



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

Smoking is banned in the parks. The ordinance that was recently passed by the Talent City Council prohibits the use of tobacco in parks. Please look for signs that will mark areas where the ban exists. The City of Talent appreciates everyone's cooperation in making parks smoke free for families to recreate in!



Our City has been working on an economic opportunity analysis (EOA), discussed in Council President Ryan Pederson's first article on business and economy, here in the current Flash. The result of the EOA will support Talent in updating the economic element of our City Comprehensive Plan, one of our City's most important guiding documents. To be inclusive, we want to make sure that every interested citizen will have a voice. The proposed amendments will be subjected to two public hearings. Public hearings will be in July and in August. Please watch the city calendar on www.cityoftalent.org for the proposed document, dates and times if you wish to add your perspective or call 541-535-1566 and ask for a copy and how you can be heard. You can also add your input by emailing the City Recorder Melissa Huhtala at Melissa@cityoftalent.org.

In my very first Flash article as Mayor I quoted Elizabeth Zwick, who said as Talent's 2014 citizen of the year, "Talent is easy to love because it is easy to take part in" We have lost Elizabeth but her spirit truly lives on in our community. It was said at the tree planting ceremony dedication to her at Chuck Roberts Park, that Elizabeth would say "find your passion and do that!" What she did for our community as a volunteer, was to inspire others to roll up their sleeves and "take part". Whether your passion is recreation, arts, business development or keeping our environment safe, Talent has a committee opening for you to "take part" in! Please consider joining other volunteers in making Talent a great City! Check out our city website or call for ways to get involved.

*Grateful to serve,
Mayor Darby Stricker*



Saturday, October 1, 2016

News from Talent PD By Chief Whipple

For this issue of the Flash, I want to discuss two completely unrelated subjects. The first being drug use and overdoses and the second being one of my favorite holidays of the year, Independence Day and the celebrations that come with it.

The increased use of both illegal and legal opioid medication, such as heroin and oxycodone, have resulted in an increase of narcotic overdoses throughout the State of Oregon. Talent Police Officers now have the ability to take direct lifesaving measures to aid individuals who have overdosed without having to wait for medical personnel to arrive.

We realized law enforcement officers are often the first to arrive at the scene of a suspected opioid overdose. All officers within the Talent Police Department have now been trained to use and deploy Naloxone, which is a drug used to block or reverse the effects of opioids. The direct and immediate use of Naloxone by Law Enforcement in an emergency situation will help us save lives.

On a brighter note, Summer is now upon us and it brings with it vacations, barbecues, swimming, fireworks, and unfortunately, the start of fire season.

To protect the beautiful area we Oregonians live in, The State of Oregon has laws regarding fireworks that are stricter than those found in many other states. If you purchase fireworks from a fireworks stand near Talent you have most likely purchased legal fireworks. But, for those who have been traveling in other areas of the US and have purchased fireworks, below are the laws in Oregon.

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, Mortar's, M80's and firecrackers are ILLEGAL in Oregon.

Under Oregon law, officials (Fire or Police) may seize illegal fireworks and issue fines to offenders up to \$1000 per violation. You should also be aware that possession of illegal fireworks is a class B misdemeanor. You also may not combine the powders from fireworks together to make your own device, this can be a Class C Felony in Oregon.

Any fireworks that causes damage or misuse also carries with it liability, which includes paying for any damage caused by the fireworks. For those who are parents, be aware that you can be liable for fireworks-caused damage by your children, so ensure they are used under close adult supervision.

No one in Law Enforcement or the Fire Services wants to discourage you from having a great Independence Day, we just hope you enjoy it in a safe and legal way.

WANTED- COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MEMBERS

Talent Public Art Committee (TPAC)

Currently TPAC is looking for 3-4 volunteers for specific projects and/or to become TPAC members to enjoy a greater hands-on involvement in developing the arts in Talent. So whether you're just interested, ready to go or you're looking to support the arts with your time or just financially, give us a call. Call Ron Hodgdon at 541.535.1620 or email: hodg1027@mind.net. Please specify your name, contact information and TPAC related interest to be contacted.

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

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make Talent an even better place to live and work. There are no term limits for this Committee. Meetings are every 1st Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM in the City Hall Conference Room.

Harvest Festival Committee

Looking for motivated, enthusiastic Committee members to help create an event that was even better than the last. The Committee meets monthly beginning in February and twice a month or more as we get closer to the event.

Bee City USA

Education on Pollination. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 PM for location and more information contact Dolly Warden at 541-897-0065 or email: dolly.warden17@gmail.com

Architectural Review Committee

To reestablish this committee we need 5 members for the Architectural Review Committee.

