

BEE CITY USA TALENT- Promotes pollinators and their plants

Bee City USA Talent is a Subcommittee of the Together for Talent Committee of the City of Talent. Our Council Representative is Emily Berlant. Although the name uses only “bee,” it refers to all pollinators including insects, birds, animals, as well as various species of bees and wasps. We were first designated a Bee City in 2014 and have celebrated our fifth year as a Bee City in 2019. We are the second city in the nation to become a Bee City USA.

Recent Activities:

After several years of community-wide interest and discussion and seven focused months of meeting, studying, drafting, learning and trial and error, the Public Works Department was very pleased to announce that on December 5, 2018, the City Council unanimously adopted Talent’s Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy.

On April 16th, we co-sponsored with the Talent Garden Club a presentation on Monarch Way Stations by Robin McKenzie, a landscape designer and expert on butterfly gardens.

We celebrated our non-toxic commitment in Talent led by Public Works Director Bret Marshall and City Councilor Stephanie Dolan in April, 2019. We were featured in the April 2019 newsletter of Beyond Toxics.

We were mentioned in the Spring 2019 newsletter of the Xerces Society, [Wings: Essays on Invertebrate Conservation](#).

For National Pollinator Week in June 2019, we dedicated at City Hall a pollinator mosaic made by citizens of Talent.

On June 20, 2019, Gerlinde Smith of the Talent Garden Club and Dolly Warden, chairperson of Bee City USA Talent, both presented at the Pollinator Symposium of the AAAS, Pacific Division at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon.

For the fifth time, we marched in the Talent Harvest Festival Parade, and we distributed packets with pollinator plant seeds on September 21, 2019.

We have six public pollinator gardens including the following: Talent Pollinator Garden at the Roundabout, City Hall Pollinator Garden, Skateboard Park Pollinator Garden, Postage Stamp Pollinator Garden (Post Office), Legal Pollinator Garden (Police Station), and Historical Society Pollinator Garden. We also created a Monarch Way Station at City Hall. Bradley Wilson designed the garden at the roundabout, and Gerlinde Smith designed the rest of the gardens.

Medford, Oregon became a Bee City in 2019 with the help of Dolly Warden, chairperson of Bee City USA Talent, when she spoke in favor of Bee Cities at various meetings of the Medford Parks and Recreation Department and the Medford City Council.

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***Below you will find:**

- **A List of Pollinator Friendly Native Plants for Talent, Oregon**
- **Resolution 14-919-R Designating the City of Talent, OR a Bee City USA**
- **City of Talent Procedure on Bee Swarms/Extractions**

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***Below you will find the Pollinator List, Resolution 14-919-R, Designating the City of Talent, OR a Bee City USA, and the Procedure for Bee Swarms.**

Pollinator Project of Rogue Valley



A List of Pollinator Friendly Native Plants for Bee City USA - Talent, Oregon

<u>Plant Name</u>	<u>Plant Type</u>	<u>Blooms</u>	<u>Pollinators They Attract</u>
Wild-Lilac <i>*Ceanothus spp</i>	Tree/Shrub	March-June	Bees, butterflies, butterfly host plant
Pacific Dogwood <i>*Cornus nuttalli</i>	Tree	April-June	Bees
Western Serviceberry <i>*Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Tree/Shrub	April-July	Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Red Flowering Currant <i>*Ribes sanguineum</i>	Shrub	May-June	Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds

Snowberry <i>*Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Shrub	May-June	Bees, butterflies, moths
Rose Meadowsweet <i>*Spiraea splendens</i>	Shrub	June-August	Bees, butterflies
Orange Honeysuckle <i>*Lonicera ciliosa</i>	Vine	May-July	Butterflies, hummingbirds
Scarlet Monkeyflower <i>*Mimulus cardinalis</i>	Forb	April-October	Bumble bee, Butterflies, hummingbirds
Penstemon <i>*Penstemon spp</i>	Forb	April-July	Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Oregon Sunshine <i>*Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	Forb	May-August	Bees, butterflies, moths, beetles
Mountain Coyote Mint <i>*Monardella odoratissima</i>	Forb	June-August	Bees, butterflies
Yarrow <i>*Achillea millefolium</i>	Forb	March-Nov	Bees, butterflies, beetles, lady bugs
Baby Blue Eyes <i>*Nemophila menziesii</i>	Forb	March-July	Bees
Red Columbine <i>*Aquilegia formosa</i>	Forb	April-August	Bees, hummingbirds, moths
Showy Milkweed	Forb	May-August	Bees, butterflies, butterfly host plant (Monarch)

