



THE FLASH City of Talent

An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works and Police Departments

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News From the Mayor's Office

At our March 19th City Council meeting I was happy to sign a proclamation declaring March 24th through March 28th as Boys and Girls Club Week. This event caused me to reflect on how



important the Boys and Girls Club is to our community. Without the Boys and Girls Club, many of our elementary school children would not have a safe and structured place to go after school. We all know that when children are left to their own devices, not many good things happen. Many working parents in our City cannot afford standard day care but must work to make ends meet. At \$40 per school year per child, the Boys and Girls Club offers an excellent alternative to traditional child care at an affordable cost. Obviously the \$40 per school year fee will not pay all of the costs necessary to run the Boys and Girls Club. Most of the additional funds necessary to run the Talent Club come from community donations and fundraising. There are a number of Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the State who have shut their doors for lack of community support. I am so proud to live in a community that supports our local club. Providing a safe and healthful place for our children to go after school is not only the right thing to do, but an investment in our future. Call Megan, Talent Boys and Girls Club Director, at 541-292-4851 for information on how to participate in such a wonderful and necessary program.

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

Farewell Frank Falsarella!

Please join us to say goodbye to a longtime citizen of Talent. At the April 2nd Council Meeting Mayor Cecil will be presenting Frank with a plaque of recognition. Frank was a past Mayor and a well-known citizen in the Talent Community! He will be moving in April to Mississippi to be near family. We wish him well and he will be missed!

Celebrate Arbor Day at Ray's!

Come join us as Talent celebrates Arbor Day on **Saturday April 19, 10 AM - 12 PM**. Hear the Arbor Day Proclamation read, as a forester from ODF presents the flag confirming that



Talent is once again a Tree City USA. Friends of Trees will plant a new tree donated by Ray's on the edge of the parking lot, corner of S. Market and E. Wagner.

Enjoy snacks and drinks that come from trees, as well as games, crafts, and wildlife displays. Children's activities will be fun and informative. Live music provided by Bird Lovers Glen! You can sign up to receive a free tree, along with information about planting and caring for trees.

Trees, Bees and Libraries
Together for Talent's Arbor month display at Talent library will look at orchards, beekeeping, and other highlights of living with trees in our community.

Green Up and Clean Up

Hosted by Together for Talent
Here's a hint of what's to come in May:
Saturday, May 10th
In conjunction with the Talent city-wide Yard Sale and the spring Garden Club plant sale, there will be a What-&-Where-You-Can-Recycle info table at City Hall and a drop off there for items that are not normally recycled: batteries, electronics, household goods...
Sunday, May 11th
Recology is providing a FREE yard debris drop-off for Talent residents.
Wednesday, May 14th
Award winning documentary film, "Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?" followed by expert panel, at the City Library.

Monday May 12th - Friday, May 16th
Litter Patrol (five areas in the City, one each day of the week).
Watch for final details in next month's Flash.
We are looking for fun projects for children. To get involved please call: Sharon Anderson [541 535 9055](tel:5415359055)

From the Parks and Recreation Commission

Frequently asked question: Does the city accept cash donations to help fund capital improvements in our parks?

Answer: YES!! For example, the city is seeking donations for the proposed walking/jogging trail in Chuck Roberts Park. Donations are also welcome to help buy canine play equipment at the Bark Park. If you would like to make a donation, e-mail us at ParksComm@cityoftalent.org.

COMMITTEE & COMMISSIONER MEMBERS!

Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission Openings

Currently the Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission has an opening for a Talent Resident! The Commission meets as needed every 2nd Tuesday every other month during the day. If interested you can get an application at City Hall or the City website: www.cityoftalent.org

Budget Committee

Currently there is 1 opening left for the Budget Committee. Members serve 3 year terms and meet primarily in April and May each year.

Planning Commission

There is currently Alternate Planning Commission vacancies. The Commission meets every 4th Thursday.

Parks and Recreation Commission

There is currently 1 vacancy for a Parks Commissioner and 2 vacancies for alternates. The Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Together For Talent Committee

Interested in becoming a Talenteer? This is a great Committee to be involved in if you have a passion for trees, trails, forums and want to help make Talent a better place.

Talent Public Arts Committee

Interested in bringing more beauty into Talent with art? This would be a great place to start! The Committee is currently looking for more members.

For more information for any of these vacancies please contact Melissa Huhtala at City Hall: 541-535-1566 or email: Melissa@cityoftalent.org. You can stop by City Hall for an application or find one online at www.cityoftalent.org

News from the Talent PD By Chief Mike Moran

The Spring hills surrounding Talent with beautiful Pear Trees in blossom is just one great reason to live in Talent.

