters space (at least three feet).

Also, working smoke alarms save lives! Install smoke alarms on every floor of your house, outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom. For more home fire safety tips contact us at 541-535-4222 or on our website at jcfd5.com.

Remember at Jackson County Fire District # 5 "We Still Make House Calls".

From the Parks and Recreation Commission Parks Survey Results

Talent residents love their parks! They find them to be clean and not crowded, and they appreciate that they provide a range of activities for all ages. On the other hand, Talent residents would like to see more connectivity between parks, as well as more development within the parks system. These are just some of the results from the survey that Parks Commissioners handed out during the Harvest Festival. **As the Parks Commission continues to revise the Master Plan for our city's parks, we need even more input from the public.** If you haven't completed the survey, it's available at City Hall. It will take only about five minutes to do it, and your input will help us chart the course for our parks for years to come.

Talent PD News By Chief Mike Moran

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on November 4 when you move your time backward one hour to 1:00am. While that creates an extra work hour for those on the over-night shift it also gives you an extra hour that weekend.

Unfortunately, the shorter days and earlier hours of darkness also create more opportunity for crimes to occur. We typically see more car break-ins, more frequent graffiti, and more home burglaries. Please lock your vehicles and your homes.

Additionally, I have seen an increasing number of bicyclists and pedestrians placing themselves in danger during darkness by walking or biking without lights in the roadways. Sometimes dusk and just before dawn are as bad as full darkness for drivers to see them. If you are a pedestrian or bicyclist please try to make yourself as visible as possible.

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As for drivers, driving any motor vehicle is a serious matter. Please give it your full attention. In addition to slowing down, please don't use cell phones while driving. Talent PD will be continuing to actively focus on citing those who continue to drive while improperly using a cell phone.

In November, the Oregon Peace Officers Association will be honoring one of Talent Police Department's officers at their annual banquet. Officer Dan Moulin will be receiving the OPOA Life Saving Award. Along with Officer Aaron Hull of Phoenix PD and Deputy David Duke of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, they will be honored for saving the life of a young woman who drowned in a swimming pool in Phoenix earlier this year. The quick and professional actions of these law enforcement officers saved her life.

Trees for Talent

Do you dream of giving your yard some color with a maple, or planting a tree to keep your house cool in summer? Do you pull out volunteer tree seedlings from your property and wish you could find a home for them?

Whether you're trying to give a tree or gain a tree, Talent Friends of Trees wants to help. The new group, which is part of the city's Together for Talent committee, is planning to start a small tree nursery on unused city property. Right now, they are looking for tree donations, large nursery pots, and a few people with muscle-power to move, re-pot and replant trees. Please call or e-mail Sharon Anderson if you are interested: 535-9055, scanderson1@charter.net.

More trees please! The group is continuing to identify special trees in Talent. If you know of one that you think deserves recognition, email talentfriendsoftrees@gmail.com with information.

2012 TALENT HARVEST FESTIVAL

The 2012 Harvest Festival has come and gone and what a great turn out! Not only was it a wonderful day of Community Celebration we also had fantastic weather.

An event like the Talent Harvest Festival happens only with the concerted efforts and incredibly good

intentions of MANY folks. This year's endeavor was no exception. We had some long timers on the committee as well as some newcomers that put in hours/weeks/months of preparation. We also had amazing assistance the evening prior and day of the Harvest Festival that contributed to the smooth running of the event for all of the attendees. Special thanks go out to our volunteers: Leslie, John, Laura, Robin, Rob, Ava, Dakota, Alicia,

McKara,, Linda, Jackie, and Marlaine. Another thank you goes to Ray's Food Place and Figaros for sponsoring the Friday night vendor/volunteer appreciation night.

Some of our volunteers were newcomers others were just visiting our town and yet others are middle school students who gave much to ensure the success of the 2012 Talent Harvest Festival. We encourage anyone who had a good time at the celebration

consider being on the committee next year!

Thank you to all of our wonderful vendors, entertainment, parade entrants, volunteers and generous sponsors! Your support is always greatly appreciated!!

Other appreciated sponsors:

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MORE THANK YOUS
Special thanks to Alan Deboer for the amazing fly over before the parade!

And to Talent's soon to be Brammo for riding in our parade.

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