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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works and Police Departments

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From the Mayor's Office

Citizen volunteers are why Talent is so productive on so many fronts. We are a small City, with limited capacity and resources. With their dedication and the hard work Talent is more productive than could possibly be achieved with basic services alone. Besides the commissions, committees and other boards, there are many efforts being advanced by Talent folks who show up, roll up their sleeves and start digging and planting, scraping and painting, building public art projects and launching amazing

community events and gatherings. The groups work well together and look to enhance each other over common ground. I can personally attest to the great satisfaction one has being a part of such efforts that the whole community can benefit from and enjoy. This is what makes Talent stronger, this is what makes Talent more appealing and this is what makes Talent such a wonderful place to be. Commission and committee openings can be found at the City of Talent website as well as by visiting City Hall at 110 E. Main St. (541)535-1566.

The City of Talent makes a good effort to communicate items of community interest. We have the Flash Newsletter and Public Notice as two great points to learn what is happening in Talent. If you ever want to know what is coming up for discussion so that you can listen or speak, please find the Council agenda's either on the City website www.cityoftalent.org or by checking the posting board at the front of City Hall. Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of every month; the agenda's are posted the previous Friday. This is just another way to be involved in your City!

Grateful to serve,
Mayor Darby Ayers-Flood

Adopt a Family for the Holidays

The Holiday tree is up at the Talent City Hall and Christmas is just right around the corner! We are kindly asking the community to join our City employees along with Fire District #5 in effort to make the Holidays special for some of the less fortunate families in our area.

If you would like to help please stop by City Hall and pick up a gift tag from our Holiday tree. Each tag will have the first name of one family member that will include the sex, age and suggested gift from the wish list for that person. We will gladly accept donations of wrapping paper, gift tags/stickers, bags, bows and ribbon to wrap these gifts in. There will also be drop boxes located at Fire District #5 in Talent for non-perishable foods for those who would like to contribute in this way.

These families will be receiving a Holiday dinner basket containing a turkey and several non perishable food items. All gifts and dinner baskets will be hand delivered on a fire truck by Fire District #5.



All gifts will need to be turned in, unwrapped or in an open gift bag with the original gift tag attached to it at City Hall no later than 5pm on Friday, December 14th.

If you have any questions please direct them to Coleen Bradley 541-535-7401 or Leslea Heiken at City Hall, 541-535-1566 or coleen@cityoftalent.org or leslea@cityoftalent.org.

Thank you so much for your support and Happy Holidays!

Bioswales are Bio-Swell

Bioswales recently came up in a Talent Facebook conversation, presenting an opportunity to share about an element of natural resource management that really excites me.

Bioswales are a green infrastructure that mimics the natural water cycle, replenishing groundwater while enhancing our communities and ecosystems. They're long, channeled trenches that receive water runoff (like from a parking lot) and have vegetation (such as grasses, native plants, and shrubs) and organic matter (stones and mulch) to slow water infiltration and filter out pollutants. When it rains, snows or your sprinkler overwaters, most of that water flows over impervious surfaces like roads, parking lots, and rooftops where it picks up pollutants including oil, fertilizer, dog poop, cigarette butts, and plastic.

Back in the day, water would filter through the ground. But now, it mostly ends up in our creeks, streams, and rivers – toting all that junk and degrading our beautiful waterways.

In Talent, you've probably seen bioswales along the E Main St roundabout arm, at Chuck Roberts Parks' parking lot, in front of the OSF Production Facility, and the newly developed (and very impressive) bioswale at Rivergate Church on E Rapp Rd & Hwy 99.

They're more than just environmentally friendly landscape design elements, they are critical infrastructure for managing our water runoff and limiting pollutants from flowing downstream and contaminating our most vital resource - water. In fact, they're so crucially beneficial that when ODOT is developing new highways, widening or realigning existing ones, building new or expanded bridges and culverts, installing urbanization features (such as curbs), or making any changes in drainage systems, water quality must be addressed in their designs. Bioswales and other low-impact development methods are, in many cases, the most effective and cost-efficient option available.

By Talent investing in bioswales now, we are investing in clean waterways forever.

Adopt your own bioswale by contacting Zac Moody, Community Development Director at 541-535-7401 or by email at zmoody@cityoftalent.org and send photos of your favorite examples to me at councilor2@cityoftalent.org.

Emily Berlant, City Councilor, Seat #2

Volunteer Service Awards

The Volunteer Service Award will now be awarded on a *quarterly* basis hosted by the City of Talent.

Nominate your favorite local volunteers at Talent City Hall or online at bit.ly/VSA nominations.

Election Schedule

The Jackson County General Election will take place on **Nov. 6, 2018.**

For further details, visit www.cityoftalent.org/elections.

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TURA and the Gateway Project Pt. 9

With winter rains coming, TURA has been working quickly on final site cleanup at the Gateway. Many of you may have seen the excavated metal objects and fencing throughout October. These are old fuel tanks and other metal debris from a time of fewer environmental regulations. The expensive surveying that was required to find the pieces were paid for by a state grant. Some of the cleanup (or “remediation”) can also be covered by the grant, but TURA allocated up to an additional \$40,000 to cover the cleanup costs. It was known going into the surveying that some extra cleanup may be required. On the plus side, this cleanup improves the environmental quality on the site and makes the land usable for the uses Talent desires. Higher water can add costs, so the cleanup will be completed as soon as possible.

The next step to watch for is the beginning of the other arm of the roundabout! The roundabout arm will provide one of the access points to the site, and is due to be built by next Spring. In the Spring, the beginning of the extension will be built along TID’s property, but not through it, since TID has not yet agreed to sell their land. Stay tuned for further updates!

Don’t Rush to Flush: Safely Dispose of Your Unused Medications

Does your medicine cabinet contain medications you no longer use? Are you unsure about what to do with them? If you’ve been told that flushing them down the toilet is the best option, keep reading.

According to Raanan Bloom, an environmental assessment expert for the FDA, many drugs can enter the environment after passing through wastewater treatment plants. This means that when you flush your medications down the sink or toilet, traces of those medications will end up in our rivers and groundwater. Yikes!

Fortunately, here in Talent, we don’t need to flush medications down the sink or toilet. Our local law enforcement agency will take prescription drugs back, no questions asked. Recology partnered with the Talent police department to bring a prescription drug deposit box to the lobby of the Talent police department. The prescription drug deposit box allows citizens the opportunity to drop off the following items in a secure box.

- Prescriptions
- Over the counter Medications
- Medication Samples
- Medications for pets
- Ointments
- Lotions
- Liquid medication in glass or leak proof containers.

The following items WILL NOT be accepted in the box.

- Needles (sharps)
- Thermometers
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Medications from businesses or clinics
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans or inhalers
- Food items
- Supplements

The best time to drop off your items are during police department business hours. This box benefits our community by keeping prescription medicines away from children, out of landfills, our water supply, and waste treatment systems.

The Talent Zero Waste Team is a group passionate about waste reduction. This group strives to inspire and foster a community without waste in Talent. We meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:30 PM in the Talent Public Library. The next two meetings will be on November 15th and December 20th. Please join us as we develop educational material, sponsor reuse and recycling events, and promote zero waste at City-sponsored events. For more information about the Talent Waste Zero Team, please contact Sharon Anderson at scanderson1@charter.net.