This is a 5-person committee with no specified terms. The ARC advises the Planning Commission and City Council on Design Review criteria for the Historic District in Talent. Reviews development applications for new or renovation projects in the Old Town area. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Parks Commission

There are currently 2 Commission and 2 Alternate vacancies for the Parks Commission. This is a seven person commission each serving a two year term. The commission advises the City Council on planning and improvements to City parks and provides over site to the City's Summer Recreation Programs. The Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Members are active in raising community awareness of use of City parks and the importance of participation in recreational activities.

For other questions regarding the 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 Community Development Department

Fertilizers & Agricultural Runoff

This is the season of lawn-care, and people have never spent more time and money to keep their lawns looking green and lush. According to the US EPA, Americans spend \$5.25 billion dollars on fossil-fuel based lawn fertilizers each year.

Although these fertilizers help green up our plants, they can have a detrimental effect on our waterways. Fertilizer doesn't entirely remain where it is applied, much is carried away from lawns in runoff from irrigation and rainwater. Once in the water, it can make its way into our storm drains and streams. These excess nutrients in waterways influence the growth of aquatic vegetation, which removes dissolved oxygen from the water and can have devastating effects on fish and other aquatic wildlife.

The best way to mitigate this risk is also the simplest. Generally speaking, when applying concentrated chemical fertilizers, less is more - too much can in fact, be very harmful to plant growth. Also, instead of bagging and disposing of grass clippings, consider leaving them atop the lawn. Clippings will supply nutrients as they decompose and provide the added benefit of cutting down on fertilizer costs. To learn more about responsible agricultural practices and how to protect our waterways, visit www.stream-smart.com.

News from Fire District 5

By Chief Welburn

Portable medical oxygen in the home has grown over the past decade. Medical oxygen adds a higher percentage of oxygen to the air a patient uses to breathe. Fire needs oxygen to burn. If a fire should start in an oxygen-enriched area, the material burning will burn more quickly. Homes where medical oxygen is used needs specific fire safety rules to keep people safe from fire and burns.

Safety Tips:

- There is no safe way to smoke in the home when oxygen is in use. A patient on oxygen should not smoke!
- Candles, matches, wood stoves and even sparking toys, can be ignition sources and should not be used in the home.
- Keep oxygen cylinders at least five feet from a heat source, open flames or electrical devices.
- Body oil, hand lotion and items containing oil and grease can easily ignite. Keep oil and grease away where oxygen is in use.
- Never use aerosol sprays containing combustible materials near the oxygen.
- Post no smoking and no open flame signs in and outside the home to remind people not to smoke.

Your safety is our priority. Remember at Fire District 5, "We still make house calls!"

From the Parks and Recreation Commission

Summer Activities for Kids: The Talent Boys and Girl Club will be hosting a coordinated activity at Chuck Roberts Park every Monday morning,

9:00-11:00, from June 27 to August 15 (excluding July 4). All kids are invited to participate, even if they are not members of the Club. We are thrilled and thankful that the Club staff has agreed to provide this opportunity at our beautiful community park.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2016

Mark your calendars!! The 2016 Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 7 AM- 4 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 fee!

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.

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.

The Roundabout

Most people in town have likely wondered or asked about the roundabout, and it is also a key element of upcoming Economic Development in Talent. Talent Urban Renewal is in ongoing, positive talks with TID, who owns the property where the other half of the roundabout is planned, as well as with outside developers. And it is Urban Renewal's absolute priority to complete the roundabout. But the big excitement is in the opportunity for downtown redevelopment that this presents Talent. That's where the Economic Development Committee is focused.

Around the new road will be multiple acres of prime downtown space, ripe for development. A citizen advisory committee has just finished a series of meetings that helped create an Economic Opportunity Analysis, which defines the land that is available throughout Talent, the type of businesses that best fit Talent, and the code changes that will be needed to make the vision a reality - a necessary first step. Soon, the City will have public discussions about the future look and feel of downtown - including whether to allow taller buildings, what types of business we want space built to accommodate, and how downtown residential fits into the mix. How will we show our culture and values, and blend that with our vision for the future? To build what we want for Talent's future, and afford it, we'll need creative and thoughtful planning, and lots and lots of public input. Come share your thoughts, and help shape Talent's future.

The Storytelling Guild presents
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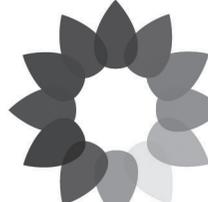
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