**Asclepias speciosa*

Pacific Aster Forb July-Nov Bees, butterflies

**Symphyotichum chilense*

Rosy Plectritis Forb April-June Bees, butterflies

**Plectritis congesta*

RESOLUTION NO. 14-919-R
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TALENT, OREGON A *BEE CITY USA*

WHEREAS, the goal of *BEE CITY USA* is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for bees and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines possibly due to a combination of habitat loss, excessive use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases, with grave implications for the future health of flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, cities and their residents have the opportunity to support bees and other pollinators on both public and private land; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions among community stewards such as commercial and backyard beekeepers, farmers, children, educators, naturalists, gardeners, plant nurseries, municipalities, neighborhoods, garden suppliers and clubs; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of bee-friendliness are:

- Healthy ecosystems--insect pollinators are required for pollination and reproduction of about 85% of flowering plants globally, plants that: 1) are vital for clean air and water; 2) provide food, fiber and shelter for people and wildlife; and 3) support the very insects that pollinate our crops and form the basis of food webs.
- Increased vegetable and fruit crop yields due to bee pollination.
- Increased habitat for natural enemies of crop pests and therefore reduced need for and costs associated with pesticides.
- Increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local nurseries and growers.
- Income earned by beekeepers and others through the sale of bee products, beekeeping equipment and supplies, and hive rentals for pollination; and, heightened prestige and premium asking prices for place-based honey, which enhances the visibility and reputation of its community of origin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Talent supports creating ideal pollinator-friendly habitats that include:

- Diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession.
- Clean water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly puddling.
- Areas where pesticide use carried out with least ill effects on pollinators.
- Areas comprised of native species of annual and perennial wildflowers, shrubs, trees, and grasses..
- Designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness.
- Safe and humane removal of bees when required; and

WHEREAS, in order to enhance understanding among municipal staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the City of Talent agrees to meet the following standards required of all *BEE CITY USA* affiliates:

- 1) Establish/maintain a **subcommittee** of an appropriate municipal body or department, comprised of citizens and staff, assembling and disseminating information on topics of pollinator-friendly habitat and policies to municipal departments, residents, businesses, and developers.
- 2) Pass this *BEE CITY USA* **resolution**.

- 3) **Publicly acknowledge** the community's commitment to install/maintain at least one authorized *BEE CITY USA* street sign in a prominent location, and b) create/maintain links on an appropriate page of the municipal website which includes the municipality's *BEE CITY USA* liaison(s), links to a PDF of this signed

Resolution and the *BEE CITY USA* website, and summaries of the pollinator-friendly activities the municipality has undertaken or accomplished the previous year(s).

4) Commit to **annually celebrate** National Pollinator Week (third full week of June) or some other appropriate occasion through events, proclamations, and promotions that showcase the municipality's commitment to being a *BEE CITY USA* affiliate.

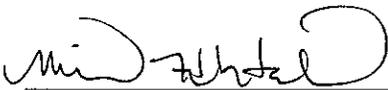
5) Commit to annually **apply for renewal** of the community's designation and submit a report of *BEE CITY USA* activities following the format provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TALENT CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The TALENT CITY COUNCIL accepts the designation and commits to the standards of *BEE CITY USA*.

Duly enacted by the City Council in open session on July 2, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0



Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder and Custodian of City records



City of Talent Procedure on Bee Swarms/Extractions

(Adopted by Council May 6, 2015)

Honey bees naturally swarm and leave the hive box in the spring of the year. As a designated Bee City USA, Talent is committed to saving the lives of these pollinators which are essential to our food supply. Swarms are large collections of bees clustered in preparation of a new home. Bees who have established a colony inside a wall or tree or other structure require an extraction.

We have numerous other avenues than killing the bees by spraying them. First of all, please be safe.

If you find a swarm or you find a colony that needs extraction, please report it to one of the following:

Between the hours of 7:30 and 5:30, if the bees are on a City street or in a park or any open space, call Talent Public Works 541-535-3828 or Talent City Hall 541-535-1566. After these hours or on weekends, if it cannot wait until the next business day, Public Works is on call 24/7, 365. Contact 541-535-3828 and then hit 9 for emergency.

Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association also offers great assistance. www.southernoregonbeekeepers.org/report-a-swarm-or-call 541-462-1604

Bee Rescue Team of the College of the Melissae is ready to assist. 360-531-3017 (team ready 24/7 to capture swarms, rescue log hives, and perform complicated extractions.)

If someone is seriously injured by a bee sting, such as an allergic reaction that causes breathing difficulties or swelling or other potentially serious health problems that could require immediate emergency medical treatment, call 911.

If you are concerned that the presence of a bee hive or swarm presents a threat to public safety, and you are unable to contact bee removal experts, call for public safety personnel to evaluate the incident by calling the non-emergency police/fire/medical non-emergency line at the central emergency dispatch center: 541-776-7206.

If, on the other hand, you are a beekeeper and would like to respond to reports of swarms or colonies needing extraction, you can list yourself with the Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association. www.southernoregonbeekeepers.org/contact-us 541 462 1604.

If you want to be listed contact non-emergency number at 541-776-7206.

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