



# THE FLASH

## City of Talent

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

The Flash, which occupies the following two pages, is a publication of the City of Talent and is editorially separate from the rest of the Talent News and Review. All content and editorial choices contained in the rest of the paper are the sole responsibility of the TNR and are not in any way associated with the City of Talent. -JG

### From the Mayor's Office

The big news of the month; Fall is here! With it comes the Harvest Festival. As we dedicate this year's festivities to the City's clean energy action plan, I wish to point



you to online resources found on [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org). Here you will find information that could improve your household costs on energy producing significant savings for your family. There will also be a section of information booths to inform this community forward. I hope to see everyone there, for the dedication of the solar panel install on the community center! Please be careful on Halloween, our children are out there.

The Phoenix High School Homecoming Parade is on October 4th. Now that school is in full swing, it's time to focus on how we as community and parents can support our Phoenix Talent School District. One way our City partners with agencies and the school district, is through a Safe School Inter-agency team. The team is made of representatives from local advocacy agencies, law enforcement, officials from Talent and Phoenix as well as school district leadership. We get together periodically throughout the school year, to discuss best community practices and policies, that enhance the school experience and student safety for all of our students within the Phoenix Talent School District. Also, look for an upcoming school bond that deserves our deepest consideration. You can find all the details in the voter's pamphlet for the upcoming special election. We cannot continue demand more from a school system that has to do more with less. Our district keeps growing and the communities within the district have an important decision to make about how we will support the growth for our future generations. Reminder; please drive safe during school hours, our children are out there.

Because of unusual circumstances, there will be 4 council seats and one Mayor's seat up for election in 2018. Are you interested in getting involved? This is the perfect time to join a City Committee, get some experience with a great team of volunteers and set your sights on a seat with the City Council. Every race deserves a challenge and your particular input is just what our City needs. Committee openings can

be found by visiting our city website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) or calling 541-535-1566.

Grateful to serve,  
Mayor Darby Ayers-Flood

### Talent Zero Waste Team (TZWT)

At This Year's Harvest Festival: Let's Get Festive about Zero Waste!  
By Jamie Rosenthal

Did you know that the City of Talent's Annual Harvest Festival is a **ZERO WASTE** event? A few years ago, the Talent Zero Waste Team, City of Talent, and Harvest Festival Vendors combined efforts to make zero waste a priority by banning the use of single-use plastics and Styrofoam by Festival food and snack vendors, and by modeling that we can all enjoy ourselves at a community event when there's a lot **less trash**.

**So, what should you expect at this year's event?** You can expect to be offered metal utensils instead of plastic disposables. You can expect *actual* glasses instead of disposable plastic cups. The City will sell reusable water bottles and provide cold water for refilling. Collection areas for food waste and recycling will be provided. **Jackson County Master Recyclers** will be staffing the event and happy to answer any of your waste reduction and recycling questions.

This significant movement towards zero waste aligns with the **Talent Clean Energy Action Plan**, which is focused on reducing the inefficient use of resources and energy costs, creating sustainable businesses and jobs that strengthen Talent's local economy. The plan prepares residents for the impacts of climate change while preserving Talent's rural way of life. This year, the Harvest Festival's Theme is **Celebrating One Year of Talent's Clean Energy Action Plan**. Please stop by **Clean Energy Alley** to say hello to our Zero Waste Team & **Rogue Climate Talent**, play Bingo, learn about residential **solar** projects, **LED** install projects, **renewable energy**, and much more. **Zero Waste & Infinite Fun!** That's what we're about!

Festival goers can help in the effort to reduce waste by bringing reusable water bottles, walking or biking to the festival, opting out of straws and lids for drinks, and only taking the freebies they truly plan to use.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2:30 PM in the Talent Public Library. The next two meetings will be on **October 19<sup>th</sup>** and **November 16<sup>st</sup>**. 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](mailto:scanderson1@charter.net).

### The Talent Weed Team Needs Volunteers

If you or a friend want reduce the weeds around the Library and in front of City Hall, the Together for Talent Weed Team needs volunteers. We meet in front of the Library on Tuesdays and in front of City Hall Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. We use no sprays and only work in areas where the city does not spray herbicides. Questions: call 541 896 0285.

### October - Leaf disposal options for Talent residents

Fall is finally here! We'll have some cooler temperatures and rain to look forward to, but it will soon be time to start raking up the leaves and winterizing our homes. Since leaves have a tendency to block storm drains and lead to flooding, residents are encouraged to occasionally check nearby storm drains *before* issues arise. But how do we keep these leaves from filling up our garbage cans *and* our storm drains?

Fortunately, residents of Talent have several methods of lawn leaf disposal available to them. Recology Ashland Sanitary Service offers *free* leaf drop-off days at their Recycling Center, which is located on the corner of Water Street and Van Ness Avenue in Ashland. Alternatively, Talent residents can swing by City Hall to purchase leaf collection bags at cost and Recology will haul the leaf bags away during Green Debris week (proof of residency required). See their website [www.recologyashlandsanitaryservice.com](http://www.recologyashlandsanitaryservice.com) for specifics. The City will also hold a leaf collection event at City Hall in November. Information about the date and time of the drop-off is available on the City's website as well at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).

