



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

The warm colors of the changing leaves and cooler nights means we're coming into my favorite time of year. Fall is not only a beautiful season, but also a time to celebrate and come together as a community.



With the Harvest Festival upon us, I want to ask everyone to join me in thanking City Recorder Melissa Huhtala and the very generous group of volunteers who make the event so special. This day of activities and neighborly fun could not happen were it not for their valiant efforts. Thank you!

Please also join me in thanking Janet Chose for her years of service to the Talent Parks and Recreation Commission. We accepted her resignation after 7 great years, several as Commissions Chair. She will be missed! Talent is fortunate to have Commissioner Paul Hadella step up to fill the Chair position. We continue to be in great hands.

The second City Summit Meeting was held on September 30th. This is an information-sharing meeting that calls on all organization leaders of Talent to share their activities and priorities. We invite City Commissions and Committees, as well as Talent agencies like the Talent Chamber, Fire District 5, the Talent Irrigation District and the Talent/Phoenix Schools just to name a few. We learn about each other's current efforts and seek our common ground. This session was facilitated by Council President Pederson while I traveled. Talent is a better City when we are all in sync.

I am often asked about the downtown business climate and the completion of the roundabout. With the Council now acting as the Urban Renewal Agency, our top priority remains the completion of the roundabout, the entry to our Historic Downtown. You may have also noticed that several new businesses have moved into vacant space on Talent Avenue and we are moving the projects on Valley View forward. Recovery is often slow but we are definitely making progress.

Grateful to serve,

Mayor Darby Stricker

City of Talent, Oregon HARVEST FESTIVAL 2015

Festival Activities	
<p>7:00 AM—11:00AM Chamber Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 AM 5K and 10K Races</p> <p>10:00 AM Harvest Festival Parade</p> <p>MAIN STAGE:</p> <p>11:00 AM H'aena 12:45 PM Salsa Brava 2:30 PM Maestro & The Captain Flat Five Flim Flam</p> <p>SECOND STAGE BY THE SKATE PARK:</p> <p>11:00 AM Jill & Daryl Fjeldheim Clown Show 12:00 PM Ballet Folklorico Ritmo Alegre 1:00 PM ScienceWorks</p>	<p>Community Center</p> <p>Start: Train Depot/Finish: Skate Park</p> <p>TES, Main, Market, Wagner St., TES</p>

GENERAL ACTIVITIES / 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Artisans, Crafters, Growers, Food Vendors, Information Booths
Rock Climbing Wall, Petting Zoo,
activities for the young & the young at heart
Apple Cider Pressing, Old Time Games
Children's Farmers Market

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From the Parks and Recreation Commission

Our Parks Are on a Roll: The Splash Pad in Chuck Roberts Park closed for 2015 on Sunday, September 13—after a tremendously successful first summer. The Sunday after Labor Day will continue to be the closing date in coming years. Two Parks Commissioners who were instrumental in making the Splash Pad happen, Janet Chose and Jeanne Tribble, resigned after the summer, leaving two openings to be filled by someone like you! (Thank you for your service, Janet and Jeanne.) Our parks are growing along with our community, and the city needs a strong Parks Commission to keep the momentum going. Pick up an application at City Hall if you are interested.

Contact Parks and Rec at Parkscomm@cityoftalent.org.

News from Talent PD By Chief Mike Moran

One of the biggest issues of criminal activity in Talent involves an increase in the use of heroin by drug abusers. Heroin was once thought to be a drug associated with big cities but that is no longer the case. Meth use is still prevalent too. With that, there is an increase in thefts so criminals can fund their illegal drug use.

The biggest theft issue right now seems to be bike thefts. One recent brazen theft was during the day light when a suspect stole a bike out of an open garage. The odd thing about many of the recent cases is the criminal leaves behind another stolen bike.

You can help us in at least three ways.

1. If you see someone suspicious, call us immediately. If the person is trespassing or breaking in call 911. If it is a lesser level of emergency call 541-776-7206.

2. Please report your bike thefts to us. We have many bikes turned in that

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we never find owners for. If you plan ahead and have photos and full description of the bike it will help a great deal.

3. Please license your bicycle with us. We will give you a free Talent PD bicycle license to put on your bike. A secondary benefit is we will have your serial number on file already if you no longer have it. Forms are available 8 to noon and 1 to 4p Monday through Friday at TPD.

Last month a suspect broke into the Talent PD front lobby by throwing a rock through our window. He caused a great deal of damage to our door. The suspect was surprised to find the building was not empty. I greeted him as he came in the lobby. He was arrested. The motive is unknown and it is not relevant anyway. The suspect may have been using alcohol or another substance but that also is irrelevant.

