



# 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 may have noticed our Talent's street sweeper making its way around Talent. That is one purchase that went to work on day one! We are saving money already.



Elected and appointed officials, as well as the volunteers are always spread thin, but we still manage to accomplish great things. We couldn't be so productive in Talent if it wasn't for the amazing support of the equally hard working City Staff.

City officials approved the "No Smoking in Parks" Ordinance, we endorsed measure 15-141 to preserve public transportation that Talent is so dependent on and we approved the repair of tennis courts in Chuck Roberts Park. Council also opted to participate in a grant application to continue large scale cleanup efforts on Wagner Creek. We adopted City Goals, updated system development charges and we had the privilege of judging the Fair Housing Coloring Contest.

On the volunteer front, the Arbor Day celebration and planting of 10 new trees in Chuck Roberts Park in the Little League Parking was a huge success because of a great collaboration of several organizations. Another fun celebration was the dedication of the Talent Pollinator Garden. Even though it rained, a great crowd quickly relocated to Town Hall where we gave heartfelt gratitude for all that has been done to be part of the solution for our hard working pollinators. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, there is the City Wide Yard Sale and Recycling Round-Up to look forward to. The Southern Oregon Grape Fair is ramping up for the June 5<sup>th</sup> event and they always need volunteer help. Please consider volunteering for this super fun event by calling 541-535-3837 or visit the website at: [Southernoregongrapefair.com](http://Southernoregongrapefair.com). Thank you Team Talent for all that you do!

I want to give a shout out to the Talent Historical Society. The all volunteer board, is shaking things up. They need your support to sustain their amazing efforts. Please stop by the museum at 105 N. Market next to the library. They are updating, having enjoyable history events and making other changes to keep Talent's history alive. If you haven't joined as a member; the dues are modest and now is the time to offer your support.

Finally, please join me in a mighty thank you to Talent Police Chief Mike Moran for his years of dedicated



New Talent Police Chief Whipple, sworn in on April 20, 2016

service to Talent. He will be missed!

There are City Commission and Committee vacancies. Learn more at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) or stop into City Hall.

**Grateful to serve  
Mayor Darby Stricker**

## From the Parks and Recreation Commission

**Save June 4th on your calendar, because that's the day the City will kick off the summer with Opening Day of the Splash Pad at Chuck Roberts Park.** We will have much to celebrate that day, in addition to the return of water fun. The tennis courts will be resurfaced by then, and we will officially acknowledge our new walking trail. Has anyone noticed that the cracks at the basketball courts have been sealed and the lines repainted? Please note that the Splash Pad might be activated before June 4<sup>th</sup> if the weather is already hot, but June 4<sup>th</sup> will be the day of celebration. See you then!

Direct questions or comments for the Commission to [Talent@cityoftalent.org](mailto:Talent@cityoftalent.org) or 541-535-1566.

## News from Talent PD

*By Chief Whipple*

For this Flash newsletter I would first like to thank Chief Mike Moran for his exceptional dedication to duty and service to the Citizens of Talent for the last eight years. Chief Moran will be missed.

To introduce myself to the Talent Community, I come to the Talent Police Department via several local police departments. I was raised in the Rogue River area and after serving in the US Army I returned to the Rogue Valley. I worked as a Police Officer with the City of Rogue River from 1989-1994, with the City of Central Point Police Department from 1994-1996 and with the City of Medford Police Department from 1996-2016.

During my tenure at the Medford Police Department I have held many assignments including Patrol Division Commander, Swat Team Commander, Administrative Sergeant, Patrol

Sergeant, K-9 Sergeant, Field Training Officer and Drug Recognition Expert. I most recently assisted in developing and implementing a Crisis Intervention Training Program for police officers throughout Jackson County.

I look forward to serving the citizens of Talent and will strive to deliver high quality law enforcement services to the community.

I also want to notify you the next drug takeback event which will occur on April 30, 2016 from 1000-1400 hours at the Talent Police Department. Items that may be dropped off include controlled, non-controlled and over the counter medications. However we cannot take IV solutions, injectable, syringes or chemotherapy medications. If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call.

## Round It Up and Turn It In Talent Recycling Drop Off Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Join Together for Talent for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Recycling Drop-Off at the Talent City Hall from 10am to 5pm where you can drop off the following:

**Electronic Waste:** Computers and accessories, audio and video equipment, office equipment, handheld devices and small appliances. ECS Refining is handling electronics and hard drive security is guaranteed. <http://www.ecsrefining.com/>

**Metals:** Any and all types of metal and appliances (compressors and liquids must all be removed) will be collected by Schnitzer Steel. <http://www.schnitzersteel.com>

**Building Materials:** Plumbing fixtures, electrical, hardware, tools, doors, double pane windows (no single pane), paint, furniture, working appliances and more will be collected by Habitat for Humanity ReStore. [www.roguevalleyhabitat.org](http://www.roguevalleyhabitat.org).

