



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

News from the Mayor's Office

Summertime. Sunny days, vacations, lake day, enjoying relief in the evening shade, can all serve as welcomed distractions from



our very busy work lives. But the City marches on.

The Council selected a great applicant to the City Council, to fill the recent vacancy. Please join me in welcoming Christina Collins as Talent's newest Councilor. More information about Councilor Collins can be found on the City of Talent website.

Talent Council considered an ordinance to limit marijuana grows to indoor secured environments, to mitigate nuisance complaints and provide security. The decision was that it is too early to set limits.

Emelia Thiring, a student at Talent Elementary made a 13 slide presentation at Council called: Talent. Highlighting reasons to love Talent with amazing photos, everyone agreed that this presentation has a place somewhere in Talent's media outreach.

Talent Public Arts is developing an Arts Foundation after a successful fundraiser to finance the application for non-profit status. The Foundation is in need of more volunteers as founding members, with administrative skills and a heart for community art development. Please email your contact information to mayor@cityoftalent.org or call the Mayor's office at 541-535-1566.

The most concerning news came from the Medford Water Commission. They proposed rate increases to all "other cities" that exceed 40%, which will not be passed on to Medford customers. The MWC drives down rates for Medford to some of the lowest rates in the State, while increasing rates on everyone else. It's no surprise, that water use per household is high in Medford. Conscientious Talent has some of the lowest usage. City Council is taking a stand with a strong protest letter, submitted by our City Manager Tom Corrigan. I will join the City Mayors who plan to object at every opportunity, starting at a MWC work session in August.

Please check the city website for Commission/Committee openings. Serving Talent is an amazing experience!

**Grateful to serve
Mayor Darby Stricker**



Saturday, October 3 • 7am-4pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2015

It is almost here!!! **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd join us for the 2015 Annual Harvest Festival!!**

There will be vendors, artists, music, food, run/walk and many children's activities. The day begins at 7:00 a.m. with the Talent Chamber's pancake breakfast served until 11:00 a.m. The 5K/10K Run/Walk begins at 8:00 a.m. registration at 7:00 a.m. The Grand Parade down Main Street starts at 10:00 a.m. The live entertainment and music on the City Hall Stage in the park begins at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m. Our performances on the Main Stage include: **H'aena, Salsa Brava and Maestro and the Captains Flat 5 Flim Flam.** Entertainment on the second Stage include: **Jill & Daryl Fjeldheim clown show, Ballet Folkloria, and ScienceWorks!**

There will be growers' booths, arts and crafts, historic and fun information booths, apple pressing and some of the areas favorite food vendors all day long. For the kids there will be many activities such as: **rock climbing wall, face painting,** and much more! The Talent Harvest Festival is striving towards zero waste!

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.

Monarch Appearance in Talent by Dolly Warden

On July 2, I was walking home from the Post Office and just passed the Skate Park when I got to the crosswalk in front of City Hall. To my delight I saw a Monarch Butterfly flitting from

leaf to leaf on the milkweeds growing there by the roses. It followed me as I crossed the street, and later it flew on to check out the flowers at City Hall. I then lost track of it, but I went back to check to see if there were any eggs or caterpillars on the milkweed from this pollinator whose population has been cut to ten percent. Thanks to the weeders for allowing the milkweed (the Monarch's only food source for its caterpillars) to flourish.

From the Parks and Recreation Commission

Parks Repairs: At our July meeting, two community members expressed their concern about the condition of the tennis courts in Chuck Roberts Park. We thanked them for their input, and assured them that the Commission is aware of the ever-growing cracks at the courts, as well as at the skateboard park. After the Commission's annual parks tour in August, we will be submitting a list of repair projects to the City Council. These two concerns will definitely be at the top of the list. If you have other concerns, please let us know.

Contact Parks and Rec at Parkscomm@cityoftalent.org

News from Talent PD

By Chief Moran

This month is my 7 year anniversary with Talent PD. One of the great things about being with TPD is we have had very reliable staffing. Our personnel changes have been very few but last month, two long time TPD officers retired, Cpl. Dave Plummer and Ofc. Gail Schweizer.

We have filled one of those positions with a new officer, Bernard Rogers. He is a resident of the rural Talent area and has been a volunteer and reserve with TPD. Officer Rogers will be in training phase for several months and

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will attend the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training academy soon. We are very excited to have him join us at TPD.

Some of you may have noticed the new traffic lights at Highway 99 and West Valley View. I want to thank the Talent Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission and ODOT for getting them installed. It will make turns safer and make waits at the intersection shorter.

Bike lanes are heavily used in Talent. The PD strives to keep them open and will cite vehicles blocking them. I have noticed a lot of people using them as parking spots while they run up to a yard sale or during school, when they leave kids at school. If you leave your car in a bike lane it is a traffic violation and a safety concern as cyclists then have to go into the lane of traffic. The law allows stopping briefly to let someone out of the car but parking the car even for a few minutes is illegal.

We had a call regarding basketball hoops recently. The concern was hoops set up on sidewalks blocking the sidewalk. Any obstruction of a sidewalk is a violation of city code. This includes parking cars in driveways and blocking the sidewalk. The reason this is important, is pedestrians are then forced into the street.

TALENT ROUNDED IT UP!

Thank you all for your wonderful response to our 2nd "Round it up and Turn it in" Recycling Drop off, Saturday, May 9. Two hundred fifty vehicles dropped off 1000s of pounds of materials bringing their bags of batteries, pick up loads of household goods, backseats full of old TV's, bits and bobs of metal, and more all to be reused or recycle. You can view the collection statistics on the City of Talent website: www.cityoftalent.org on the Together for Talent Committee page.

Our apologies to those of you who came later in the day and found the recycler had already left. We had so much of a response that the vans filled up before the end of the event.

