



# THE FLASH OF TALENT

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## ATTENTION BIKE RIDERS OF ALL AGES!



The Talent Police Department and Talent City Hall will now be issuing bike licenses to all riders within the city limits. **Ordinance 543 Section 38** states that no person who resides in the City shall operate a bicycle on a street or public right-of-way without a current, valid bicycle license. Our goal is to help you find your bike if its been stolen, or to find *you* if your bike has been recovered. There is no cost to have your bicycle registered – all you have to do is fill out a registration card and inform the police department when your personal information changes. When you come to get your license, make sure to bring your bicycle with you!

## Welcome to the City's newest employees !



James "Heath" Kocina, 24, is joining forces with Talent's Police Department. Born in Kingville, Texas, Heath and his family moved to the valley when he was 8 months old. His father was a police officer with Medford Police Department for ten years before he took a job with the Naval Investigative Service. As a teenager, Heath and his family moved to the Philippines where his father was killed in the line of duty. Heath returned to the Rogue Valley at the age of 15 and graduated from Phoenix High School. He started his law enforcement career as a reserve police officer with the City of Talent, and went on to take a reserve position with the City of Jacksonville. In February of this year, Heath became a full time officer with the Jacksonville Police Department and just recently finished his term at the Oregon Police Academy. He is engaged to be married and we welcome Heath to our team.

Kevin A. Cronin is our Assistant Planner here at the City of Talent. In September, we received a grant to employ Kevin under the University of Oregon's RARE program, Resource Assistance for Rural Environments. He will be working to increase public awareness of our environment and our community as a whole. Previously, he was an AmeriCorps member, volunteering his time to services such as fighting forest fires in Idaho, teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade in Maryland, and delivering meals to HIV/AIDS clients in Washington D.C. Kevin's volunteer experience also includes organizations such as the National Park Service and the U S Forest Service. Kevin was raised in Pennsylvania and got his bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University - he is currently working towards a masters degree in regional planning. Someday, he hopes to own his own brewpub theater, but for now, he's here with us at the City of Talent.

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# “Friends, countrymen and women... lend me your ears!”

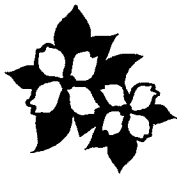


The City of Talent is hosting a fundraiser auction for the new Downtown Park Project. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and come on down to Talent’s Community Hall! If you’re low on cash this holiday season, then you can’t afford to miss this opportunity! Gift Certificates for dinner, lift tickets for Mt. Ashland, retail certificates, and more! Looking for a new microwave? A new dress? How about a fishing vest or backpack for that outdoors person in your family? We’ve got what you’re looking for! Auction items have been generously donated by local businesses: **Wal-Mart, Rick’s Market, American Trails, Low Down Board Shop, Blue Heron Art Gallery, Mountain Supply, East West Décor, Soundpeace, Rare Earth, Quinz Restaurant, Black Sheep, Siskiyou Micro Pub, Nimbus, Mt. Ashland, The Arbor House, Ashland Custom Embroidery, Cooperative K-9’s, University Cycle Shop, Rogue Ski Shop, Natural Talent, Cut-N-Curl, Red’s Threads, Ashland Outdoor Store, Wild Hair Salon, Corning Ware, Linda’s Video, Jack’s Ski Haus, Looking Glass Antiques, Talent Hardware, Melissa Wynne, Gary McGarity, South Valley Landscape, Mendocino Chocolate Company, Bi-Mart, and Ashland Health and Fitness Center.** Beginning November 9, 1998, auction items will be on display at City Hall, 204 E Main Street in Talent. Come early to the silent auction and start placing your bids! If your business would like to make a donation, it’s not too late – just contact Allison at Talent’s City Hall 535-1566. We’ll also have bicycle licenses available at the fundraiser, so come on down ! We look forward to seeing you there!



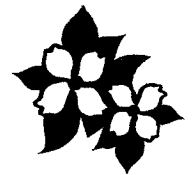
## “Thank you, Thank you!” Ed Lunsford, Dan Hull & Jim Davis

These gentlemen have all served our community in many ways. **Ed Lunsford** has served on the Urban Renewal Agency Board since its start in 1991. He has also been a member of the City Council for 18 years. Ed is now leaving the Urban Renewal Agency in the pursuit of free time and relaxation. **Dan Hull** recently resigned from his position as Chairman of the Urban Renewal Agency Board. He has served on the Board since 1992 and is also leaving the Urban Renewal Agency after several years of dedication. And **Jim Davis**... Jim served on the Wagner Creek Greenway Commission for almost 5 years. He had the opportunity to start the Greenway by planting trees, flowers, and installing a sprinkler system. He has now moved from the area, but would like to pass on to someone else the experience of serving on the Wagner Creek Greenway Commission. We thank you all for your service in the community. You will be missed!



### *City Council Agenda Items*

*November 4, 1998 – 6:30 p.m.*



#### **Unfinished Business:**

Adoption of the City of Talent Volunteer Handbook

#### **New Business:**

- Ashland Sanitary and Recycling request for extension of the Solid Waste Collection Franchise Term.
- Mike Broomfield, Building Official, will discuss building permit fee increases.

- Review of telephone system proposals and selection of vendor and equipment.

Agenda packets are available for review at City Hall, 204 East Main Street, Talent

**YOU’RE INVITED...** to the Budget Committee’s Study Session, Tuesday, November 10, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. at Talent’s City Hall. They will be reviewing quarterly financial statements.