



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

You have heard me say this before, but I believe that Talent is the best place to live in the Rogue Valley. But the icing on the cake would be if Talent were the best place to work and live in the Rogue Valley.



The first step in the job creation process is to attract business that pays living wage jobs. I, along with Councilor Stricker, am committed to making this happen. We will be working with Southern Oregon Regional Development Inc. (SORED) and other business people, and our local Chamber over the next year or so to chart a plan for Economic Development in Talent. Economic Development is always a combined effort of Business and City. The City's primary role in economic development is to provide the infrastructure and sound local government needed for business to thrive.

So here is why I think that Talent is now in a position to attract business. Good water, streets, public safety, fire protection, parks, a willing and able work force, affordable housing and livability -- all things that a job-creating business likes to see. The City of Talent is among the minority of City's that has a balanced budget without carrying huge amounts of debt or cutbacks in services. This can be attributed to a number of years of good Government by several City Councils and City Managers. Again, business is leery of local Governments that are not stable. That said, the City of Talent is committed to working with business and providing responsive service to applications for development.

At the top of this article I said that economic development is a combined effort between business and city. The city provides infrastructure while the business community works to promote and encourage business to locate in Talent. I believe that if we all work together, we can make Talent the best place to live and work in the Rogue Valley.

Bill Cecil, Mayor
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CALL TO ARTISTS

The Talent Public Arts Committee is seeking submissions for its next show "Explorations in Graphic Arts" in the Talent City Hall Gallery at 110 E. Main St. Talent, OR.

The show will run from July 8th – Sept. 6th, 2013. **Deadline for**



Thank you to all who attended the Arbor Day event. It was a great turnout this year!



submissions is June 12th, 2013.

Information and instructions can be found on the city website at www.cityoftalent.org. Go to the "Call to Artists" on the main page, right side column.

Please be sure to read the "Call to Artists Guidelines/Application" before submitting. Please note that the fillable form and photos WILL NOT SUBMIT AUTOMATICALLY. It must be saved as a JPG and emailed to TPAC@cityoftalent.org.

For help or questions, please call Karen @ 541-621-6239 or email us at TPAC@cityoftalent.org.

The Talent Public Arts Committee Presents: CLICK! Works in Photography

With local artists Melanie Cardinal, Julie Young, Nancy Archerd, Brooks Garten Hauschild, Mike Potts, Kate Morrocco, Meri Walker, and Ron Hodgdon.

On view from May 6th-July 5th, 2013 from 8:30am-5pm Mon.-Fri. at the Talent City Hall Gallery- 110 E. Main St. in Talent, OR.

To be on the committee, to participate in future exhibitions, to make a donation, or for more information please contact the Talent Public Arts Committee through City Hall or on the web at TPAC@CityofTalent.org

From the Parks and Recreation Commission

Chuck Roberts Upgrades

The parking lot isn't the only thing that's new at Chuck Roberts Park. New swings for the playground are on the way, too. Also, a directional sign will soon be installed at Valley View

Road and Talent Avenue, pointing your out-of-town family and friends to the park. Picnic, anyone?

Commission Vacancies

Vacancies exist for two Alternate Commissioner positions. Pick up an application at City Hall if you are interested in serving.

Talent PD News By Chief Mike Moran

This time of year a lot of Talent residents are cleaning up their yards and properties by removing yard debris from the winter. In fact, May is Clean-up and Green-up month in Talent. Our local sanitation service provider, Recology, is going to let Talent residents drop off yard waste for free for one day during May, to help with this effort. That free yard waste drop off day at Recology will be Saturday May 11.

I mention this because many people think burning of yard debris and waste is an option. In Talent, it is not. Open burning of any kind is prohibited throughout the incorporated limits of the City of Talent.

Recently I spoke to a group of citizens on scam safety. There is a new or recycled scam nearly every day in the news. A recent one involved a woman being approached by two women with "found" diamonds they needed to sell for "cheap." Ultimately, they swindled the victim out of several hundred dollars. If you are approached by someone you don't know in person, by mail, by computer or on the phone and they have a great "too good to be true" opportunity for you, walk away, hang up or don't respond.

One of the citizens at this meeting told me about a device he bought that makes it hard for robo-callers to bother you with automated calls. It is a device that requires someone calling

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you to push a button on their phone in order to make your phone ring. If you are bothered by numerous such calls it is a possible option to explore. You can Google or use another search device for "blocking Telemarketing calls" and you may find the device he told me about. I don't have first had info on this so I won't give all the details to avoid endorsing a brand-name product.

Officer Gail Schweizer of Talent PD is our radar trailer coordinator. If you have a request for placing the trailer somewhere in town, please contact him at 541-535-1253 ext.1109 or email schweizer@cityoftalent.org

Talent Chamber of Commerce Small town, big dreams bright future!

As part of our advocacy for existing business in this small community we call home, the Talent Chamber of Commerce and its board want to thank our existing members for all their support and ask that you welcome our newest members into the Chamber family.

New Chamber Members

The Arbor House Restaurant
103 West Wagner Street
Talent, OR 97540
(541) 535-6817

Liberty Tax Service
4149 South Pacific Hwy.
Phoenix, OR 97535
(541) 535-7391
Or
1400 Ashland Street
Ashland, OR 97520
(541) 488-5226

Quality Paperbacks
115 N Pacific Hwy,
Talent, OR 97540
(541) 535-2052.

