



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 intention of the Flash is to keep Talent residents up to speed on the happenings of your local government. It occurred to me that it might be helpful if I wrote about when and



how decisions are made and how you can get involved/informed.

Council meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 6:45PM in Town Hall. Each meeting we are presented with an agenda of work items for decisions. Work items are generated by way of the City Staff or by recommendation from a City Committee or Commission. Talent is also open to its citizens bringing initiatives. If an individual or group wants Talent government to consider an item, bring it to the meeting, pitch it and the Council will decide if they can fit it in, if it is approved by a majority of Councilors.

Agendas are posted by the Friday before each Wednesday meeting. You can find the agenda on www.cityoftalent.org or posted to the door of Town Hall. There are other locations which can be found by calling 541-535-1566.

City Commissions and Committees are tasked with vetting the business within their areas of expertise and making recommendations to Council, for final decision. The idea being that Council can make better informed decisions, with a more thorough approach. They also initiate their own goals, ideas and activities to present to Council, also in the form of recommendations. This allows for participation by citizens in all areas of our organization. Planning, Parks, Traffic Safety, Budget, Harvest Festival, Together for Talent and Public Arts are examples of City Commissions and Committees; each with a board of 5 to 7 generous Talent resident volunteers. Talent Public Arts Committee is currently dormant and needs a renewed effort and leadership. Please look for all the great opportunities to get involved by visiting www.cityoftalent.org or calling 541-535-1566.

I am marrying the lovely Ms. Heather Ayers before this Flash article is published, which will change my name to Darby Ayers-Flood

Gratefully to serve,
Mayor Darby Ayers-Flood

Talent Zero Waste

The Talent Zero Waste Team would like to thank the City of Talent, all the businesses who collected materials, a really big thank you to the 30 volunteers who collected materials and everyone else who helped make this year's Talent Recycling Drop-off such a success! We would also like express our appreciation to Jack Latvala of Star Realty for his generous donation of a new canopy. It will come in handy for all the events the Talent Zero Waste Team is involved with.

To recap this year's Talent Recycling Drop-off, 210 vehicles passed through the site to drop off the following:

- 5,127 lbs. of electronics to ECS Refining
- 4,800 lbs. of metal for Recology
- 191 CFL bulbs to Recology
- 225 gallons of Styrofoam packing peanuts were collected
- 3 tons of household goods were collected by Goodwill
- 1 ton of building materials were collected by Habitat ReStore.

We would like to encourage everyone to continue to recycle these items year round. Information flyers are available at the Talent City Hall or on the Talent Zero Waste facebook page.

The **Zero Waste Team** meets every 3rd Thursday of the month from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at the Talent Public Library small meeting room.

We are a group of dedicated people who are passionate about lightening our impact on the planet by understanding where our waste comes from, where it goes and by Rethinking the three R's of Recycling. We encourage everyone to take steps to Refuse to buy single use disposable items, Reduce the amount of plastics and trash in the waste stream by Reusing, Repairing, Repurposing, or Renting because it is getting more and more difficult to actually Recycle.

Please join us as we develop educational material, sponsor reuse and recycling events, and promote zero waste at City Sponsored events.

For more information contact Sharon Anderson at scanderson1@charter.net.

And remember **There Is No Away!**

From the Parks and Recreation Commission

The Grand Re-opening was rescheduled for Saturday, July 1 at 12 Noon! The drone clinic and races will be in the large soccer field area. What a great way to start the holiday weekend!

The **Splash Pad** at Chuck Roberts Park will operate regularly from 11:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. through the summer. The **walking/jogging trail** at Chuck Roberts is now complete and offers nearly a one-mile work-out if you do all the loops and connections. Finally, look for the newly-installed **historical marker** near the park entrance. It commemorates the Applegate Trail, the 19th-century pioneer route, which included what is now Talent Avenue.

Talent Police Department Chief of Police Curtis Whipple

The Talent Police Department has presented several Coffee with a Cop events over the recent months. During one of the events, we had the privilege of Kittie Harrison, who is a member of Ashland CERT, join us and talk about the Map Your Neighborhood Program.

