



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 Season where we transition from one year to the next triggers reflection, shedding the old and renewing. I had planned to research all of the accomplishments of 2016 and share hopes for 2017 for this article, which was due for submission on December 28th. But before I had a chance to do that, on November 23rd my mother had a catastrophic stroke and my immediate priorities were entirely realigned.



First I want to share important information. As strokes go, time is everything. We were very lucky! My sister and my brother were with my mother to immediately dial 911 and an ambulance in Talent arrived in minutes. She was in the hospital in less than 30 minutes making her a candidate for a treatment that increases her recovery many fold. We did not for one second delay the call to 911 and we owe everything to the first responders and the EXCELLENT team at Rogue Regional Medical Center. Though my sweet mother has a long road, her prognosis is so much better because we wasted no time!

There have been many tragedies among the joys of 2016. There is frustration and divide within our Nation and within our own community. Please accept this reminder as I remind myself. We choose everyday how we express as a community; I choose love and respect.

Happy New Year my cherished neighbors.

Grateful to serve,

Mayor Darby Stricker

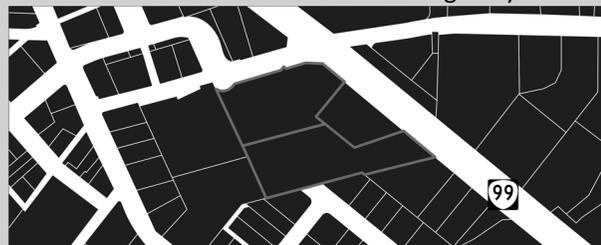
News from Utility Billing

The City of Talent is launching our new billing system February 2017. Our staff is working hard to make the transition as seamless as possible for you. One of the improvements that the new billing system will provide is the enhanced look of your monthly bill. The updated monthly bill will make it easier to find your bill amount and payment due date.

We appreciate your patience and know that this change may be initially a little inconvenient. However, we're confident our new billing system will help us continue to provide excellent service.

Future Commercial Development

Zoned Commercial Business Highway



Talent Urban Renewal Agency is SEEKING CITIZEN INPUT

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News from Talent Urban Renewal Agency

The Talent Urban Renewal Agency will be having an Open House on January 11 at 6 PM at the Talent Community Center.

We are seeking YOUR INPUT for the downtown parcels that we will be offering up for development.

The property is zoned Commercial Highway Development.

This is your chance to see how Downtown Talent will look for years to come!

Tom Corrigan
TURA Executive Director

Housing Needs Analysis Update

In response to community concerns about the type and scale of new homes, as well as the supply of housing in Talent, City staff and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) have developed draft policies that address land availability, the range of housing, efficient development and zoning flexibility.

During the past year, the City of Talent has been exploring ways to modify Talent's single and multifamily-dwelling zoning rules to meet the needs of current and future generations. The public is invited to a public hearing addressing housing needs, revised Comprehensive Plan policies and land inventory maps. During the hearing, Citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes and provide the Planning Commission with comment.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at Talent Town Hall on **January 26, 2017 at 6:30PM**. Please come to learn more about the project, hear about draft policies being proposed and provide public comments.

Talent residents can also learn more about the draft Housing Needs Analysis and policies by visiting our online presentation at www.cityoftalent.org. From December 6, 2016 to January 19, 2017, the public is invited to review draft HNA and policies and take an online questionnaire. Staff will use the public input to refine proposals for the Planning Commission and City Council to consider.

For more information, visit the

Community Development website at www.cityoftalent.org, then click long-range planning projects (CPA 2016-002), or email City staff zmoody@cityoftalent.org, or contact:

Zac Moody, Community Development Director
541-535-7401

News from Talent PD

By Chief Whipple

As we look forward to the new beginnings that 2017 has to offer each of us, we must always be mindful of the past, lessons learned and those we have lost. 2016 was a tragic year for the United States Law Enforcement community. As of December 20, 2016, 62 police officers had lost their lives in the line of duty due to gunfire marking an alarming 72% increase over the numbers in 2015. The total number who had fallen in the line of duty will exceed 135. Each officer who has died in the line of duty, no matter where it occurred, has an effect on communities throughout the Country.