**Confidential Paper Shredding:** This year we will be accepting one grocery bag per person of confidential documents to be shredded by Rogue Disposal and Recycling. Documents will be stored in locked secure bins until shredding. <http://roguedisposal.com/>

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**Compact Fluorescent Bulbs:** Recycle household CFL bulbs no fluorescent tubes please, they require special care. CFL bulbs will be handled by Ashland General Hardware. <http://ashlandgeneralhardware.com/>

**Styrofoam Packing Peanuts:** These need to be clean and dry please. No styrofoam blocks -- only peanuts!

**Household Goods:** Please bring only clean reusable items in good or better condition including clothing, shoes, furniture, kitchenware, children's toys to be collected by Goodwill Industries. Please check out their website for more details on what they do and do not collect. <http://www.sogoodwill.org/donate/donate-goods/guidelines/>

Come on down to the Recycling Drop-Off early then check out the library books and pick up some plants for your garden and see what your neighbors are selling. You may just find the perfect treasure that you can revive.

## Grand Community Effort for Talent's 16<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day

To celebrate Arbor Day this year, 10 Armstrong Maple trees were planted at the far edge of the Little League Complex at Chuck Roberts Park. This was the biggest planting yet for the Arbor Day event in Talent, the result of generous contributions and efforts from an array of organizations and individuals. At the ceremony on April 9, Mayor Darby Stricker read the Arbor Day proclamation, accompanied by nicely timed cheers from nearby baseball games. Matt Krunglevich from the Oregon Department of Forestry presented the Tree City USA banner, which Talent has earned for 16 consecutive years.

Many youthful baseball players pitched in to help plant trees, purchased with funds generously donated by Phoenix Talent Little League, Pacific Power, Rogue River Watershed Council, Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District, and Joe Wismann. Planting holes were dug ahead of time by Talent Public Works, and the tree planting was organized by Zac Moody, Talent's community development director and president of Phoenix Talent Little

League. Together for Talent's Friends of Trees, led by Sharon Anderson, contributed saplings from the city tree nursery for adoption. Arborist Chris John was on hand to direct the planting of the maples and answer questions. Information tables included City Storm Water Management, Recology Leaf Disposal, Rogue Climate Talent, and Klamath Bird Observatory. The weather was balmy and atmospheric cello music was provided by Daniel Sperry.

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**

**News From FD5**

*By Chief Welburn*

We have responded to a number of traffic accidents over the past year that involved older drivers who were unable to maintain proper control of their motor vehicle. Some appear to have been medical related and others involved moments of confusion where the brake and gas pedals were confused.

Driver safety can often be a sensitive issue for older drivers. A driver's license signifies more than the ability to drive a car; it is a symbol of freedom and self-sufficiency. Understandably, driving is not a privilege that anyone wants to relinquish willingly. Still, safety must come first.

Some older drivers may be aware of their faltering ability but still be reluctant to give up driving completely. Another person's concerns may force the senior driver to act. They may even feel relieved to have someone else help make the decision to stop driving. Some seniors may forget that they aren't supposed to drive. If that is the case, it is even more important to remove the car or the keys to make it impossible to drive. If you find yourself in the position of talking to an older friend or family member about their driving, remember the following:

Be respectful, but don't back down if you have true concerns with their ability to drive.

Give specific examples of what you have noticed.

Gather the support of friends, family, and perhaps their family physician.

Help them find alternatives to driving and understand that this is a difficult transition!

Remember your actions as a friend or family member may prevent a tragedy!

**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 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

**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, 2016 to June 30, 2017, will be held at the Talent Town Hall, 206 East Main Street. The meeting will take place on the 12th day of May 2016 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 17, 2016 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Location: Talent Town Hall, 206 East Main Street.

Meeting dates and times are also posted on the City of Talent website at www.cityoftalent.org.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 12, 2016 at Talent City Hall, 110 East Main Street, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

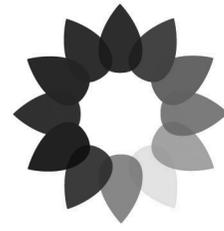
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Thomas J. Corrigan  
City Manager

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