



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

There has been a lot of press and talk about the future of the County Library System. The rhetoric will no doubt ramp up as we approach the end of the fiscal year where decisions will need to be made for the following year.

There will be numerous proposals, counter proposals and scenarios for keeping the libraries open -- how it will end, I don't know. So there is no misunderstanding, I would like to take this opportunity to tell the citizens of Talent my position on public libraries.

Public libraries are part of our American culture and an absolute necessity in a free society. All citizens should have access to information and thoughts, not just politically motivated information. Tyrannical governments do not allow public libraries or if they do, they control the content or who can access the information. This is just not an option in a free society. Many argue that libraries are obsolete as most all information is available on the internet. While there is a great deal of information available on the internet, not everyone has access to the internet. For many, the only place to access the internet or find information is at a public library. There is also the argument that electronic books are replacing paper books, so why have a library. I love my Kindle, but I also know there are many who cannot afford an electronic reader or the cost of books. Many libraries across the nation are making electronic books available for loan which may be the libraries of the future.

Public libraries are the keepers of information and thoughts about who we are and who we were. If I want to know how people lived and what they thought in the 1890's, I try to find books that were written in the 1890's. This is the type of information that becomes lost if we do not have a keeper. While historical societies focus on preserving our physical history, libraries preserve our cultural history. Both are extremely important.

Talent has had a library since 1920, one of the first in Jackson County. It occupied a corner in what is now our Community Center. Books were put out when the library was open then boxed up and stored when the library was closed. Today our library has one of the most modern and heaviest used in the system. If, at the end of this debating process, Jackson County decides not to keep the library open, then I believe that Talent, possibly along with other communities, should initiate and operate our own library. If Talentonians in 1920 can figure out how to do this, we should be able to make this happen. It may not be large, it may not be fancy, but it will be



open to all. So stay tuned.

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts regarding libraries. You can e-mail me at the address below or through News from the Mayor on the City web site.

Bill Cecil, Mayor
541-535-1566
mayor@cityoftalent.com

Be sure to check out the City of Talent's new and improved website:
www.cityoftalent.org

Parks and Recreation Summer Fun!

The City of Talent Parks and Recreation present summer camps for kids and adults!! Advance registration is required.

Beginning June 17 we have Adult Art classes that meet on Monday mornings for 6 weeks (\$78). For ages 8-16 Luigi, founder and trainer of Wicked FX Crew will be teaching a 4-day class for beginning breakdance at 6 p.m. June 17-20 (\$40.) Roller skating lessons at 10am on June 17 (\$8). June 25 - 27 is Kid's Cooking Camp (\$30). In July, Kids ages 8-15 can learn to play guitar from instructor Kyanna Kuriyama in a three-week session July 9-25 from 10 to 11 a.m. (\$40). Dog Obedience on Wednesdays beginning July 10 (\$45) Tennis lessons for kids in July and August (\$25/week) ages 6-14. Swim lessons July 15 - 18 and August 12 - 15. Skateboard Camp July 22 - 26 (\$40) Kid's Art Classes in August and Jump Rope Clinic August 6-8. All this and MORE is available through Talent Parks and Recreation.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:
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www.cityoftalent.org<http://www.cityoftalent.org or recreation@cityoftalent.org<mailto:recreation@cityoftalent.org

From the Parks and Recreation Commission Help Wanted

Congratulations to commissioner Ryan Pederson on his recent appointment to the Talent City Council! His departure, however, leaves the Parks and Recreation Commission short-handed. In fact, two commissioner seats, as well as two alternate commissioner seats, are vacant. Help! The commitment isn't too demanding—one meeting a month (second Wednesday) and some occasional homework—and you'll be doing a great service to our parks and community. Applications are available at City Hall or the city website.

Do you have ideas or questions about our parks? Maybe you would like to donate a million dollars! We'd love to hear from you: ParksComm@cityoftalent.org. For parks maintenance issues, contact the city manager: Tcorrigan@cityoftalent.org.

Talent PD News by Chief Mike Moran

One of the things I like to do is honor the achievements of the members of Talent PD Officer Bill May was honored by the local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in May for his diligent enforcement of DUII laws. His work is saving lives by removing impaired drivers from the road before they crash into you or someone you know.

Officer May recently received his 5 year award for his service to the Talent

Police Department.

