



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

Someone once told to me that Historical Societies were just a bunch of old people trying to relive their past. In reality, historical societies are the keepers of our history, the good, bad, and the ugly. Our history helps us understand that we are just the latest in the number of great people who have shaped the culture of Talent. I am amazed at how much the Talent Historical Society has been able to accomplish with so few people and so few resources. In the last couple of years, they have hosted several living history programs along with operating a museum and maintain historical archives. The first two living history programs were receptions for Senator Lynn Newbry and Alice Burnette. Alice was one of the driving forces behind the original Talent News Flash. For many of us, these receptions were an opportunity to meet some of the great people who shaped the culture of Talent and the Rogue Valley. Both individuals have now passed on. The Historical Society also hosted a program focused on the agriculture of Talent where they were able to sell a historical variety of tomato plant known as the Talent Tomato. Many Talentonians who planted this tomato have saved the seed to re-plant this year. More recently the Historical Society hosted a caravan of pre-1915 cars that were touring the area and the 1960's rock band, The Navaros. The Navaros were a well-known, locally famous band in the Rogue Valley and Southern Oregon during the 1960's.

For the Talent Historical Society to continue to be the keepers of our history and provide high quality services to the citizens of Talent, they need our help. I would like to encourage each one of you to take part in the Talent Historical Society, either as a member, volunteer or both. And the good news is that you don't need to be old or retired to volunteer, all age groups are most welcome. I guarantee that you will be rewarded with a sense of belonging and pride for your community. You can contact the Talent Historical Society at the Talent Museum adjacent to the Library or on their web site at www.talenthistory.org.

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From the Parks and Recreation Commission Questions, Anyone?

The Parks and Recreation Commission now has its own e-mail address: ParksComm@cityoftalent.org.



org. If you have questions or suggestions about our parks, please send them to us, and a commissioner will respond promptly to you. To report maintenance issues, contact City Manager Tom Corrigan (TCorrigan@cityoftalent.org), not the Commission, because only he can authorize the work order.

Chuck Roberts Park is Looking Good

The water fountains have been repaired, there's a new parking lot, a new swing set, and even a new bench. Our city's largest park is looking ever so fresh and inviting for a picnic, frolicking with your kids in the playground, whacking some tennis balls, or shooting some hoops. Enjoy!

Talent PD News

July is the month we receive the most complaints about illegal use of fireworks. However, New Years and other random events throughout the year also result in illegal use of fireworks. Therefore this article may be a useful reference beyond the 4th of July.

This year is a very dry year and the grass and weeds in the fields are very dry already. We are working on several complaints about that. Common sense should dictate that use of fireworks should be curtailed. Last year in Montana, the state stopped sales of fireworks due to the extremely dry conditions. That will likely not occur here. So, personal responsibility will hopefully prevail.

The following paragraphs are directly from Oregon Revised Statutes regarding fireworks. The definition of what fireworks are is provided as well as items that are OK. The brief version is sparklers, paper caps, smoke producing snakes and similar smoke devices are legal. Items that are not allowed for personal use in Oregon are: firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, bombs, rockets, wheels, colored fires, fountains,

Here is ORS 480.110 excerpted:

(1) *Fireworks means any combustible or explosive composition or substance, or any combination of such compositions or substances, or any other article which was prepared for the purpose of providing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and includes blank cartridges or toy cannons in which explosives are used, balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, bombs, rockets, wheels, colored fires, fountains, mines, serpents or any other article of like construction or any article containing any explosive or inflammable compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substances or inflammable compound; but does not include:*

(a) *Sparklers, toy pistol paper caps, toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper caps containing 0.25 grains or less of explosive compound are used, and when, the rate of burning and the explosive force of the materials in such devices are not greater than an equivalent weight of F.F.F.G. black powder, and when such devices are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the*

cap when in place for explosion, and the major explosive force is contained or dispelled within the housing or shell of the device, there is no visible flame during discharge, there is no flaming or smoldering of any of the components or parts of the device after discharge, and the device does not produce sufficient heat to readily ignite combustible materials upon which the device may be placed. The sale and use of such devices shall be permitted at all times.

(b) *Snakes or similar smoke-producing material containing not more than 100 grains of combustible substances when there is no visible flame during discharge, there is no after smoldering, and the devices do not produce sufficient heat to readily ignite combustible materials upon which the devices may be placed. The sale and use of such devices shall be permitted at all times.*

(c) *Model rockets and model rocket motors designed for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models. The sale and use of such devices shall be permitted at all times.*

Please have a safe summer, not only with fireworks but also keep our roads safe by reporting possible DUI drivers.

Planning Commissioner Openings

Looking for a Planning Commissioners! The Planning Commission meets regularly on the 4th Thursdays of the month. Currently there are 3 openings! The Planning Commission is an important element to Civic governance as it make decisions or provides recommendations to the City Council on most land use related matters.

Talent Conversation Box

Here is what the locals are saying:

Comments from the Community Conversation Boxes:

A carnival and I like that it's a good place to live. (with a rose drawn on the back)

The places

WalMart back please

A central plaza with trees, fountain, benches, tables – kinda like Ashland's Plaza (smiling face). . .

right in the middle of shopping

Clean up of TID ditch run-off behind Little League Field; 3 houses flooded in crawl space this winter on Arnos Rd.

Please feel free to stop by the Library or Rays Food and tell your fellow Talent citizens what you like about Talent, and what you'd like to see in Talent's future.

