



# 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

**Progress!** Talent held its first Quarterly Leadership Summit Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was excellent, leaders were informative. We heard from Parks, Planning, Public Arts, Chamber, Harvest Festival, Together



for Talent, Fire District 5, Little Free Library and Talent Irrigation District. A popular bit of news came from Bob Morris of TID, who stated that water storage levels are at the same level as last year, whew! Great news indeed!

**Council Agenda of May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Council discussed improved maintenance of right of ways, approved a noise permit for Talent Artisans & Growers Market, approved the Parks Recreation Program, considered a Bee Swarm Recovery Procedure, and approved Cathy Doris Studio's for her wine bar on Talent Ave. Legal advice establishes the official sundown date for Talent Urban Renewal, as 2019. Council is discussing completing the roundabout by 2019.

**Council Agenda May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Council discussed future operation of TURA. Proposed, is absorbing the board under the leadership of council. Also discussed; amending the ground lease for the library, repairs to the library parking lot, and funding the Parks Recreation Program. We will soon adopt a budget and consider a traffic systems plan. Please join me in welcoming the return of Kierstin Brown to City Government. She was appointed to Talent Public Arts Committee.

Vacant businesses on Talent Ave are reporting promising inquiries, YAY! Please plan to spend in Talent. Every customer counts, for small town economy. We keep what we support!

Another successful city wide yard sale and recycle round up on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Talent Garden Club, the Talent Library Club and Talent Historical Society had great sales!

Apply for board vacancy on Talent Public Arts Committee at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) TPAC is planning an Arts Foundation, promising positive opportunity for a healthy art community. Look for an art show at Paschal Winery on June 26<sup>th</sup>, intent on raising funds for the Foundation. A lovely evening of wine, art and good friends!

Grateful to serve,

Darby Stricker, Mayor of Talent  
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 For Committee/Commission openings visit <http://www.cityoftalent.org/> or call (541)535-1566



## From the Parks and Recreation Commission

**New Summer Program:** The summer recreation program will have a new look this year, with family-oriented events in our parks replacing the old model of classes for kids. The plan is to have at least one day or night per month, May through August, of family fun. A sand volleyball exhibition/clinic (Thursday evening, May 14) and a family bike ride (Saturday morning, July 25) are already on the schedule. Tentatively, dates in June and August will feature the grand opening of the splash pad, in addition to sports/games, crafts, a dog fashion show, and a movie after dark. The full schedule will be posted on the city website once it is available.

**Parks and Recreation** contact: [parkscomm@cityoftalent.org](mailto:parkscomm@cityoftalent.org)

## News from Talent PD By Chief Moran

As I was working on this column, we received information from someone in Ohio asking about a fund raising call they had received that showed a Talent phone number on the caller ID on their phone. They were concerned about the legitimacy of the group. I tried calling the number and got a message saying I could opt out of future calls. It didn't put me through to a person.

My basic advice on giving money or sending money in response to an unsolicited phone call, email, letter or knock on your door is DON'T DO IT! With all of these solicitations, you have no way of knowing the validity of the person contacting you. If they are legitimate, you probably know of them and they will gladly provide a way to verify their organization's work. There are so many scams and rip-off schemes out there it is making charitable giving dif-

ficult. That is sad. But be aware and be careful when you do donate.

With the weather turning for the better, yard sales are increasing. I want to ask that you limit signs advertising your sales to a sign in your yard. Signs posted on public property and utility poles really look trashy, especially when they are left up for weeks afterwards. Additionally, they are illegal to post. My suggestion is to place an ad on the Internet or in the paper advertising your sale and people will find you.

I recently received information about a possible resource for those of you who may be assisting people with Alzheimers Disease and related dementia. There is some info that may be helpful via Oregon Care Partners. You can explore their website to see if this is a resource you can use at: [www.OregonCarePartners.com](http://www.OregonCarePartners.com)

The phone number for Oregon Care Partners is 1-800-930-6851.