This brings up a topic I discuss often with citizens. I hear the excuse from a lot of offenders that it was the alcohol or drugs that made them do bad things. When a person chooses to use alcohol or drugs that cause them to do crimes or behave poorly, they need to recall that they chose to use substances in the first place. The responsibility for their actions is all theirs. I share this perspective because it is useful to consider when you are asked to overlook actions by individuals that they want to blame the substance for.

To end on a positive note, I want to thank the agencies who assisted us during our investigation and arrest of the suspect who broke into the lobby at TPD. We received quick police response from Phoenix PD, Ashland PD and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Additionally, Jackson County Fire District 5 personnel and our City Public Works helped us clean up the mess and secure the building. Also, Ashland Fire Rescue responded to treat the suspect prior to his lodging at County Jail.

PESTICIDE-FREE LUNCHEON WITH DR. SUSAN KEGLEY, CEO OF THE PESTICIDE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Governmental and school leaders of Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Jacksonville, Central Point, Ruch, Butte Falls, Medford, Jackson County and the State of Oregon are invited to a discussion and pesticide-free luncheon with Dr. Susan Kegley, on Friday, October 16, at the new Talent Community Center. Dr. Kegley has experience in helping civic leaders address concerns about the impacts that herbicides and pesticides have on human health, water quality, wildlife, and the environment in general. The luncheon is being sponsored by Cascade Girl Organization/Oregon Honey Festival, Eco-Solutions, Pollinator Project Rogue Valley, Bee City USA-Phoenix, Bee City USA-Talent, Bee City USA-Ashland, Bee Campus USA-Southern Oregon University, Downtowne Coffee House and the Talent Garden Club. For more information, please call Dolly Warden, chair of Bee City USA-Talent subcommittee 541-897-0065.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY WITH THE CITY OF TALENT

The following individuals have unclaimed property with the City of Talent. Please make arrangements to claim your property before October 15, 2015. Any property unclaimed as of October 15, (and having met the appropriate abandonment period), will be turned over to the Oregon Department of State Lands. Please contact Assistant Finance Director Kurt Sexton at 541-535-1566 with any questions or to claim your property.

- BERGLUND ANDREA
- CARTER RAMONA
- CLANTON CARL OR AARON
- DAVIS TERI
- FARRELL STEPHANIE
- LOWE ERIKA & MICHAEL
- HILL JOHN
- MORGAN TIM
- KOHAL DONALD D
- SMITH KATRINA
- MARZOLF EMILY
- PUMPUTIS MICHAEL
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- PERPER REBECCA
- REYES JUAN & SYLVIA
- SADZEWICZ KATHERINE

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2015 OPEN HOUSE**

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH 5 PM- 7 PM

WHERE: JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 5/ STATION 1

5811 S. PACIFIC HWY. PHOENIX, OREGON



******ACTIVITIES!******

- STOP, DROP AND ROLL PRACTICE
 - SPARKY THE FIRE DOG!
- FREE BURN PERMITS & ADDRESS SIGNS
 - KIDS GET TO SPRAY WATER
- HOME ESCAPE PRACTICE IN FIRE SAFETY TRAILER
 - BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
 - TOUR THE FIRE STATION
- MERCY FLIGHTS HELICOPTER ON SITE
 - FREE STUFF FOR THE KIDS!



FREE HOT DOGS AND DRINKS!!



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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Talent Harvest Festival 2015 on Saturday October 3rd
Come to our booth to learn about leaf diversion opportunities this year. Festivities begin at 7am with a Run/Walk, Children's Activities, Artists, Music, Vendors, Food and much much more. The fun ends at 4pm. More info: www.CityofTalent.org

!!!PLASTIC ROUND-UP!!! OCTOBER 23 & 24
@ Rogue Disposal in White City. Only clean & sorted plastic accepted. More info : www.jcrecycle.org

Please keep leaves out of the landfill & from clogging the storm drains to our streams. Take advantage of these programs:

Free Leaf Drop Off
Sundays Nov 15th & Dec 13th
Bring your leaves to the Ashland Recycle Center on Water St. between 9am – 4pm.

Pre- Paid Leaf Bag Program
November and December only
Talent residents may purchase pre-paid bags at Talent City Hall Development Office @ 110 E. Main from 8:30- 5pm, M-F. From 10/26-12/31 discounted bags will be available for \$10 with a (2) packet limit per household. Additional bags available for \$14.50. These bags can also be purchased at the Recology Office @ 170 Oak St. during business hours.

**Recycle Center on Water Street is open
Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm**

**For more info on ALL our programs
check out our website at
www.RecologyAshland.com
or call 541-482-1471**

Reduce - Reuse - THEN Recycle