



# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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## WELCOME ABOARD

**1999** not only means a new year, but also a new mayor for Talent residents. We would like to extend a giant welcome to **Mayor Marian Telerski**. After ten years of service to the City, Frank Falsarella is ready to retire from his seat as mayor. When Marian was asked how she was going to fill his shoes, she replied, "I cannot fill Frank's shoes. I have a huge amount of respect for Frank and his leadership. There is no way I can fill his shoes – I am the next act to follow." Marian has been a Talent resident for ten years and is excited about her new position as mayor. "My goal is to continue to plan for the future of Talent. I want to make sure that we are prepared for the changes our town will face once the building moratorium is lifted. I want us to be prepared for increased growth and building and, at the same time, maintain a high level of customer service to our citizens. In addition, I would like to keep a close connection to regional issues, such as transportation, air quality, etc." When asked what she is most proud of, Marian replied, "Nobody ever works alone and I would like to see that continue. Great feats are accomplished as a team – and that is what city government is all about."

We would like to say thank you to **Joi Riley** for her countless hours of service on Talent's City Council, and we wish her the best of luck in future endeavors. Joi will be succeeded by **Kim McCormick**, and **Douglas Anderson** will fill Marian Telerski's vacated position on the council. We welcome both new members to Talent's City Council.

### ***District Five seeks two new board members!***

Jackson County Fire District Five has two openings on its Board of Commissioners. If you live within the City of Talent or within the boundaries of Fire District Five, *and* you would like to serve on the board, you have until 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 1999, to file for office. You may file for office by either paying a \$10 filing fee or by filing a petition signed by at least 25 registered voters residing in the district. You can obtain the forms from the Jackson County Elections Office. All signatures must be filed by 5:00 p.m. January 7, 1999, with the Jackson County Elections Office in Medford.



If you have any additional questions, please contact Jackson County Elections at 776-7181.

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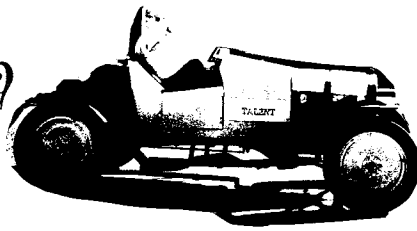
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# Frank Falsarella



# you will be missed!

After ten years of service to the City of Talent, Frank Falsarella is retiring from his seat as mayor. "It has been great!" he exclaimed. "Over the years, I have worked with a lot of dedicated people. You know, a mayor is only as good as his staff and colleagues on the city council. If you don't have a good staff, you'll never accomplish anything. I have served with six sets of councils and I must say that this last bunch of city council members were the hardest workers I have ever seen." Although Frank is retiring as mayor, he is far from leaving his service to the community – he will be an active member of different committees for the City. "I am also going down to the police station to work with Police Chief C.W. Smith on setting up a Community Service Officers program. I will be training interested individuals to go out and do community service – parking control, code enforcement, etc. By the way, if you are interested in being a volunteer in the Community Service Officers program, please contact the Talent Police Department at 535-1253."

As you can see, Frank will be keeping himself busy around town, and fortunately, it's not goodbye forever.

## Thank you Chuck Roberts!



We would like to commend and acknowledge former police chief Chuck Roberts for his outstanding service as the City's official Courts Liaison Officer. Chuck Roberts has saved the City well over 400 hours of officer time by donating his services as a valuable liaison to the courts. His duties include the transportation of court documents to and from the courts to the cities and the district attorney's office. "He is doing an outstanding job and is a wonderful example of dedication and service to the city," says Police Chief C.W. Smith. "Hats off to Charlie Roberts!"

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



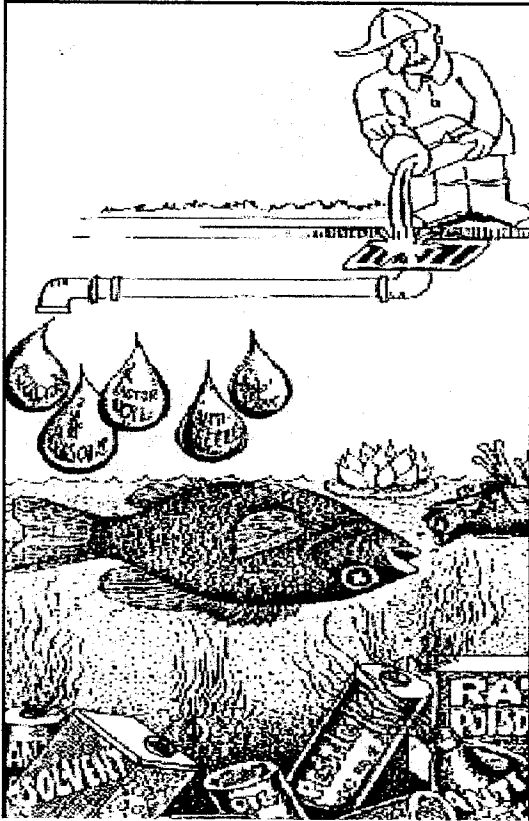
*The City of Talent would like to wish you a very happy new year! Please be safe when traveling during the holiday season and please don't drink and drive.*

## After the holidays, make plans to give your Christmas tree to the *Boy Scouts!*

The Boy Scout Troop 535 will be in Talent Saturday, January 9, 1999, to pick up your Christmas tree. Just drag it out to the curb and the Boy Scouts will carry it away. There is no cost for their service; however, donations are accepted and appreciated.