A concerned Talent resident reported that some drivers are not properly driving in the round-about. Apparently these drivers did not want to take the time to move to the right and follow the roundabout direction of travel. I found this incredible that drivers were illegally just turning left to short cut through the roundabout heading towards Highway 99 from downtown. So I asked our officers to try to observe the roundabout. The very next day a driver was cited for Failing To Obey a Traffic Control Device for not following the directional signs. I think other traffic citations could have been issue but this one is the best. I am still amazed at drivers who knowingly ignore the law for their own convenience while compromising the safety of the rest of us. We will have officers watching for this violation.

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## Utility Billing News

The Utility Billing Department wants to be able to reach you in case of an emergency with your water service.

- Has your contact information changed since you submitted your initial water service application?
- Do you need to add another individual as an emergency contact?

If so, now is the time to up this information with the Utility Billing Department. To update your information, you can call the Utility Billing Clerk at 541-535-1566 or submit an email to [UB@cityoftalent.org](mailto:UB@cityoftalent.org) with the following information

- Account Number or Address
- Primary Contact Name, Phone Number and email address
- Secondary Contact Name, Phone Number and email address

## URBAN RENEWAL NEWS

For more information, contact Marla Cates, Executive Director

541-535- 6170 or [execdir@talenturbanrenewal.com](mailto:execdir@talenturbanrenewal.com)

**Civic Center Alley to Begin:** Bids were recently opened and a contract awarded for approximately \$102,000 to Roxy Ann Rock for parking lot and storm drain improvements to the alleys surrounding the Town Hall (old Community Center). Work is expected to be finished sometime in July, and will include new paving, a revised parking layout, a relocated ADA parking area, and an area for an enclosed trash and recycling area. The contractor will install below-ground conduits prior to paving, then TURA will hire an electrical contractor to place overhead power lines underground to the historic Town Hall (old community center), historical society building, and a neighboring residence. Once that is done, Pacific Power can remove power poles from the gravel portions of the alley.

**Plaza Phase of West Valley View Project:** By the end of June, TURA plans to award a contract for Phase 1D of the West Valley View project, which will install a plaza, landscaping and on-street parking between the roundabout and Talent Avenue. Work is expected to be completed in October.

**Board of Directors Vacancy:** Applications are still being taken for an opening on the Board of Directors. Citizens living within the city limits or owners of businesses located within the city limits are eligible. The Board of Directors is a policy setting body consisting of seven (7) citizens, business owners and representatives from the City Council. Monthly meetings are usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact the Executive Director, 541-535-6170.

**News from Fire District 5**

**By Chief Welburn**

**Evacuation Information**

In the event of an emergency in your area, you may be asked to evacuate. It's important to understand the different levels of evacuation and what they mean for you, your family, your pets and your home.

Be **READY** =level 1 evacuation

**Be prepared!**

Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services and websites and local media outlets for information. This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property and (under certain circumstances) pets and livestock. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel may contact you via an emergency notification system. **ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD BE AT THIS LEVEL OF READINESS AT ALL TIMES!**

Be **SET**=level 2 evacuation

**You must prepare to leave at a moment's notice!**

This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family / friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Residents **may** have time to gather necessary items, but doing so is at their own risk. **THIS MAY BE THE ONLY NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE!** Emergency services cannot guarantee that they will be able to notify you if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Area media services will be asked to broadcast periodic updates.

**GO**=level 3 evacuation

**Leave immediately!**

Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand that emergency services may not be available to assist you further. **DO NOT DELAY LEAVING TO GATHER ANY BELONGINGS OR MAKE EFFORTS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME! THIS WILL BE THE LAST NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE!**

**To get emergency information quickly, sign up for Jackson County Citizen Alerts!**

Landline telephones are included in the 911 database and are already registered, but by signing up online you can also be notified by:

\*Mobile Phone \*Work Phone

\*Email \*Text Message

Please go to: [www.jacksoncounty.org/alert](http://www.jacksoncounty.org/alert) and sign up today!

