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

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From the Mayor's Office

Spring has sprung which always inspires a bustle of activity. There are events being planned and projects already in full swing. One of the big projects happening is with the Talent Parks Commission. They are busy working on a new Parks Master Plan made possible by a grant. This is an exciting time for Talent! That said, we are having a difficult time meeting quorum requirements that public meeting law requires because we do not have a full Commission. We need two more volunteer Commissioners immediately!

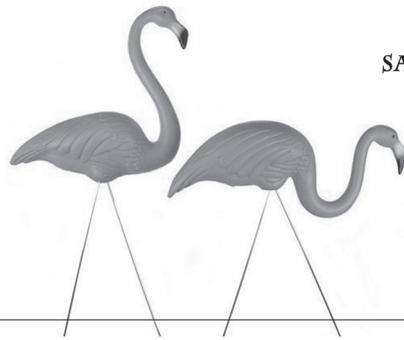
This is a most worthy and fun way to serve your community. Great things come from Parks, the commitment requires a minimal learning curve and the work itself is inspirational. If you are a fan of Talent and you love our community, please consider volunteering for Parks! Parks meets once per month to make important recommendations to the Council on Parks design features, maintenance and equipment. We cannot do it without you, please consider joining us! Applications are at www.cityoftalent.org or by calling 541-535-1566.

Back to the Gateway project on the corner of Valley View and Highway 99; Talent Urban Renewal Agency is reworking the Request For Proposal (RFP) to better reflect some of our community wishes for this important entry into the down town area of Talent. Previous articles have described how the roundabout was planned back in 2006-2008 and the intention it will fulfill in the future. The current plan for the Gateway site is to install another small piece of the roundabout feature. This will not complete the roundabout but will build the entry to the second arm which is designed to eventually cross over Talent Avenue to Wagner Street. As planned, the entry will stump off at the property line of Talent Irrigation District. One day when TID moves, any development on that lot will be required to complete the extension as a condition of development.

Progress is often slow but Talent works hard to follow the long range planning, to stay consistent over the years.

Grateful to serve,
Mayor Darby Ayers-Flood

TALENT CITYWIDE YARD SALE



WHEN:
SATURDAY, MAY 11TH, 2019

WHERE:
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
THROUGHOUT TALENT

TIME:
9:00AM TO 3:00PM

Saturday, May 11th

*Meet new people! Find great deals!
Get to know the community!*

THIS EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER FOR TES OUTDOOR DISCOVERY PROGRAM'S PAC
WE PARTICIPATE IN THE YARD SALE AS WELL AS PROVIDING A BAKE SALE FROM 9 TO 2
@ 309 WEST MAIN ST, TALENT.

Maps of participating locations will be available between May 6th & May 10th at:

RAYS FOOD PLACE, TALENT
TALENT CITY HALL

MAPS - DAY OF THE YARD SALE ONLY (MAY 11TH): ODP SCHOOLHOUSE 309 W. MAIN ST

For further information, please call: Shauna (541) 601-1195

In addition look for many more events around Talent this same day...

ACCENT on Talent Day

Events around town include: book sale, plant sales, & recycle drop off and many more.

Commission & Committee Openings:

Together for Talent

Want a voice in your city's affairs? Join Together for Talent, a city committee. Up to five seats available! Be a recommending body to the City Council. Funding is available for ways to improve the city. Participate in meaningful projects in our community.

Open Meeting on Tuesday, March 5th from 4 - 6 pm at the Old Town Hall.

If you are interested, please contact the City Recorder at 541-941-5939 or at gciprazo@cityoftalent.org

Harvest Festival 2019

Talent is looking for interested citizens and volunteers to take part in the planning process for the City's 50th annual Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival will take place on September 21, 2019 here in downtown Talent.

Planning meetings are currently held every three weeks. The February meeting will be on February 21st at 4pm at City Hall.

If you are interested, please contact the City Recorder at 541-941-5939 or at gciprazo@cityoftalent.org

Parks Commission

This is a seven-person commission, with each person serving a two-year term. The commission advises the City Council on planning and improvements to City parks and provides oversight to the City's Summer Recreation Programs. Members are active in raising community awareness of use of City parks and the importance of participation in recreational activities.

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Talent Police Department

One of the best ways to prevent crime in your neighborhood is to join with others in forming a neighborhood watch group. It essentially involves getting to know your neighbors and watching out for each other and reporting suspicious activity to the police department when it is happening. If you are interested in more information, please contact Chief Doney or Lt. Snook and ask about setting up an initial meeting with neighbors. The department will provide a short presentation on the program, explaining how it works and the benefits. You will be encouraged to exchange neighbor contact information and select a block captain. We can also discuss options for neighborhood watch signs. Neighbors really are the best form of crime prevention. You know when things are out of place or when suspicious activity is occurring. Contact us for more information at 541-535-1253 or tdoney@cityoftalent.org

Talent Housing Code Update – Open House

Every region of Oregon is experiencing housing availability or affordability problems, or both. In some cases, the comprehensive plan for the urban area is out of date so housing needs have not been determined. In other cases, the need may be known but the zoning code presents barriers to development of needed housing or does not allow a variety of housing types to meet the diverse needs of residents.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is providing technical assistance to the City for the purpose of increasing the supply and affordability of housing within the boundaries of the City. Technical assistance is in the form of direct assistance in the completion of products used to update comprehensive plans and zoning codes, or adopt other housing strategies, to help ensure that the City can satisfy its housing needs and to ensure the amended code allows and does not include barriers to development of needed housing.

The first open house for the project is scheduled on April 24, 2019 from 6PM-8PM at Talent Town Hall, 206 E. Main Street, Talent. For more information on this project, please visit www.cityoftalent.org/housingcodeupdate.

Talent Police Department

Over the past 12 years, many of the projects from the Parks Master Plan have been completed and there is now a need to evaluate the success of these projects and to set new goals.

The City of Talent is experiencing both shifting demographics and population growth. By 2035 over 36% of Talent residents will be over age 60 and an increasingly large Latinx population is calling Talent home. Over the next 20 years, the population within Talent's UGB is projected to grow by 41%. In response to this, the city is currently reviewing its UGB and will likely add more lands. These changes have further justified the need for an updated parks master plan and the City of Talent has received a grant from the Oregon Park and Recreation Department to complete these updates. This master plan update will also help to inform the City's 5-year Capital Improvements Plan.

The Parks Commission has held two study sessions to date and is continuing to seek public input. A brief survey has been developed and is available online. For more project information or to participate in the survey, please visit the News link at www.cityoftalent.org.

ACCENT ON TALENT

Save the date, Saturday May 11, for ACCENT on Talent 2019 - A City-wide Community Event bringing Neighbors Together is sponsored by the Talent Library Club (Book Sale), the Talent Garden Club (Plant Sale), the Talent Maker City (Fix it Fair), the Outdoor Discovery Program (bake & City-wide Yard Sale), and the city Together for Talent's Zero Waste Team (Recycle Drop Off) More organizations will be participating and other activities are planned for this community event. If you are interested in participating, contact Sharon Anderson at 535-9055. Watch for details in the May issue.