The Map Your Neighborhood program is designed to guide you and your neighbors through simple steps to help enhance your preparedness for an emergency. These steps help you quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives in case of an emergency. Map Your Neighborhood is designed to improve disaster readiness at the neighborhood level and explains the potential need for neighbors to rely on each other in the event of a disaster, prior to the arrival of fire, medical, police or utility responders.

Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma and reduce property damage. In addition, contributing as an individual and working together as a team will help us develop a stronger community.

The Map Your Neighborhood Program was well received by those in attendance, and I felt obligated to explain the program in this Flash as well as offer our assistance in getting this program to your neighborhood. Please contact the Talent Police Department at 541 535-1253 and we will assist in making arrangements for the presentation.

In the event of a disaster, helping yourself and your neighbors will allow first responders to assist those who are truly in need of assistance during a disaster.

July – Fertilizers and Agricultural Runoff

This is the season of lawn-care, and people have never spent more time and money to keep their lawns looking green and lush. According to the US EPA, Americans spend \$5.25 billion dollars on fossil-fuel based *lawn* fertilizers each year.

Although these fertilizers help green up our plants, they can have a detrimental effect on our waterways. Fertilizer doesn't entirely remain where it is applied, much is carried away from lawns in runoff from irrigation and rainwater. Once in the water, it can make its way into our storm drains and streams. These excess nutrients in waterways influence the growth of aquatic vegetation, which removes dissolved oxygen from the water and can have devastating effects on fish and other aquatic wildlife.

The best way to mitigate this risk is also the simplest. Generally speaking, when applying concentrated chemical fertilizers, *less is more* – too much can in fact, be very harmful to plant growth. Also, instead of bagging and disposing of grass clippings, consider leaving them atop the lawn. Clippings will supply nutrients as they decompose and provide the added benefit

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of cutting down on fertilizer costs. To learn more about responsible agricultural practices and how to protect our waterways, visit www.stream-smart.com.

Bee City USA

Education on Pollination. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00. For location and more information, contact Warden at 541-897-0065 or email: dolly.warden17@gmail.com

WANTED- COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MEMBERS

Planning Commission
Currently there is 1 vacancy for a **Planning Commissioner**. The term for a Commissioner is 4 years. The **Planning Commission meets every 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in Talent Town Hall.**

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.

Talent Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee

There are currently 5 vacancies for this Committee. Meetings are once or twice a year in June.

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.

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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 is currently 1 alternate member vacancy. 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 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

<h1 style="margin: 0;">CERT SUMMER LEARNING SERIES</h1> <p>WHEN June 26 – July 31 Mondays 5:30-7pm</p> <p>WHERE JCFD5 - Station 1 5811 S Pacific Highway Phoenix, Oregon</p> <p>FEATURING PREVENTION GRADE-SPECIFIC LESSONS · Kindergarten - June 26 · 1st grade - July 3 · 2nd grade - July 10 · 3rd grade - July 17 · 4th grade - July 24 · 5th grade - July 31</p> <p>WWW.ASHLNADCERT.ORG CALL: 541-552-2226</p>	<p>AGE / GRADE LEVEL EVENT</p> <p>PIZZA PROVIDED FREE FREE FREE</p> <p>ADULT PARENT OR CAREGIVER MUST ACCOMPANY STUDENT No exceptions</p> <p>SPONSORS Ashland Fire & Rescue Ashland CERT Jackson County Fire District 5</p> <p>BENEFITING The whole community through grade specific fire prevention and preparedness lessons.</p>
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Get Ready!

THE Talent Harvest Festival is coming...October 7, 2017

This GREAT Fall Event (48 Years) will once again bring you the full experience of living in our community. Live Music, Arts, Crafts, Great Local Foods, Wine & Beer Garden, Grand Parade, Harvest Home for Kids, Climbing Wall, Pancake Breakfast, Apple Pressing and so much more!




Fun, Fun, Fun! Save the Date!!!

Discover Your Talent!®