**REMEMBER, AT FIRE DISTRICT 5 "WE STILL MAKE HOUSE CALLS!"**

**FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

A public meeting of the City of Talent City Council will be held on June 17, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Talent Town Hall, 206 E. Main Street, Talent, OR. The purpose of this meeting is to give the citizens an opportunity to comment on the use of State Revenue Sharing and to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 as approved by the City of Talent Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Talent City Hall 110 E. Main Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or online at the city's website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org). This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Thomas J. Corrigan Telephone: 541-535-1566 Email: [tcorrigan@cityoftalent.org](mailto:tcorrigan@cityoftalent.org)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2013-2014	Adopted Budget This Year 2014-2015	Approved Budget Next Year 2015-2016
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	4,141,762	4,238,180	4,743,110
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	565,604	549,500	582,000
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	646,344	2,306,210	1,558,000
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	1,257,476	517,200	298,500
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	2,210,840	2,585,975	2,539,900
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	954,739	961,300	983,215
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>9,776,565</b>	<b>11,158,365</b>	<b>10,704,725</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Personnel Services	2,004,896	2,384,400	2,499,650
Materials and Services	1,285,834	2,256,875	1,918,850
Capital Outlay	304,923	3,287,720	2,979,975
Debt Service	403,312	412,025	415,090
Interfund Transfers	1,259,573	517,200	298,500
Contingencies	0	636,435	883,500
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	1,663,710	1,709,160
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>5,258,538</b>	<b>11,158,365</b>	<b>10,704,725</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program	2014-2015	2015-2016
Administration	538,507	1,141,900	1,224,625
FTE	3.75	3.87	4.50
Community Development	321,914	352,150	390,875
FTE	1.66	2.87	2.87
Police	1,059,880	1,262,800	1,230,000
FTE	9.56	9.76	9.78
Non Departmental	158,950	655,450	731,500
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library	68,830	84,050	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parks	161,475	156,750	132,000
FTE	1.43	1.06	0.89
Streets	630,757	811,500	903,500
FTE	1.99	2.30	2.95
Water	1,267,968	1,755,000	1,848,000
FTE	4.89	4.87	5.07
TAP	247,779	569,060	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
SDC	190,000	760,525	930,350
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Improvement Project	277,841	3,469,205	3,181,010
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
GO Bond Debt Service	68,343	71,550	79,415
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
West Valley View Debt Service	27,494	68,425	53,450
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Debt Service Reserve	238,800	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>5,258,538</b>	<b>11,158,365</b>	<b>10,704,725</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>23.28</b>	<b>24.73</b>	<b>26.06</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING \***  
 Funding sources and activities for the City of Talent are consistent with the previous year. Interim financing for the Talent Urban Renewal Agency (TURA) of \$250,000 is included in the General Fund Administration Budget. This is a limited duration loan with a 2% interest rate to be repaid during the fiscal year. The City anticipates applying for several grants in the upcoming fiscal year. A \$250,000 Grant Revenue and Expenditure line is included in the General Fund Administration Budget. Expenditures will only be made if a grant is received. The City proposes to increase one .4 fte position to full time in the Administration and Finance Department and to fill a new full time position in the Public Works Department to support the Parks, Streets and Water Distribution System. The City will complete construction on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded Community Center building in the fall 2015. The remaining CDBG funding of \$1,050,000 is included in the Capital Improvement Fund.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2013-14	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2014-15	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2015-16
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$3,2316 per \$1,000)	\$3,2316	\$3,2316	\$3,2316
Local Option Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$67,397.00	\$75,106.00	\$81,505.00

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$635,000	\$0
Other Bonds	\$3,410,000	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$1,206,014	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,251,014</b>	<b>\$0</b>