New Board Member

The Talent Chamber would like to welcome our newest additions to the Board: Zach Barlett of American Family Insurance in Ashland. Congratulations!

**TALENT GREEN UP AND
CLEAN UP WEEK
MAY 5-MAY 11**

A day didn't seem to be quite enough so we're having a week dedicated to making Talent greener and cleaner. Look around your neighborhood for neglected yards, littered vacant lots, areas in your yard in need of shade or fruit trees, weeds growing around shrubs on major streets or other public areas in town. Talk to your friends and neighbors or members of your group and take on a project this special week; you'll be amazed at how much you can accomplish even in a few hours.

Saturday, there are several special events to help you in your clean up and green up efforts, check them out below:

SATURDAY MAY 11

City-wide Yard Sale all day organized by the Outdoor Discovery Program including huge sale at the Talent Elementary School. Pick up the map of all registered locations will be available at Ray's, City Hall, Post Office, and the Laundromat on May 1.

Talent Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale from 9 am-3 pm at Ray's parking lot. Annual fundraiser for scholarships awarded to Phoenix H S graduates. Plant starts, hanging baskets, and Mother's Day gifts will be available.

Salvation Army Donations from 2:30-5 pm. Their truck will be stationed in front of City Hall. Bring your excess but useable goods and clothing, but please put small items in bags or boxes.

Talent Yard Debris Day from 7:30 am -4 pm at the Valley View Transfer Station, 3000 N Valley View, Ashland. Bring green debris only and your Talent ID. Offered to residents free of charge this day only by Recology Ashland Sanitary Service.

Not actually an event, but if you're interested in planting a tree, you might check out Plant Oregon at 8677 Wagner Creek. It's open to the public on Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm.

A big **THANKS** to the kids at **Talent Boys and Girls Club** for pitching in during Clean-up and Green-up. Patrolling for litter is important! Bits of plastic and styrofoam left on the sidewalk wash down the storm drains, into our creeks, and eventually end up in the ocean. Empty plastic bags blow in the wind and get stuck in trees. So, be like these hard-working heroes, and put trash into the trashcan, not on the street!

You can show your appreciation to the Boys and Girls Club by donating gently used or new kids games and books. Bring them to Talent Elementary School office, labeled "for the Boys and Girls Club."

**News from the Public
Works Department**

Puncture Vine

Puncture vine is listed by the STATE as "noxious vegetation" that must be cut down or destroyed as needed by the owner or person in charge of the property.

With current soil moisture and sunny days, the noxious weed known as puncture vine or goat head is growing and new plants will appear from spring until fall. Public Works is asking that everyone check their parking strips and properties and take steps to control the spread of this weed.

Puncture vine is a low, mounding

annual plant that can spread as much and ten feet in diameter from a central base. Flowers are yellow with five petals, and leaves are composed of 4 to 8 pairs of leaflets. Its simple taproot has fine rootlets that allow it to obtain moisture for growth under conditions unfavorable for most other plants and to survive in drought conditions. It generally prefers dry, sandy or gravelly sites, and has become common along roads and highways Oregon.

According to the Oregon State University Extension Services, "The best method of controlling puncture vine is to prevent establishment by destroying the first plants found in an area before burs begin to form. If green burs carrying seed are present, dispose of the plants properly, preferably by burning." Because the seeds mature continually from May to October and remain viable for years in the soil, puncture vine is best controlled by pulling the plants, bagging them and burning them in a safe place before the seeds harden and drop off. Check with Jackson County Fire Dist. 5 for burn permits and fire restrictions. Loose seed pods should also be vacuumed or raked up for burning.

Chemical control with contact or soil-applied herbicides must be well-planned, as the plants begin producing viable seeds within 4 weeks, and spraying a mature plant will only increase the infestation when the seed heads drop to the ground and are spread. For more information on chemical control of puncture vine, contact the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Puncture vine is considered to be noxious vegetation, as one might expect of a plant whose genus name comes from the Latin word *tribo*, "to tear," and whose family name, Caltrop, is defined as a medieval spiked metal device used to slow advancing armies. The seed pods (goatheads) of puncture vine have long woody spines arranged at different angles, so that no matter how the seed falls, at least one spine points upward. Less than 10% of the seeds sprout the first year, with the rest lying dormant in the soil for 4 to 5 years. Seedlings tend to emerge in flushes following rainfall or irrigation, with flowers forming within 3 weeks and viable seeds 1 to 2 weeks later. The sharp spines easily penetrate leather, rubber tires and skin and can puncture bicycle tires.

The City is making a concerted effort to control puncture vine on city property and public right-of-way under its jurisdiction, as are other local agencies including Jackson County. Public Works is asking that everyone check their properties and take steps to control the spread of this weed.

Please help us in the control of puncture vine.

- City of Talent Public Works

**Household Hazardous
Waste Collection**

May 3rd & 4th @ Rogue Transfer & Recycling

8001 Table Rock Rd., White City.
8am - 4pm. \$5 per car.

NO PAINTS ACCEPTED. Bring cleaning supplies, pesticides, chemicals and more. Small businesses by appointment only on May 3rd. More info at roguedisposal.com



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