Special thanks has to go to these companies who donated their staff and vans for the day: ECS Refining

(Electronic Waste), Aaron Drake Metals and the Salvation Army. They were assisted by over 20 wonderful volunteers including several local Master Recyclers.

Next year, don't wait until May to recycle these items. Here's a link to the Jackson County Recycling Directory where you can find places to take all kinds of items: www.jcredirectory.org.

We are considering writing some articles in the future on recycling specific materials. What would you like to know more about? Email Sharon at scanderson1@charter.net or Julie at note4urstff@gmail.com with your questions or suggestions.

TOGETHER FOR TALENT
Waste Reduction Team

Special Clean Energy Artisans and Growers Market: September 11

Plan to stop by and check out local clean energy and energy efficiency businesses and organizations who will share how our community can save money and transition to clean energy on Friday, September 11 at the Talent Artisans and Growers Market from 5:30 to dusk at the Skate Park. If you have or know of a business that would be interested in participating, contact Sharon at 541-535-9055.

A community workshop on how Talent can move toward clean energy will follow on October 24th led by Lake County Resource Initiative and hosted in part by the Together for Talent Committee and Rogue Climate Talent.

**News from Fire District 5
By: Chief Welburn**

Fire District 5 would like to thank all of our District patrons for helping us to have a Fire Safe 4th of July. There were no fireworks related fires reporting during the long 4th of July weekend in our entire Fire District. Fire danger will be going to extreme soon and we will all need to do our part to eliminate human caused fires. We routinely

get calls from customers letting us know when they see unsafe practices that may start a fire. We appreciate getting those calls and investigate them and use the public interaction as an opportunity to educate the community on fire safe practices. One such recent call was a patron who had viewed a resident using a propane torch to eliminate weeds around their yard. This practice would not be allowed under the City of Talent burn restrictions.

We would like to remind all residents that fire prevention starts with YOU!

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 before October 1, 2015. Any property unclaimed as of October 1, (and having met the appropriate abandonment period), will be turned over to the Oregon Department of State Lands. Please contact Assistant Finance Director Kurt Sexton at 541-535-1566 with any questions or to claim your property.

- ABSOLUTE REALTY
- BELL KAREN
- BERGLUND ANDREA
- CARTER RAMONA
- CLANTON CARL OR AARON
- DAVIS TERI
- FARRELL STEPHANIE
- FREEBORN TAYLOR
- HESS DAVID
- HILL JOHN
- KOHAL DONALD D
- LOWE ERIKA & MICHAEL
- MARZOLF EMILY
- MORGAN TIM
- ONDREY ELMA
- PARKS JESSE
- PERPER REBECCA
- REYES JUAN & SYLVIA
- SADZEWICZ KATHERINE
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- SISKIYOU CHAPTER NATIVE PLANT
- SMITH KATRINA
- SULLIVAN FAMILY INVEST

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Please note these upcoming events/opportunities

Urban Composting Classes
2 Classes left - (1) advanced, (1) vermi-compost & Bokashi method
Saturdays from **10 am- noon** at the Recycle Center on Water St.
Learn to compost food scraps & organic yard debris

- Advanced Class – August 15th General knowledge of composting is required.
- NEW *Bokashi method & Vermi(Worm)Composting Class September 12th These are great ways to make nutrient-rich fertilizer indoors.

Classes are complimentary & sponsored by the City of Ashland Conservation Commission & Recology Ashland

Prescription Drug Deposit boxes
Keep prescription medications away from children & out of landfill, water supply & waste water treatment plant. Ashland & Talent Police departments collect these items.

Waste Prevention Tips
Before making a purchase ask:
Do I need this? Can I buy a used version? Can I borrow or rent this item?
If it must be bought new, can the new product be made from “recycled content” – from paper, metal, plastics, clothing or shoes? ALL of the items that we recycle may be purchasable as “new” products with recycled content. See if you can locate products made with “recycled content” or request them.

Recycle Center on Water Street is open Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm
For more info on ALL our programs check out our website at www.RecologyAshland.com or call 541-482-1471

Reduce - Reuse - THEN Recycle

Save The Date!

October 3, 2015 / 7am-4 pm

Thank You To Our Community Partners & Event Sponsors:







Hosted by The City of Talent, Partners, Sponsors & Volunteers

GREAT FUN FOR ALL!

- Our 5/10K Run/Walk & pancake breakfast
- Rock Climbing Wall
- ScienceWorks
- Face Painting, Jugglers
- Clowning: Jill & Daryl Fjeldheim
- Harvest Home area for Kids
- Wine & Beer Garden for Adults
- Incredible arts, crafts and farmers market*
- Local favorite foods and snacks
- **MUSIC:** H'aena, Salsa Brava, Maestro & The Captain's Flat 5 Flim Flam and Ballet Folklorico Ritmo Alegre!

Bring your family, friends & neighbors...
Discover Your Talent!

A Big Thank You To Our Master Recyclers...
STRIVING FOR ZERO WASTE!

7:00 am	The Pancake Breakfast (served until 11:00 am)
8:00 am	The 5K /10K Run / Walk Event
10:00 am	The Grand parade down Main Street
10:45 am	Live entertainment and music on the City Hall Main stage begins following the Grand Parade and continues through the day until 4:00 pm. There will be locally grown produce* arts & crafts, local beers and wines, apple pressing in the Harvest Home area, favorite local food vendors, activities for kids, games and much more!

* Free booth space for produce growers

To participate, volunteer, become a sponsor or vendor, and/or to join the 2015 Talent Harvest Festival parade, contact: Melissa Hutala: melissa@cityoftalent.org or call 541-535-1566. You can also find more information on the City's website at: www.cityoftalent.org
Please Join Us For This Seasonal Family Treat.