At a recent council meeting, Officer Lencin Carnighan also received his five year service award. Officer Carnighan is usually on patrol during the night watch in the first half of the week. I received three citizen commendations about his work the same day recently.

August is my 5 five-year anniversary with the City of Talent Police Department. It has been a very good and unbelievably quick five years. As an historical footnote, on the day my tenure reaches 5 years and 8 days, I will become Talent's third longest serving police chief. My predecessor, Bob Rector, served 5 years and one week. There have been two longer serving chiefs. They include Dale Kinnan who served beginning in 1986 for over 11 years. The ultimate long serving Chief was Chuck Roberts who served over 22 years beginning in July 1962.

One of the issues facing small police agencies is the turnover rate. We are fortunate to have officers who all have over 5 year's experience in policing. Our two most recent hires were 4 and 3 years ago but both Officer Gail Schweizer and Officer Dan Moulin brought a great deal of prior experience to TPD. Ofc. Schweizer served previously with Ashland PD and Medford PD beginning in 1981. Officer Moulin has prior police, fire fighting, emergency medical responder and emergency dispatch experience.

Our officers are highly professional and capable. One of the reasons for their professionalism is the initial academy training they receive from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem. All police officers in Oregon go through a challenging 16 week course and then receive additional training from their agency. Throughout their career additional training occurs under the overview of the Academy. DPSST deserves the support and appreciation of all Oregonians for maintaining a high bar of police standards. However, their responsibility also extends to providing training for the fire profession, parole and probation, corrections, and emergency dispatch. Plus DPSST provides oversight of private security and private investigator standards. DPSST is not well known to the public at large, but their work makes our public safety employees excellent and that keeps us all safer.

From the Talent Chamber of Commerce Small town, big dreams bright future!

As part of our partnership with the City of Talent, and the businesses within the community we call home, the Talent Chamber of Commerce wants to thank our members for all their support.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

- Our Informational Lunch will be hosted by Avalon Bar & Grill Wednesday, August 28, 2013. The topic will be the City of Talent "Emergency Plan". This lunch is for everyone who is interested in the topic not just Chamber members.

- Art & Music Festival is Friday, September 13, 2013.

- The First Annual Mixer hosted by the Arbor House Restaurant Friday, September 20, 2013. This is the perfect opportunity to meet the business owners in the community.

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- The Talent Chamber 3rd Annual Golf Tournament will be hosted by Centennial Golf Course this year on Saturday, October 12, 2013. If you want to be part of this exciting, and fun event Chamber wants to golf with you!!

If you would like to be part of these events, join our Chamber as a business or household, please contact the Talent Chamber for details.

Contact: Talent Chamber of Commerce
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Talent, OR 97540, (541)535-3837
www.talentchamber.org, info@talentchamber.org

Board Member Appreciation
The Chamber would like to thank Dan Jackson, DDS for their service to the Chamber Board and community. Congratulations!

From the Talent Public Art Committee

The Talent Public Arts Committee is proud to present:

"Explorations in Graphic Arts and Illustrative Media" in the Talent City Hall Gallery at 110 E. Main St. Talent, OR from 8:30am-5pm Monday-Friday. The show will run from July 8th - Sept. 6th, 2013.

Also now showing: **The Glasswork of Terry Cooper Sullivan** - a beautiful collection from one of Talent's own multi talented artists.

CALL TO ARTISTS

The Talent Public Arts Committee is seeking submissions for it's next show **"Abundance"** in the Talent City Hall Gallery at 110 E. Main St. Talent, OR.

The show will run from Sept. 9th - Nov. 8th, 2013. **Deadline for submissions is August 13th, 2013.**

Information can be found on the city website at www.cityoftalent.org. Click on the "Call to Artists" on the main page, right side column. The application can be found on the Public Arts Committee page at www.cityoftalent.org/CCBIndex.asp?CCBID=6

Please be sure to read and follow directions on the "Call to Artists Guidelines/Application" before submitting.