To keep our town beautiful, I have a couple of reminders to share with you

1. Signs advertising yard sales really proliferate this time of year. It is illegal to post signs anywhere except in your own yard. I know that may make it hard to direct drivers to your house if you have a sale, but that is the situation. Essentially, if the property is not yours, to include public utility poles and bare ground near roadways, the signs can't be posted. The signs may be removed as time allows. The responsible person for the event can be cited for illegal sign posting. This includes posters for concerts and other events.

Regarding political signs that also will be everywhere soon, the same rules apply. You can't post them on anyone's property but your own. Signs posted along streets in the grass or dirt area between the sidewalk and road are illegal too. So candidates and campaign managers please post signs legally

2. Another "sign" of Spring is the

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growth of plant life. If you have a vacant or occupied lot with high weeds, Talent City Ordinance No.716 prohibits the uncontrolled growth of grass, weeds, and other vegetation. It also establishes the city authority to provide for abatement of over grown weeds, assess the costs of abatement to the property, and impose a penalty of up to \$100 per day as long as the violation continues. Overgrown vegetation can increase fire hazards significantly and we are obligated to help protect our citizens against such hazards.

Mowing or otherwise removing the uncontrolled vegetation is the responsibility of the property owner and must be completed within 15 days of receipt of a warning letter. If the condition is not corrected within the 15 day period, the **owners and occupants** may be cited for the violation, and the city may proceed to remove the unlawful condition and charge the owner with the cost of such removal.

I anticipate an early fire season declaration unless we receive rains of epoch proportions soon and for a few weeks. This year Code Enforcement at City Hall will be the coordinating office to gain compliance with this ordinance and Talent PD will assist as needed. They will also be putting out information about this issue. This is just an early alert to be ready to mow when fire season is declared by the State Fire Marshall.

3. One more thing in regards to Spring Cleaning, The DEA will again be sponsoring the eighth National Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, **April 26th, 10am-2pm**. The State of Oregon collected over 16,000 pounds of expired and unwanted medications during the 2 take back events in 2013. Talent PD has a take back box in our lobby for use during regular hours but we will be open this special time on April 26th too. Just remember, no inhalers or sharps. Also, food items and supplements can be disposed of in your garbage Please take the pills out of their original containers and put them in a baggie. This saves more room for us.

Mailing Address Reminder



Aylah Denise Moody



Emma Dawn Moody

The Post Office does not deliver to the street address for the City of Talent. Please make sure that anything that you are sending to the City of Talent is addressed to PO Box 445 Talent, OR 97540. If you pay your Utility Bill through your bank, please take a few minutes to check the address to which you are sending your payment.

Thank You

“A big ‘thank-you’ goes out to Carl Schauger this month. Carl is a member of the Parks Commission and the Friends of Wagner Creek group. He stepped up to create a plan for beautifying Wagner Creek Park. Look for some nice improvements as you walk along Rapp Road and cross the bridge at Wagner Creek.”

Welcome the Talent TWINS

Congratulations to Community Development Director Zac Moody his wife Melissa and twin brothers on their beautiful new additions!

Aylah Denise Moody 3 lbs 14 oz
 Emma Dawn Moody 2 lbs 15 oz
 Born 3/13/14 at 3:48am and 3:50am

Utility Billing News

Re-Starting Sprinkler Systems

Spring is just around the corner, and re-starting sprinkler systems will be on people’s to-do list. There are a number of tasks to do and items to look for when re-starting a sprinkler system after it has been turned off for the winter.

First, you will need to know where the sprinkler system shut off valve is located.

Determine which valve is the farthest from the sprinkler shut off valve. Open the valve so that the air can escape as the water fills the lines.

Next, at the main sprinkler shut off valve, **PARTIALLY** open the shut

off valve. It is important to let water into the system **SLOWLY**. You want to avoid filling the pipes to quickly, possibly producing water surging, or water hammer, which can damage sprinkler components.

Look for any other open valves that need to be closed, especially drain valves. Once all valves are confirmed closed and no problems are visible, fully open the main sprinkler shut off valve.

Operate each zone long enough to make sure the valves and sprinklers, or drippers, are functioning properly.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2014



Mark your calendars!! The 2014 Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014! 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 Committee is brainstorming ideas for a parade theme. We would love the Community’s input! If you have any suggestions or are interested in becoming a member of the Committee please contact Melissa Huhtala at: melissa@cityoftalent.org.

You can also come by Talent City Hall or call (541) 535-1566 or more information.

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