Requests for the Community Tree Nursery

As the tree nursery grows we are finding that we could use donations that would help us out. If you have a small **storage shed** that you no longer need that can be transported to our site, a small **wheelbarrow** or cart, **shovel, spading fork, hand trowels**, or a **watering can**, they would be greatly appreciated. We are still welcoming donations of trees in pots, especially deciduous seedlings or trees, to add to our nursery as well. Volunteers are also needed to help us maintain the nursery. For information or to make a donation, contact Sharon Anderson at 541-535-9055.

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"FIRELINES"-'Keep it Legal, keep it safe.'

June 23rd opened the season for fireworks sales in Oregon. Legal fireworks may be purchased only from permitted fireworks retailers and stands. The Office of State Fire Marshal has issued more than 795 retail fireworks permits, and 187 display permits.

Oregon law forbids possession, use, or sale of fireworks that fly, explode, or travel more than six feet on the ground or 12 inches in the air. Bottle Rockets, Roman Candles and Firecrackers are illegal in Oregon.

All fireworks are prohibited on all Oregon beaches, in parks and campgrounds.

Illegal fireworks can be expensive. Under Oregon law, officials may seize illegal fireworks and fine offenders up to \$500 per violation for possession of illegal fireworks and endangering life and property. Offenders may also be arrested. Any fireworks causing damage, or misuse of fireworks carries a liability for the offender, who may be required to pay for resulting fire or other damage.

Parents are liable for fireworks-caused damage by their children. Costs may include assessed fines as well as the cost of suppressing fireworks-caused fires.

Be safe this 4th of July, 'Keep it Legal, keep it safe.'

Dan Marshall, Fire Chief
Jackson County Fire District # 5

The Talent Public Arts Committee presents: Explorations in Graphic Arts and Illustrative Media

With Local Artists: Eddy and Jodie Arellano, Carrie Armstrong, Gary Foll, Ron Hodgdon, Larian, Amy Godard Navickas, Meri Walker, Shannon "Rastea" Woerner.

TPAC also presents 3-D works by glass artist Terry Cooper Sullivan.

On view from July 9th, 2013 - September 6th, 2013 from 8:30 am-5pm Monday - Friday at the Talent City Hall Gallery.

Opening reception will be held from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Talent City Hall July 12th 2013.

Call to Artists: Now accepting applications for our Sept. 9th - Nov.

8th show: Abundance

All 2-D media accepted for submission.

Deadline for submissions is:

August 14th at 5pm.

Application and information can be found at www.cityoftalent.org, click on CALL TO ARTISTS or by emailing us at TPAC@cityoftalent.org.

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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2013

It's almost that time of year again! The 2013 Harvest Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 5, 2013 with EXTENDED HOURS 7 AM- 6 PM!!** For over 40 years this has been an annual event in the City of Talent. The Harvest Festival brings families, and community together. The Harvest Festival is open to the public with no admission.

The Harvest Festival Committee has already been hard at work to make this a Festival to remember! The festivities will begin with a pancake breakfast from 7-11 am hosted by the Chamber. The morning will continue with a 10K Run or 5K Run/walk presented 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 have everyone participant! Start thinking of your entries now! Floats, music, dancers, roller-skaters, cars, bikes etc.! Come one come all!! We are also calling out to all you fun loving volunteers! Join us for a day of community celebration, harvest, parade, games, food, and great entertainment! If interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Melissa Huhtala at: melissa@cityoftalent.org.

If you are interested in having a booth, being in the parade, or being a sponsor for our biggest 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 TALENT CHAMBER

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 wants to thank our members for all their support!

Upcoming Events:

- The first Annual Mixer hosted by the Arbor House Restaurant will be held Friday, August 16, 2013.
- Informational Lunch will be hosted by Avalon Bar & Grill Wednesday, August 28, 2013. The topic will be the City of Talent emergency plan.
- The next Art & Music Festival is Friday, September 13, 2013.

The Talent Chamber 3rd Annual Golf Tournament will be host by Centennial Golf Course this year on Saturday, October 12, 2013. If you want to be part of this exciting, and fun event please contact Zach Bartlett phone :(541) 488-0301, email: zbartlet@amfam.com The Talent Chamber wants to golf with you!!

FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Quoting the lyrics- "Signs, Signs, Everywhere there's signs. Blocking out the scenery, breaking my mind" In the next couple months Code enforcement, Planning Commission and Staff will be looking to make amendments to the current sign ordinance in efforts to make our City more visually appealing. Community input is vital so please watch for posted meeting discussing this topic. Until then please be aware of the key points from our current Ordinance 8-3 Division J. Section 7-Signs, Billboards and Advertisement:

- No person shall hereafter install a sign unless the City has issued a valid permit for the sign, and no person shall allow or maintain on premises under his or her control, any sign hereafter installed without such permit.

PROHIBITED SIGNS

- No movable sign or bench sign shall be permitted except as may be otherwise permitted by Section 732 or Section 736.
- No flashing signs shall be permitted.
- No wind sign, device, or balloon shall be permitted.
- No three-dimensional statue, caricature, or representation of persons, animals or merchandise shall be permitted as part of any sign.
- No public address system or sound devices shall be used as part of a sign.
- No electrical reader board signs.
- Signs, which by reason of size, location, movement, content, coloring, or manner of illumination may be confused with or construed as a traffic, street, or emergency sign or signal, or cause any other hazardous or disruptive situation.
- No signs shall be affixed to telephone poles in the public right-of-way.
- No fluorescent colors shall be used in the design or construction of a sign

FOR COMMERCIAL ZONES

- o No more than two (2) types of signs are permitted per business or premise.
- o The total square footage allotted for all signs for each business or premise cannot exceed fifteen (15) percent of the total square footage of each wall area fronting along a street or 150 square feet, whichever is less.
- o No sign shall be permitted for a business or premise above the highest point of the roof.