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

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From the Mayor's Office

When you are busy, time flies! It seems like 2019 is clipping along at a fast pace. No surprise that the City of Talent has a lot going on.

The City of Talent has a multitude of projects happening at once, making the first 3 months of the year a real task master. We have been working hard to write an ordinance for Short Term Rentals that would provide protections for long term rentals, while providing folks an opportunity to rent by the night. We completed Council goals. We queued up a plastics ban that goes beyond the shopping bag. We are studying affordable housing policies as we

seek to make significant improvements to our zoning codes. There is a Parks Master Plan update under way and there is a City wide art project in the planning stages. These are just a few important items on a long list of good hard work being done by Council, staff and of course the army of volunteers, that makes Talent a particularly productive little City.

The next big body of work in front of us is the budget process. It is no coincidence that budget comes right after goals. We dream and prioritize, and then we see if we can afford the dreams and priorities. May and June will be busy with planning our projects and finances for the upcoming year. Public hearings on the proposed budget happen in June. Our public is encouraged to review the proposed budget before it is adopted.

As usual, we are looking to fill Commission and Committee seats. We are able to accomplish the priorities of our community in part because of the team effort. It could very well be said that the most important element of our work force is the resident volunteers. The more we have, the lighter the load is for each of us. We lift each other, in the bigger lift of Talent. Please visit the City website or call 541-535-1566 for a Committee or Commission application.

Grateful to serve,
Mayor Darby Ayers-Flood

Food & Friends

Food & Friends, the Senior Meals and Meals on Wheels program of Jackson and Josephine Counties, is the Senior Nutrition Program of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments. Our mission is "Together, we promote the dignity, quality of life, and self-determination of seniors and people with disabilities." We strive to provide our community's most vulnerable seniors with a hot, nutritious meal, social interaction and an invaluable safety check.

Together with our volunteers, we have been serving and delivering meals to seniors in Talent for 20 years. Our dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteers bring a friendly smile and a hot meal to Talent's homebound seniors, five days a week, on two delivery routes. At our Talent meal site, located within the warm and inviting Talent Community Center, we provide a comforting environment for seniors to come together to enjoy lunch and a laugh with their friends, three days a week.

Today, we are reaching out to the community of Talent to join with us to continue our efforts to provide a fresh meal and social interaction for seniors in your area. Volunteers are the heart of our program and the bond between Food & Friends and our seniors. We currently need help serving lunch at our Talent meal site on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Through dedicating only 2 hours of your day, one day a week, you too can be a part of the Food & Friends family.

For more information, contact us today at 541-734-9505 or look us up online at www.rvcog.org. Together, with our volunteers, we provide more than meal.

Talent Housing Code Update

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 being provided to update the Talent Zoning Code 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.

On Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Talent Town Hall, 206 E. Main Street, the City of Talent will hold a public open house regarding the City's proposed housing code amendment concepts.

Updated information regarding the proposed amendments may be obtained at www.cityoftalent.org/housingcodeupdate, Talent Community Development office located at 110 E. Main St., Talent, Oregon 97540 or by calling Zac Moody, Community Development Director at 541-535-7401. Printed documents are available for purchase at a cost of \$0.25 per page. The final draft of the proposed amendments will be available fourteen (14) days prior to the first public hearing.

NOXIOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT NOTICE

Not a fan of that all-too familiar smoke and haze brought on by wildfire season? We can keep wildfires out of our backyard by doing a little preventive work to keep noxious vegetation at bay.

Just what IS noxious vegetation? Talent Municipal Code (TMC) 8.05 defines Noxious Vegetation as: weeds or grass more than six inches high on/after May 15th, poison oak or poison ivy, blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line, vegetation listed on the noxious weed list promulgated by the Oregon Dept of Agriculture's Plant Division, and vegetation that is: (a) a health hazard, (b) fire hazard, or (c) traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.

Simply put, during Summer Season, weeds must be maintained no taller than 6 inches above the ground. The season begins May 15th and lasts to September 30th or the end of fire season, whichever is later.

Adhering to these regulations protects our community. Furthermore, violating TMC 8.05 could result in a 48-hour compliance notice and if not abated, a fine of up to \$500. Please assess your property immediately and take necessary action towards proper weed abatement.

For more information on the City's Noxious Vegetation requirements, please visit www.cityoftalent.org and click Departments, then Community Development.

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Talent Police Department

You will soon see a new face patrolling the streets of Talent. Ofc. Michael Bates graduated from the Oregon Police Academy in Salem on Friday, April 12th, 2019. He will spend the next few months training with a field training officer then be on his own assisting the citizens of Talent.

New School Resource Officer

The Talent Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of Officer Ernie Whiteman Sr., who will be assigned as a part-time school resource officer at Talent Middle School through the end of the school year.

Ofc. Whiteman was a long-time school resource officer at North Medford High School. He retired from the Medford Police Department in 2014.

The Talent Police Department partnered with the Phoenix-Talent School District, who funded this pilot project, through the end of the current school year.

Round It Up and Turn It In Talent Recycling Drop Off!

Saturday, May 11th from 10am to 3pm at Talent City Hall

Electronics: Computer monitors, desktop or portable computers, televisions, computer peripherals (mouse and keyboard), desktop printers (no free standing printers). This year electronic recycling is being handled by URT (Universal Recycling Technologies) out of Portland, OR.

Metals: Any and all types of metals and appliances, however, liquids and compressors must be removed. Recology will be hauling metals this year.

Building Materials: Habitat Restore will be collecting donations of items that are in good condition, clean and in working order. Some of the items that will be accepted are:

- Appliances (7yrs or newer)
- Cabinets & Countertops (solid wood fronts with all doors and drawers)
- Carpet: 10' x 10' or larger, 3 years or newer, no spots, stains or wear
- Linoleum: unused, 25sq ft. min.
- Wood & Laminate flooring: Full unopened boxes
- Furniture: No rips, stains, smells or broken parts
- HVAC: Furnaces, duct, bathroom fans and vents
- Lawn & Garden: Tools, fencing, bricks and pavers
- Roofing: Asphalt, wood, metal, tar paper
- Lumber & Siding: 5ft or longer, no nails or screws
- Paint: Latex paint in undamaged original containers w/labels
- Sinks & Fixtures: Clean, no chips, cracks or scratches
- Tile: Quantities over 10sq ft.
- Toilets: 1996 or newer with 1.6 gpf or less, clean and in working order
- Tools & Equipment: All tools in good working order, with all the parts and pieces
- Windows: Vinyl or wood, double pained, undamaged, un-fogged, working order

For mor information about Habitat ReStore and what donations they take check out:

<https://www.roguevalleyhabitat.org/copy-of-frequently-asked-questions>

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs: CFL bulbs but no fluorescent tubes please.

Styrofoam Packing Peanuts: Clean and dry peanuts only.

Wine Corks: Natural Oak wine corks, no synthetic corks please.

Please note we will NOT be accepting Household goods, batteries or flammable liquids*.

*The good news is, you can drop off household batteries and more at the Rogue Disposal and Recycling Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day. Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8am to 4:30pm at the Rogue Transfer & Recycling in White City.

See their website for more info: <https://roguedisposal.com/transfer-station/hazardous-waste>