



# 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

In a few short weeks we have the privilege of casting our vote in the May 20<sup>th</sup> Primary Election for a number of important issues and candidates. Free and open elections are the foundation of a



free and democratic society. We should never take this privilege for granted. One of the very important issues on the May 20<sup>th</sup> ballot is the library measure. If passed by the voters, this measure will establish a Library District and Board of Directors that is independent from County Government. I am sure we have all heard the pros and cons on both sides of this issue but the fact is that our Talent Library will close in June if this measure fails. I believe this would be a great blow to our Community. Our Library is not just a collection of books but a meeting place for a number of community activities such as children's reading programs, free movies, and many other special programs. So the real question is -- if keeping our Library open is worth the .60 cents per thousand of assessed valuation the measure proposes. This would cost the average homeowner about \$90 to \$100 dollars per year. Regardless of how the vote goes, the Talent \$2 per month surcharge will go away. This will save each homeowner \$24 per year, so the actual cost to homeowners will be about \$65 to \$75 per year.

So here is what I think. Public Libraries are extremely important to a free and democratic society. One of the first things a tyrannical government will do is to close or restrict public libraries. Our Talent Library is a part of the basic culture of our community. It is a place where our children go after school to participate in reading programs or just to do research or use the computer. It is a place for all kinds of special programs and community events. Our library is used by so many people who may never check out a book. So is it worth the \$65 to \$75 dollars per year the library will cost homeowners? It sure is to me. I hope you will join me in supporting the library on the May 20<sup>th</sup> ballot.

**Bill Cecil, Mayor**  
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### News from the Talent PD By Chief Mike Moran

One of the most common threats to our safety is a driver under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Despite

the years of effort spent on educating drivers about the danger, DUI's seem to be increasing again.

Over a recent weekend, Talent PD arrested 6 impaired drivers. One was impaired from marijuana, one was under 21 and one had a blood alcohol reading of .20% which is 2 1/2 times the legal limit. The arrest times ranged from evening hours to 4:30 AM. Impaired drivers are actually on the road 24 hours a day.

Talent PD is going to focus on arresting impaired drivers. How can you help? Report impaired drivers as soon as you see them. If you are feeling just a little "buzz" don't drive.

With the great weather we enjoy in the month of May, it is easy to forget to secure our vehicles and houses or just choose not to do so. I encourage you to take lock your homes even if you will be gone a little while and lock your vehicles even if they are in your driveway. I always hear, "But this is Talent" in response to these suggestions.

The blunt truth is we have people living in our town or passing through that have drug habits. Drugs cost money and most of the hard core addicts who need a fix every day are not gainfully employed. They take your belongings and trade them for drugs. We do check pawn shops for things but realistically, unless the item is uniquely identifiable it is difficult to recover items. Plus, many drug dealers have their own buy and sell network to dispose of property brought to them in trade.

So please lock and secure your belongings. What else can you do? If you see something that doesn't look right, call us. The best number for non-emergency calls is to our dispatch center 541-776-7206. If you believe someone is in danger or the situation is requiring immediate response use 911.

### Thank You Ray's Food Place

When Ray's took over Tarks grocery store a year and a half ago, we all wondered what changes would be in store and how they would fit into our community. I turns out like an old shoe. The manager, Adam Bolero, came here from the Jacksonville store and actually spent most of his youth in Talent. He has brought a similar generous spirit as Ron Ridgeway of Tarks by trying to find a way to satisfy the many requests he receives for donations from local organizations. He regularly helps out with school events, the Boys and Girls Club, our Harvest Festival, and the Together for Talent events. He most recently is donating a sour gum tree for our annual Arbor Day celebration. So this month, our Together for Talent Committee would like to recognize Adam as our special citizen of Talent. If you know of someone who goes out of their way to help others without being asked, we'd like to recognize him or her, please contact Charles Roome at [charlesroome@gmail.com](mailto:charlesroome@gmail.com).

### From Talent Public Arts

#### "Water Media" Exhibition / City Hall Lobby

May 12th - July 10th, 2014

Please visit the upcoming "Water Media" exhibit in City Halls lobby at 110 E. Main St., Talent. Hours are 8:30 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Enjoy the work of many local water media artists including works in watercolor, acrylic, guache, and other water based mediums. In addition, we will have some spectacular Objects de Art in our lobby display cases from many of our local 3D artists. We look forward to your comments and continued support for these art events. Bring your family and friends.

#### 'Firelines' The Chief's Report

##### New Engines Update

Our two 2014 Pierce Saber Engines are here! On April 4, 2014, the fire district completed the acceptance test and began preparing both engines for an 'in-service' date of May 1, 2014. The target date will allow us to complete the installation of electronic components, communication systems, transfer of equipment and complete a comprehensive driver training, equipment familiarization and pump operation program for all personnel.

The cost of the two engines totaled \$755, 719, plus another \$60,000 for additional equipment. The engines and related equipment were financed utilizing a 15-year lease purchase program which requires annual principal and interest payments of approximately \$70,000 per year over the 15 year period. Over the years, the lease-purchase financing model has worked very effectively for our district, allowing us to purchase the big dollar items over an extended period of time and fit annual payments within the general fund of the budget.

The two new engines will replace two 1980 Mack engines which were 'first out' units for more than 20 years and have been deployed as 'second out' since the mid 1990's. The new engines will be deployed and staffed at our Talent Station 1, 5811 South Pacific Highway and Emigrant Lake Station 2, 40 Neil Creek Road. The engines are both equipped with 1250 gallons per minute pumps and 1000 gallon water tanks specifically designed to operate in both urban and rural environments.