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

Talent Artist Registry

The Talent Public Arts Committee is now accepting submissions for its own Artist Registry. This information will only be used to contact you for upcoming public shows in Talent, OR, or for related arts events. Please submit to Talent Public Arts Committee through TPAC@cityoftalent.org with the subject line "Talent Artist Registry" IN THIS ORDER: Full Name, Phone #, Home Address, Business Address, E-mail Address, Web Address and medium(s) you work in/with. We will be giving a slight preference to artists who reside in Talent, OR, though we accept all artists of the Rogue Valley (so this is your chance to get your work shown!). We are currently showing 2-D and smaller 3-D work in the Talent City Hall lobby gallery (110 E. Main St. Talent, OR) in rotating shows that change approximately every 2 months. Other venues will be added over time. Please help us showcase our local Talent in Talent by participating in this free of charge effort all run by unpaid volunteers. We are always looking for more help with the committee as well. Contact us at TPAC@cityoftalent.org to volunteer. Help us to make your Talent known!

From the Public Works Department

Let's all do our part to help conserve water this year, save energy, control costs and help the environment.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FROM THE CITY OF TALENT

Water Wise Lawn Care

Did you know that landscape water use typically runs 40-50 percent of your total use?

Water no more than every third day so the grass develops deeper roots and uses moisture deep in the ground.

Water in the early morning or late evening when there's no wind.

After a rain, skip watering until the grass dries.

Tips to Conserve Water Indoors

Change habits and use less water.

Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.

In the Bathroom:

Turn off water while brushing your teeth or shaving. (Saves 35 gallons a week per person)

Don't use the toilet as a trash can.

Take shorter showers or bathe in half a tub of water. (Saves approximately 75 gallons a week per person)

In the Kitchen:

Run the dishwasher only when it's full. (Saves 30 gallons a week)

Don't rinse the dishes before putting them into the dishwasher, scrape them clean. (Saves 60 gallons a week)

When washing fruits or vegetables, fill the sink with water instead of running the faucet. (Saves 30 gallons a week)

Store a jug of water in the refrigerator for cool drink.

Laundry:

Run only full loads in the washing machine (saves 100 gallons a week) unless you can adjust for smaller loads.

Pre-treat stains to avoid the need for rewashing.

Install water-saving fixtures and appliances.

Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.

Share water conservation tips with friends and neighbors.

Please: Report broken pipes, open hydrants and errant sprinklers to the property owner or City of Talent.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY WITH THE CITY OF TALENT

The following individuals have unclaimed property with the City of Talent. Please make arrangements to claim your property by October 1, 2013. Any property unclaimed as of October 1, (and having met the appropriate abandonment period), will be turned over to the Department of State Lands. Please contact Assistant Finance Director Kurt Sexton at 541-535-1566.

Brandt, Nick & April
 Carey, Jeffrey
 Crane Property Mgmt.
 Davis, Teri
 DeLong, Thomas
 Difruscia, John
 Doty, Levi & Kristy
 Epperson, Julia
 Evans, Chet
 Goyette, Dan
 Kennedy, Thomas
 Klinefelter, Roqusia
 Leventhal, Tai
 Lichtenwalner, John & Marne
 Mason, Genevieve
 Massey, Robert
 McWhorter, Shannon
 Norton, Greg
 Rickert, Kim
 Robak, Merlynn & Ronald
 Sadewicz, Katherine
 Salais, Sonia
 Stone, Elliot & Carolyn
 Stricker, Darby
 Vanderford, Austin
 Warner, Emilee
 Wolf, Dakota
 Wood, W C

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2013

Don't forget to mark your calendars for **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th for the 2013 Annual Harvest Festival!!**

There will be a wide variety of activities this year! Stay tuned for more details in the months to come!

Parade

This year we are promoting entries in the parade to display scarecrows in their presentations. Many folks last year had a lot of fun checking out scarecrows that children and groups made in the festival. For 2013, we will expand this activity to the parade! Be a part of this popular local décor and new tradition in the Rogue Valley.

Scarecrow Rules and Display Guidelines

Theme: Traditional – most likely to scare a crow, Funny, Family-Friendly. Typical Farm & Garden Scarecrows made from cast-off clothing, burlap, gunny sacks, jeans, overalls, straw hats, aprons, bonnets, corn shocks, raffia, straw, etc.

The City of Talent and volunteers are not responsible for any problems, including stolen or damaged items.

Applications for VENDORS, PARADE ENTRANTS, 5 & 10 K RUN, AND SPONSORS is available on the city website: www.cityoftalent.org

You are also welcome to come by Talent City Hall or contact Melissa Huhtala (541) 535-1566 or melissa@cityoftalent.org for more information.

