



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 recent events in Moore, Oklahoma remind me how important it is to be prepared for a natural disaster. One

day we are going about our normal routine, mowing the lawn, cleaning house, taking the kids to school, -- the next day, our world is completely changed. How well we are prepared for a natural disaster will dictate how well our families survive such an event. This month I have decided to print an excerpt from my April 2012 Flash. I think you will see why.

"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."

Bill Cecil, Mayor
541-535-1566
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The Talent Public Arts Committee Presents: CLICK!

Works in Photography with local artists Melanie Cardinal, Julie Young, Nancy Archard, Mike Potts, Kate Morrocco, Meri Walker, and Ron Hodgdon. On view from May 6th-July 5th, 2013 from 8:30am-5pm Mon.-Fri. at the Talent City Hall Gallery- 110 E. Main St. in Talent, OR.

To be on the Committee, to participate in future exhibitions, to make a donation, or for more information please contact the Talent Public Arts



Committee through City Hall or on the web at TPAC@cityoftalent.org

CALL TO ARTISTS

The Talent Public Arts Committee is seeking submissions for its next show "Explorations in Graphic Arts and Illustrative Media". We are looking for works in Typography, Bookmaking, Printmaking, Poster art, Digital arts, and other art reproduction processes.

The show will run from July 8th - Sept. 6th, 2013 in the Talent City Hall Gallery at 110 E. Main St. Talent, OR. **Deadline for submissions is June 12th, 2013.**

Information and instructions can be found on the city website at www.cityoftalent.org. Go to the "Call to Artists" on the main page, right side column.

Please be sure to read the "Call to Artists Guidelines/Application" before submitting. Please note that the fillable form and photos WILL NOT SUBMIT AUTOMATICALLY. It must be saved as a JPG and emailed to TPAC@cityoftalent.org.

For help or questions, please call Karen @ 541-621-6239 or email us at TPAC@cityoftalent.org

Expecting, Opening Reception at Ashland Painters Union

Opening on June 7th, 2013, Expecting will feature abstract watercolors and installation art by Talent artist, Megan Headley. A public reception will be held from 5PM to 8PM on Friday, June 7th at the Ashland Painters Union. There will be a live performance by The New Reeds, a saxophone quartet, from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Ashland Painters Union is located in Ashland at 27 1/2 North Main St. #2, upstairs on the Plaza, across from the Lithia water fountains.

Ashland Painters Union Gallery is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1PM to 5PM and by appointment.

www.ashlandpaintersunion.com
www.meganmheadley.com
720-269-9295

NEWS AT CHUCK ROBERTS PARK

There is a new swing set at Chuck Roberts Park! Come down and enjoy a nice day with the kids!

From the Parks and Recreation Commission

Summer Recreation Program

The summer recreation program gets underway in June and runs through the summer. Schedules are available at City Hall or the city website. Once again Brain McKinnis, the program director, has put together a great program, offering many fun and enriching classes, workshops and activities for our kids. There are even some classes for adults, such as the popular dog-obedience sessions with Juanita Fagan.

Spraying in the Parks

Did you know that the lawn area at Talent Commons, between City Hall and the library, offers a herbicide-free place where children can play? Other city parks are sprayed. The city always posts the date of each spraying, and the type of herbicide used, at these sites.

Talent PD News By Chief Mike Moran

With warmer weather here I have some seasonal information to share from the police department.

In mid May, Medford Police responded to a report of a burglary that occurred between 9:00p.m. the previous evening and about 4:30 a.m. while the occupants slept in their house. They had left the rear sliding glass door open to allow fresh air through the night. When they woke up they reported they were missing an iPhone 5, an iPad and a laptop computer, which had been in their living room.

While officers were on scene, the victims used an app on the iPhone called "Find my iPhone." This allows the phone's owner to activate the app from a different device to locate the phone.

The phone gave a location in the

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parking lot of a nearby apartment complex. Officers responded to that location and found the suspect sleeping in a car and subsequently found the stolen property and arrested him.

Police would like to remind residents to secure their doors and windows at night. If you want to leave a window or door partly open, make sure there is a locking mechanism in place to ensure a burglar cannot enter. This same advice to lock-up holds for your garage and your vehicles. There are thieves in every community, yes, even Talent. Thus the perception that crime prevention is for big cities is false. Do whatever you can to make your property from inside your house, to your car, to your mailbox is secure.

Talent has a partnership with Recology, our refuse removal service provider, on a couple of projects. Every spring Recology offers a free green debris drop off day to Talent customers. This year there were 41 Talent residents who took advantage of that. Recology said they will be happy to offer it again next year.