##### 1980 Mack Engine Gifted To Greensprings Rural Fire District

At the March 18, 2014, Board Meeting the Board of Directors unanimously voted to gift one 1980 Mack Engine to Greensprings Rural Fire District. The Mack Engine will be utilized as a back-up engine and enable the district to strategically locate a second engine to provide improved fire protection and possibly reduce insurance premiums.

**Remember at Fire District 5 "We  
Still Make Housecalls"**  
Dan Marshall, Fire Chief

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### From the Parks and Recreation Commission Seeking Summer Program Sponsors

Looking for a great way to support our community, especially our youth? If so, then please consider being a sponsor for the City's summer recreation program, which begins in June. Through cash donations, individuals, businesses, or organizations can sponsor an entire class, which means kids would be able to attend that class for free. Smaller donations—any amount helps—would go into a general scholarship fund. Contact us at [ParksComm@cityoftalent.org](mailto:ParksComm@cityoftalent.org) if you are interested in being a sponsor.

### CITY OF TALENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Talent, Jackson County, State of Oregon, on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, will be held at the Talent Community Hall, 206 East Main Street. The meeting will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014 at 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place.

Listed below is the time and place of an additional, separate meeting of the Budget Committee that will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at the meeting and comment or ask questions on the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A public hearing regarding the use of revenue sharing funds will take place at this meeting.

Date: May 13, 2014 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Location: Talent Community Hall, 206 East Main Street.

Meeting dates and times are also posted on the City of Talent website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 8, 2014 at Talent City Hall, 110 East Main Street, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.



This notice is also posted on the City of Talent website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org)

Thomas J. Corrigan  
 City Manager

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### **Green Up and Clean Up May 10th - May 17th**

May 10th - May 17th, is our annual Green Up and Clean Up week of opportunities sponsored by the Together for Talent Committee to Green Up and Clean Up our beautiful town and to dispose of waste properly. It begins on Saturday, May 10th with a drop off for items not normally recycled (10am - 5pm at City Hall), which is the same day as the City-wide yard sale and Garden Club Plant Sale. What you can't sell at the yard sale can go to the Salvation Army which will be at City Hall till 5pm. We are thrilled this year to offer E-waste recycling by ECS Refining because they guarantee information security and recycle e-waste 100% into raw materials. E-waste is a often illegally dumped in developing countries and causes significant environmental pollution and health risks for local populations. Events during the week include a free yard debris drop-off -for Talent residents only, various opportunities to volunteer greening up and beautifying public areas around town, a special showing of a documentary about plastic bags shown at the library, and a community wide volunteer litter patrol.

If you agree one week of Green Up and Clean Up simply isn't enough then please join Together for Talent and our many wonderful projects we work on throughout the year, including maintaining a city tree nursery, waste reduction, establishing and maintaining trails, restoring habitat for wild creatures, gardening and otherwise involving citizens to enhance our community and town. Please contact Sharon Anderson for more information: 541 535-9055.

#### **Saturday, May 10th (10am - 5pm at City Hall)**

•Drop off for items not normally recycled such as batteries, compact fluorescent bulbs, metals (anything that attracts a magnet) and e-waste (computer systems and accessories, flat screen devices, audio and video equipment, microwaves, office equipment, and handheld devices). A Salvation Army truck arrives at 2pm for your household items.

Visit our What-&-Where-You-Can-Recycle info table staffed by Master

Recyclers, and an information table about effective natural alternatives to pesticides and herbicides and chemical fertilizers you can use in your yard and garden.

•Salvation Army truck (2pm - 5pm only), will be accepting your household items.

#### **Sunday, May 11th**

FREE yard debris drop-off for Talent residents only provided by Recology. (9am - 4pm at the Valley View Transfer Station).

#### **Monday, May 12th**

Colver Triangle, Monday, May 12 from 9am-12pm. Lots of volunteers are needed to help clean up this large landscaped area at the corner of Hwy99 and Colver Rd. It's our north gateway to the city and we'd like it to look better. Bring gloves, shovels, rakes and your water bottles. Contact Sharon Anderson at 541-535-9055 if you'd like to participate.

#### **Tuesday, May 13th**

Award winning documentary film, "Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?" (6pm at the City Library), followed by expert panel.

#### **Wednesday, May 14th**

Talent Rock Garden, Wednesday, May 14 from 10am-12pm. Help weed and add plants to our new rock garden "parklet" near the library. Bring shovels, trowels, rakes, and gloves. Contact Elizabeth Zwick at 541-499-2264 for information.

#### **Saturday, May 17th**

Talent's Great Green Garden, Saturday, May 17 from 9am-12pm Come join teachers and community gardeners for a spring clean up at our school/community garden behind Talent Elementary School at the corner of 2nd and Wagner. Tasks will include weeding, spreading chips, and turning compost. Bring shovels, clippers, gloves, and rakes as well as water. Light refreshments will be provided. Parking is available in the school parking lot. Contact Kristi Rutkai at 541-840-0469 for information.

#### **Sat, May 10th - Sat, May 17th**

COMMUNITY WIDE LITTER REMOVAL Any vacant field throughout the City, Any day of the week from May 10 to May 17. Look in your neighborhood or where you bike, run or walk for areas that need clean up. Let Melissa Huhtala at 541-535-1566 know what and where you've picked up so that we know what's been done and can give you special recognition.