



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

I gave the State of the City address on January 17th to open the City Council meeting. I must say, writing that speech was such a validating experience, making me so



proud to be working with such a dedicated group of people. It was remarkable how much work we accomplished in one year's time. Our incredible success was multifaceted. First, this administration inherited a City in good standing; the fruit of the previous administrations. Second, our City staff is second to none, their focus on Talent coupled with their capacity for a great deal of work is most admirable. Finally, the Council; I strongly believe that this Council has a real commitment to listening to the community and translating that into actionable goals for Talent. I make note of all of our team work and accomplishments in the speech. You can read it on the City website at www.cityoftalent.org or call (541)535-1566 for a copy.

The Oregon Department of Transportation came to Council to ask us to further contribute to the road work planned for Highway 99. In 2012, Talent agreed to pay \$400,000.00 as our share of the \$3.34 million project. At the January 17th Council meeting, ODOT asked Council for an additional \$300,000.00 to cover cost increases occurring since the original proposal. People of Talent, your Council fought hard and pushed back the notion that the additional cost to the project was a City burden. My hat is off to ODOT and City staff for finding that additional costs to the plan will be paid for by ODOT, as per the original agreement. We have to give credit where credit is due and ODOT did the right thing!

We accomplished a lot in 2015 but there is more to do. Please consider joining the effort as a volunteer commissioner or committee member. Openings can be found on the City website or by calling City Hall.

Grateful to serve,
Mayor Darby Stricker

From the Parks and Recreation Commission

Future of Summer Rec Program: The City did not have a Summer Recreation Program for youth last summer because enrollment had been steadily declining the last few

years. The Parks and Rec Commission will discuss at its March meeting whether this program—which offered kids enrichment classes in arts and crafts, music, sports, etc.—should be permanently discontinued. If you would like to weigh in on this issue, please attend the meeting (Wednesday, March 9, 6:30, Town Hall) or send your comments to City Manager Tom Corrigan (tcorrigan@cityoftalent.org).

News from Talent PD By Chief Moran

This month Talent PD welcomes a new member to our patrol force. Bruce Kelley is our new officer. Officer Kelley brings a rich police background to our department. He served with the Hillsboro, Oregon Police Department for over 25 years and recently retired as a sergeant from HPD. We look forward to utilizing his invaluable expertise and experience.

With Officer Kelley on board Talent PD will be at full budgeted strength for the first time in several months. Along with every other agency in Oregon and actually throughout the US, it is increasingly hard to hire excellent officers and do so in a timely manner. I have talked with Chiefs and Sheriffs from around the state and everyone is finding it hard to identify and hire good candidates. The process takes some time to fully process a new hire from completing an application to a start date. We conduct a thorough background investigation.

Then, there is training of the new officer. A new hire with no prior experience goes through at least 8 months training at the academy and at the department before that officer is on their own. Even a veteran officer such as Officer Kelley will require some weeks of training at the department, of course.

We have found that the number of people wanting to go into law enforcement is far less than even 5 years ago. It is an increasingly dangerous profession. We deeply appreciate those who have chosen to enter law enforcement as a career.

Here are a couple of crime prevention tips. Phone scams are on the rise and they are getting to be ridiculously brazen. I had one at my home claiming to be the IRS. I called the number back on a blocked caller ID phone. The suspects denied leaving the message. That reminds me that often you will get unsolicited calls and the number on your caller ID has been "spoofed" or faked by the suspects. If you call the number you don't get the person who called. It is a random number the spammer "borrowed" for the caller ID.

Also, there are several reports of people getting calls that a child has been kidnapped and they are told to immediately do something by the suspect, such as send money. Before you do anything if you get such a call, make some calls to verify where the child may be. That will ease your mind for one thing and you will find the call is likely a horrible scam attempt.

Plant a Tree, Get One Free!

Talent will proudly celebrate its 16th Arbor Day on Saturday April 9, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, at the Little League complex at the rear of Chuck Roberts Park, Rogue River Parkway off Talent Avenue.

Come see the planting of several trees for the park, learn how to plant trees in your own yard, or join in the fun by helping to do the planting! Mayor Darby Stricker will make an Arbor Day proclamation and a representative from the Department of Forestry will present Talent with a Tree City USA award for the 16th consecutive year.

Talent is proud of its dedication to trees, which are important in so many ways for the health and beauty of our environment. So you can adopt a tree for free at a special tree giveaway event. You can also get advice about your own trees from professional arborist, Chris John, by bringing pictures on your phone or an actual leaf if your tree has problems.

Refreshments, musical entertainment, and environmental or wildlife displays will make this a fun occasion for the family.

For more information, contact Sharon Anderson: 541-535-9055 or email scanderson1@charter.net.

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 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

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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

Improving Aesthetics, Water Quality, and Salmon Habitat on Wagner Creek Properties

How would you like to be part of a local voluntary effort aimed at improving water quality and salmon habitat in Wagner Creek, while improving the aesthetics and value of your property? The Rogue River Watershed Council is preparing a proposal to the Oregon Department of Agriculture to implement creekside enhancement strategies to do just that. We are inviting landowners on Wagner Creek who live between Rapp Road and the 8,000 block of Wagner Creek Road to join us in this effort.

Several of your neighbors along Wagner Creek have already expressed interest in being part of this restoration project. What does this mean exactly?



Coming soon... The Talent Police Department will be riding a Brammo Motorcycle

It means that they are interested in enhancing and restoring the creek frontage on their property through such practices as blackberry removal and the planting of native trees, shrubs, and other plants. These efforts – designed and carried out by the watershed council and conservation district with YOUR input and approval – will lead to decreased bank erosion, improved filtration of pollutants, and cooler water.

Attend this informational presentation Thursday, 10 March, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Talent Town Hall to learn more about this proposed project, how you can participate, what funding opportunities are available, as well as the different services the watershed council and conservation district can offer you.

Working together, we can improve the water quality and fish habitat of Wagner Creek!

For more information, contact Sarah Sauter at 541-664-1070 x430 or ssauter@rogueriverwc.org.

News from FD5

By Chief Welburn

Heart attack warning signs from the American Heart Association.

Don't ignore signs of a heart attack!

*Chest discomfort:

Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

*Discomfort in other areas of the upper body:

Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.

*Shortness of breath:

With or without chest discomfort.

*Other signs:

May include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you are concerned that you may be experiencing a heart attack, call 911.

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Water Rate Reminder

On January 20, 2016 the City Council approved new water rates. The following rates will become effective on March 1, 2016.

| Meter Size | In City Limits | Outside City Limits |
|---|------------------|---------------------|
| 3/4" to 5/8" | \$16.14 | \$32.28 |
| 1" | \$35.64 | \$71.28 |
| 1 1/2" | \$68.14 | \$136.28 |
| 2" | \$143.00 | \$286.00 |
| 3" | \$247.00 | \$494.00 |
| 4" | \$364.00 | \$728.00 |
| 6" | \$689.00 | \$1,378.00 |
| 3001 - 6000 gallons (Per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof). | \$4.04 (\$12.12) | \$8.08 (\$24.24) |
| 6001 - 9000 gallons (Per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof). | \$4.44 (\$13.32) | \$8.88 (\$26.64) |
| Over 9,000 gallons (Per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof). | \$4.84 (\$14.52) | \$9.68 (\$29.04) |

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