



The *Flash* of Talent.

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An update from city administration, planning,
public works, police and fire departments.

Looking at the Water Rates.



Recently increased water rates are step
increases to a funding amount required by

Rural Development. Rural Development is the federal assistance program that dispenses grants and low interest loans to communities undertaking large infrastructure projects, such as the Talent - Phoenix - Medford water intertie.

The step increases are based on a required water rate study which a licensed water engineering firm did for the city. But after a summer of some sky-high water bills and many angry customers, the City Administrator and City Council are requesting the engineers use a different methodology for the rate analysis.

The step increase scheduled for this autumn has been canceled.

The reality of the situation won't change with a new rate analysis. Talent's water users are going to have to pay more for water than they have in the past. That's not only because we're in the process of buying an abundance of clean water from Big Butte Springs, but because water rates in Talent were never high enough to pay the freight for a water system's operation and maintenance.

The way to make the most of this new situation is to be a \$mart water user.

Monitor and Reduce.

Read your own meter periodically, weekly if there are many users in your household. Keeping track of usage will alert you to inground or indoor leaks. It can also let you know if someone is using more water than they need by letting water run unnecessarily. Talent's Water Clerk, Melissa Munn, has information about how to read your meter. Call her at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30-5.

Melissa also has tons of information about how to use less water without feeling water deprived and she has **FREE** water conservation kits that, if used, will help save money. Those kits and water conservation information will be available at the Harvest Festival, Sept. 12.

Look for the City's Booth and enter the drawing for the low flow toilet

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**City Council
Agenda Items**

Sept. 2 - 6:30pm

Public Hearing:

Continuation of Building Moratorium due to limited water availability.

Announcements:

Report from Councilor Steyskal about recent tour of Medford Water Plant.

New Business:

- Adoption of Volunteer Handbook.
- Amendment of Loss Prevention Program.
- Building Moratorium continuation.
- Amendments to Zoning Ordinance regarding natural areas, parks and flood plains.
- Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan Citizens Advisory Committee appointments.
- Agreement with City of Phoenix and Montgomery Watson for design of water intertie.
- Purchase of Lost Creek Water.

A complete packet including minutes, consent calendar and proposed ordinances, resolutions and contracts available at City Hall.



Celebrate the
Harvest Festival!

Sept. 12, 1998

Rock 'n Roll - Dancing - Competition - Raffles - Vendors - Food - Beverages - Information - Pony Rides - Parade - Jump House - Maze - Dancers - Free Fun - Free Stuff!

Chuck Roberts Park

- * 5/10K Run @7AM
- * Fun Run/Walk@8AM
- * Parade down Talent Ave. from Main St. to Chuck Roberts Park@10AM
- * Music from the seventies:
Flashback@10:30AM, noon and 1:30PM
- * S. OR. Performing Arts Center@11AM
- * North Medford High Dance Team@11:30AM
- * Attitude Swing Dancers @12:35PM
- * Raffle Drawings@3:00PM



Downtown Skate Park

- ☞ Skate Store Booths:
Zumiez and Low Down
- ☞ Nineties music:
Vam Commanders @1:00PM
- ☞ t-shirt giveaways
- ☞ Surprise Band! @2PM

Police Reserve Benefit Raffle Prizes

Mtn. Bike, Shakespeare tickets, Ski Passes, River trips, 2 Skateboards, \$50 at Shop n Kart and Roller Odyssey Passes.

If you're willing to help call Reserve Police Officer Bev Powers (774-2405) or ask for her at the Harvest Festival.