Jackson County also offers a Leaf Exchange program that networks people seeking to dispose of leaves with people looking for leaves to make compost. To find out more about how to get rid of your leaves, visit the Jackson County recycling directory at [www.jcredirectory.org](http://www.jcredirectory.org).

### Talent Historical Society News

We hope to see you at the upcoming Harvest Festival where we will have a parade entry, booth and free raffle!!! Our Museum will be open at 10:30 am that morning and will feature a display of canning jars and other harvest items.

We are pleased to announce that the Talent Historical Society has received a Cultural Development Grant for \$6,109 from the Oregon Cultural Trust. The funds will be used for much needed improvements and upgrades to our Museum. We wish to thank the Oregon Cultural Trust for their support and the opportunity to make our Museum all that it can be.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 24th when Talent resident and author Leslie Compton will discuss her book "Dearest Minnie" which tells the story of Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet

NOVEMBER 2017  
Volume 18/Issue 10

Official  
Newsletter of the City of  
Talent  
110 East Main Street,  
P.O. Box 445, Talent,  
Oregon 97540

Edited by  
Kimberlyn Collins  
City Website:

[www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org)

Telephone:  
(541) 535-1566

E-mail:

[TCorrigan@cityoftalent.org](mailto:TCorrigan@cityoftalent.org)

through the eyes of an enlisted sailor aboard the USS Virginia during 1907 - 1909. The talk will be from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Society's Museum at 105 N. Market Street, Talent. The meetings are free and open to the public and you need not be a member to attend. Call 541-512-8838 for more info.

### Integrated Pest Management Policy for Talent

Early in 2015, Jim Thompson initiated an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) draft process by attending an Ashland City Council meeting to study their new IPM policy as a guide for Talent. This led to a more complex document that better fits the needs and safety of our community. It is the result of much study and research on pest management strategy, drawing on the knowledge of experts and scientists. The IPM draft has the support of Talent Parks and Recreation.

The draft was composed and submitted to the Talent City Council for vetting on February 3, 2017. This policy draft is the result of hard work and collaboration by volunteers, the Bee City USA Talent Sub-committee and the Together for Talent Committee. By following examples of other cities, a need for a sustainable, environmentally friendly IPM for Talent was addressed. The IPM is a means to express Talent's commitment to a safe and effective pest management policy, minimizing the risk of using powerful pesticides, especially in public spaces. A joint session on the IPM is expected in the near future before it goes for a vote to Council. An expert is expected to advise on the IPM content.

Jim Thompson and Dolly Warden of Bee City USA Talent Sub-committee originated the IPM policy draft, and it has undergone a number of revisions, fine-tuning it to mesh with Talent's unique municipal maintenance challenges. The IPM is expected to undergo additional adjustments to address budget issues and implementation specifics. Our new

Council member Stephanie Dolan is also meeting the challenge of taking the IPM further as it goes through vetting. More on the IPM as it develops.

**Talent Police Department**

On September 8, The newest addition to the Talent Police Department, Officer James Vial graduated from the Department of Public Safety Standard and Training after completing 16 weeks of basic police training. For me it seemed a short time ago when I mentioned he was going off to the academy, but I am sure it seemed much longer to him.

Officer Vial will now continue his training with Officers from the Talent Police Department for 12 weeks where he will learn about the Talent Police Department Policy and Procedure as well as build upon what he has learned from his academy training. When you see Officer Vial, give him a warm welcome to our community.

Halloween will be upon us soon, and I want to give some reminders to ensure the safety of those who participate in the Halloween festivities.

If your children are out trick-or-treating, make sure they stay with an adult. Also, its best to stick to the neighborhoods the children know. There is lots of activity during this night and if children are familiar to the area there is less of a chance they will become lost.

Take a flashlight and glow sticks, wear light colored clothing and place reflective material onto costumes. There is no reason not to be highly visible to cars.

Trick-or-treat well-lit homes and those with carved pumpkins. These are the people who are likely prepared for the evening and will often have the best treats.

Check your children's candy. Any candy that is open should be thrown away, and if you have any suspicion about the candy throw it out.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Halloween. As always, if you see anything that is of a concern, feel free to contact the Talent Police Department as we will have extra patrols throughout the City.

Curtis Whipple  
Chief of Police

**As our largest sponsor this year, we wanted to offer a special thanks to Providence Health & Services**



**The City of Talent, Talent Public Works & the entire Harvest Festival Committee, wants to personally thank all our partners, sponsors, many volunteers and law enforcement for their planning, financial, energy & endless hours of creative support in making our 48th Annual Harvest Festival such a community success! It only happens with your support and partnership.**

Our Sincere Appreciation and congratulations.



**“The City of Talent thanks Pacific Power’s Blue Sky customers for helping to fund our new solar panels.”**  
(Ribbon cutting / 12:00 noon at the Community Center)

Discover Your Talent!