# Are You Killing Your Fish?



## Do you know what a *storm drain* is?

“Storm drains” or “catch basins” are located throughout the state of Oregon, as well as right here in our community. Their purpose is to collect rain and melted snow that drain off exposed surfaces such as roads, parking lots, and driveways.

## Do you know where they lead to?

Many of these basins empty into underground storm sewer systems. Their contents are quickly discharged into nearby streams, which are important habitats for trout and salmon. Unlike domestic wastes collected by sanitary sewers, the contents of many storm sewers are **not** treated at sewage treatment plants prior to their discharge into a stream.

## Are you polluting a stream?

Many people don't realize that hazardous household waste products that they wash or dump into these drains go right into their neighborhood streams. Oils, detergents, paint, compounds and

solvents, pesticides, and many other common household products often end up in streams via the storm sewers. Most of these contain chemicals that are toxic to fish, and many small discharges from thousands of households can poison many miles of neighborhood streams.

## Can you do more to protect a stream?

Yes you can! You can become involved in the Storm Drain Marking Program right here in Talent! Our Public Works Department is teaming up the Bear Creek Watershed Education Program, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG), and students from Talent Middle School to mark all our storm drains by the year 2000. They will be marking the drains with the words “DO NOT DUMP, DRAINS TO STREAM” and a skeleton of a fish will be inserted between the lines. The fish symbol reminds neighborhood residents that if they permit toxic substances to enter marked storm drains they may be poisoning the fish in a nearby stream. *And* they may also be committing a crime: it is a violation of state law to dump toxic substances into Oregon waters.

If you would like to become involved with the Storm Drain Marking Program in Talent, please contact Kevin Cronin at City Hall, 535-1566.

To report pollution and hazardous spills, please contact the Department of Environmental Quality at 1-800 452-4011.

(information in this article was provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)

## ATTENTION VETERANS!

An Oregon State Veteran Representative will now be at the Ashland Public Library on Fridays! You don't need an appointment – just stop by. Les Davies, Veteran Representative for the Oregon Employment Department, said, “We do counseling, we give referrals, and we have an extensive list of services we provide to veterans. Come check out our new location and see what we have to offer.” A representative will be available from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.





# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

*January 6, 1999 – 6:30 p.m.*



## **Public Hearings:**

1) To receive comments regarding a proposed new Historic Element for the Talent Comprehensive Plan. The element was developed by the Architectural Review Committee and has been recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission. The element includes a summary of local history and proposed policies for preserving historic resources. Proposed policies state the City's commitment to 1) preserve the city's character and sense of "place"; 2) promote the economic benefits of preservation; 3) use traditional town elements to take care of the transportation and economic needs of town residents; 4) support the development and preservation of historic materials and information; and 5) further enable the Architectural Review Committee to have oversight in matters of historic preservation (this is a periodic review item).

2) To receive comments regarding proposed new Stormwater System Design Standards.

## **New Business:**

- ♦ Review recommendation from City Planner to increase the scope of work related to the Downtown Plan.
- ♦ Review memo from City Administrator regarding the regular meeting date for study sessions
- ♦ Liquor License Application: Kwan Tong Tam and Tally Ho Enterprises Inc., for Jack's Tally Ho/Mei King
- ♦ Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Oregon Department of Transportation and the City of Talent relating to the development of Transit Oriented Downtown Plan.

**Copies of the Historic Element and the Stormwater Design Standards are available for public review at City Hall. Personal copies can be obtained for the cost of the copying. Complete agenda packets are also available for review at City Hall, 204 E Main Street, Talent.**

## **MAKING WISHES COME TRUE**

At the beginning of the holiday season, Talent Court Clerk Coleen Bradley was busy once again locating needy families to adopt for Christmas. In cooperation with CERVS and Access, Coleen found **five** families in need of some holiday cheer. City staff, employees of Fire District Five, and even a few Talent residents joined in to shop for **all** members of our adopted families. This is the second year that City Hall was buried under gifts, wrapping paper, ribbons and bows! After the presents were wrapped, they were loaded into Fire District Five's rescue van and delivered by, none other than, Santa himself!