We are fortunate to live in an area in which law enforcement has the same values as the community we serve and there is both a willingness and desire to work together to solve problems. This has been evident in the support we at the Talent Police Department have received from the citizens we serve.

I want to publically thank the members of the Talent Police Department for the dedication to service they show each and every day, but especially in a recent high profile case.

I have been in police work over 27 years and found that most "whodunit" crimes are solved by one thing, effort. This is what occurred in December with the speedy arrest of a suspect in the shooting into a residence on December 6th. The officers of Talent PD had very little information in the beginning, but with tenacity and team work this crime was solved and a suspect arrested in less than six days. This arrest has led to a subsequent Grand Jury indictment of the suspect for attempted murder.

As we continue the winter months, I anticipate our weather will worsen, so I hope one of your New Year's resolutions is preparedness. Make sure you have chains for your car now, as they are easier to buy before the snow and ice are upon us. Also ensure you have an extra blanket, food

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and water in your vehicle for those "just in case" moments. In addition, it is always a good idea to make sure family members or friends know where you are going and when you will be expected to return.

May 2017 be all you imagine it to be; but remember imagination without preparation, perseverance and sacrifice is just a dream.

Talent Historical Society News

Happy New Year to Everyone! Here at the Talent Historical Society we are looking forward to a New Year filled with exciting changes at our Museum. 2017 you will see us doing some remodeling and refurbishing of our Museum space with the intention of upgrading and improving our exhibits and displays. It will be an interesting and challenging time for us, and we'll keep you posted on our progress!!

In the meantime, we are continuing our series of presentations held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. On Tuesday, January 24th, Native American, Tom Smith, will be joining us to give a presentation on tool making and other Native crafts. He made many of the replica tools in the front case at the Museum. 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 information.

Watts Up?

Have you ever heard of a Ductless Heat Pump? Before about 2 months ago I hadn't. Ductless Heat Pumps (DHP) are super-efficient zonal heating and cooling systems that have a head unit in the home, usually placed high on the wall, a compressor placed outside the home, and a refrigerant line connecting the two. Because of the lack of ducts, these systems are often easily installed within a day. They can also save anywhere from 25 to 50 percent on your heating costs

compared to a traditional electric heating system.

So why should you be interested in DHP's now? Thanks to a USDA grant, NW SEED, and Rogue Climate there an excellent opportunity for Talent homeowners and small businesses to receive substantial savings on a DHP system. Energize Rogue is a bulk purchase program that reduces the regular price of a DHP. This is a grassroots, community-led campaign using two community committees -- one to select a local contractor for the installations through a competitive process, and another to conduct outreach about how DHPs can help neighbors to save energy and money. It simplifies the entire installation process for customers, and provides guidance on tax incentives.

If you're interested in learning more about Energize Rogue DHP group purchase program, there are three free opportunities to get educated by program partners and contractors:

Talent – **Thursday, Feb 16** @ Talent Community Center from 6:00-7:00pm

Ashland – **Tuesday, Mar 14** @ Ashland Library from 6:00-7:00pm

Central Point – **Tuesday, Apr 11** @ Central Point Library from 6:00-7:00pm

Please register to attend in advance: www.EnergizeRogue.org

Fun Fact: Ductless Heat Pumps were created in Japan in the 1970s and many installations from the 1980s are still working.

Resources: www.goingductless.com, www.energizerogue.org, www.nwseed.org

Happy New Year from the Talent Zero Waste Team

The Zero Waste Team meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:30 to 4:30 PM in 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. So, this New Year, 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!

Adopt a Family for the Holidays Thank You!

The City of Talent and Fire District 5 would like to thank everyone who helped in making this year's "Adopt a Family for the Holidays" program such a tremendous success! Thank you to everyone who participated!

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.

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 3 vacancies for the Parks Commission and 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