Recology also designed and constructed our prescription drug drop off box in the lobby of TPD. They donated it to us. Recently, we disposed of 80 pounds of prescription drugs. The box is available Monday thru Friday 8 to noon and 1p to 4p. If you bring items please place the pills in a plastic baggie and deposit your pill bottles elsewhere.

We DO TAKE the following items: Prescription meds; over the counter meds; pet meds; medication samples; ointments; liquid meds in leak proof containers (preferably also placed inside a plastic baggie).

We DO NOT TAKE the following: medical hardware such as needles, or thermometers or inhalers. We also DO NOT TAKE bottles of hydrogen peroxide, food items; supplements, aerosol cans, or any medical waste items. We have limited storage for all of this and our costs for disposal must be kept low for the program to succeed. Please use the box only for the items listed as acceptable.

Talent Chamber of Commerce

Small town, big dreams, bright future!

As part of our partnership with the City of Talent and the businesses in our small community we call home, the Talent Chamber of Commerce and its board want to thank our existing members for all their support and ask that everyone welcomes our newest members into the Talent family.

New Chamber Members

Avalon Bar & Grill, Inc.
105 W Valley View Road, Suite 1
Talent, OR 97540
541-535-6677

Rays Food Place
215 East Wagner St.
Talent, OR 97540
541-535-2613

Congratulations!

Water Conservation Tips

We are coming into the season where water usage tends to go up due to nicer weather allowing for more outdoor activities. Citizens are reminded to be especially conscious of water usage during this time of year. Water is a non-renewable resource. You can't make it or grow it so we need to protect what we have by saving. Here are a few tips that take little to no effort but will help with our conservation efforts in a big way.

HOUSEHOLD WATER SAVING TIPS

□ Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering indoor plants or gardens. Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water for watering plants.

□ Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes over 2,700 gallons of water in a year.

□ Replace showerheads with ultra low-flow versions.

□ Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of insects or tissue in the trash rather than the toilet.

□ Check your toilet to see if it has a leak. Place a drop of dye in the tank of the toilet. Wait ten minutes without flushing; if the dye color comes into the bowl then you have a leak. A leaky toilet can use thousands of gallons of water each month, which converts in to a large water bill.

□ Place a plastic bottle filled with water in your toilet tank to reduce the amount of water used per flush.

□ Avoid letting the water run when brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving.

□ Operate dishwashers only when they are completely full.

□ Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Do not let the tap run while you are waiting for water to cool.

WAYS TO SAVE WATER WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR LANDSCAPING

□ Use mulch to retain soil moisture. Mulch also helps to control weeds that compete with landscape plants for water.

□ Avoid sprinklers that spray a fine mist. Mist can evaporate before it reaches the lawn.

□ Raise the lawn mower blade to at least three inches or to its highest level. A higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root

system, and holds soil moisture.

□ When it is necessary to water, do so in the early morning hours as there is less of a chance for evaporation or loss of water due to wind.

□ Only water your lawns and gardens as necessary. IT IS ***NOT*** NECESSARY TO WATER YOUR LAWN EVERY DAY. Every other day can sometimes be too often. Consider converting your sprinkler system to an “**Evapotranspiration Manager Weather Based Landscape Irrigation System**” or “**ET Manager System**” that regulates the frequency and length of watering time based on the **actual** needs of your lawn. Talk to your local landscaping company about some great systems that are available at little cost to convert. The savings you will see in your water bill will more than pay for the cost of converting your system.

Stop by the Utility Department for more ideas on water conservation.

NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

AHHHH! Summer is almost here. Time to fire up the weed eaters and lawnmowers; tackle the yard and *maybe* get a handle on the never ending honey-do list that has been lingering all winter. Although, I hate to add more to the list but this is a great time to remind our citizens about Ordinance 716- Uncontrolled growth of grass, weeds or other vegetation causing fire hazards and it states the following:

It shall be unlawful and a public nuisance for any owner or occupant of real property in Talent to allow grass, weeds, brush or bushes, or any like vegetation over the height of ten inches (10 in.), to remain upon such real property, or upon adjacent streets or alleys ten (10) days after fire season

This year the Police Department will be working with the Planning Department to cover the issue of enforcing this ordinance. Fire season is rapidly approaching so please be prepared to address this issue. Let's work together to keep our City safe and beautiful.

Do you have questions or comments about Talent specific Ordinances? Contact Dave Maynard at: dmaynard@cityoftalent.org or call 541-535-7401