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

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Together for Talent Presents: Spring into Recycling!



On Saturday, April 13, 2024, the Together for Talent committee will host a recycling event at the City Hall parking lot, located at 110 East Main Street, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Our aim with this event is to provide residents of Talent and neighboring communities with a chance to recycle old, worn-out, damaged, and unwanted items. Instead of cluttering landfills with potentially useful materials, we've coordinated with recycling and reuse charities and enterprises to collect them in Talent for one day.

Here's a list of items we anticipate taking. For a complete list, please stop by during the event day and pick up a flyer.

All clothing—shoes and accessories (such as purses, belts, bags, backpacks, wallets). Also, household items such as kitchenware, small kitchen counter appliances, dishware, pots & pans, etc.

Electronics—computers, laptops, tablets, printers & monitors, TVs, stereos & record players, toner cartridges, household batteries, Christmas lights, car stereo equipment, chargers, cable and wire, portable electronics, game consoles.

Adventure gear—camping equipment, bicycle and bicycle parts.

Metal—both ferrous and non-ferrous.

We're excited to have you join us at this environmentally conscious event, contributing to another enjoyable opportunity to minimize waste and promote reuse within the community.

For further details or if you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to David Spinney, Chair of Together for Talent, at togetherfortalent@cityoftalent.org.

City of Talent Welcomes New Officer Zaragoza to Police Department



The City of Talent is excited to introduce a new member to our Police Department, Officer Zaragoza! On February 29th, 2024, City Manager Gary Milliman and Chief of Police Jennifer Snook hosted a swearing-in ceremony for Mr. Alejandro Zaragoza as he pledged to serve and protect the residents of Talent. Officer Zaragoza was joined by his family, including his mother, wife, and son. With prior law enforcement experience, Officer Zaragoza is a valuable addition to our team.

Tell us about yourself!

I was born and raised right here in Southern Oregon. I currently hold an associate degree in criminology. I have previous experience from working at local law enforcement agencies.

Why did you choose to come to the City of Talent?

I chose to come to the City of Talent because of the local small-town atmosphere.

What is the best part of working in Talent?

You get to know people on a more personal level and build stronger community rapport.

Anything you'd like to add?

I am looking forward to seeing what the future of the city holds and learning more with our experienced police department.

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Arbor Day Celebration 2024: Join us in Chuck Roberts Park!

The City of Talent and the Talent Urban Forestry Committee invite the community to celebrate Arbor Day 2024. Let's come together to increase our city's canopy cover and enhance beauty and resilience.

Where: Chuck Roberts Park (along the north border of Rogue River Parkway)

When: Saturday, April 13th, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

We'll be planting large trees in pre-dug holes, so be prepared to get dirty! Don't forget to bring gloves, water, and snacks. Plant Oregon will host a mini workshop on tree planting and provide assistance during the event.

For more details about the event or the Talent Urban Forestry Committee, please reach out to TUF Chair Julie Spelletich at urbanforestry@cityoftalent.org.

EV Chargers Available for Use at Community Center

We are excited to announce that the electric vehicle charging stations behind our Community Center are now up and running! Our Public Works department is pleased to inform Talent residents that the charging stations are available for public use. Although the charging units were installed several years ago, they were temporarily out of service due to increased usage and wear and tear.

Located at the Talent Community Center behind City Hall (110. E. Main St.), these charging stations feature 2 ports operated by OpConnect. To utilize the stations, users will need to download the OpConnect app and create an account. All associated fees can be conveniently processed through the OpConnect app.

Charge up your electric vehicle hassle-free and help contribute to a cleaner, greener community!



City of Talent Seeking Volunteer Fill Vacancy on Urban Forestry Committee

Are you a resident of Talent interested in playing a role in preserving the tree canopy of your city? Would you like to contribute to shaping the City Tree List? Are you keen on planting more trees in local neighborhoods? If so, keep reading!

The **Talent Urban Forestry Committee** is currently seeking applications for a committee member to serve a 2-year term. As an appointed body, this committee is primarily responsible for providing recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on matters related to Tree City USA activities, tree planting care and establishment, and the preservation of public street trees.

If you would like more information or have questions regarding the Talent Urban Forestry Committee, please contact Chair Julie Spelletich at urbanforestry@cityoftalent.org.

Applications may be downloaded from the city website, picked up at Town Hall or requested from the City Recorder (email below). Submit completed applications by April 19th, 2024 to the City Recorder at City Hall or via email at cityrecorder@cityoftalent.org.