



The *Flash* of Talent

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June 13, 1998 update from Administration, Land Use Planning, Emergency Services and Public Works.

Parade, arts, crafts, food, drinks, music, games & fun!

Harvest Festival Resurrected!

September 12
Chuck Roberts Park

Applications for the parade and vendors are at City Hall, Talent Emporium, Rick's Video and Talent Police Department. Sponsored by City of Talent Police Department Reserves.

Walk, Smile, Wave

Talent Enhancement Month organizer Marla Cates says Walk, Smile, Wave bumper stickers sold out quickly, were reordered and are once again available at City Hall, Rick's Video and The Emporium. Funds support Enhancement Month's annual activities.

This Old Building

The Community Hall Restoration Commission reports that many exterior repairs will be checked off their long list this summer. Already complete is the new roof, windows have been repainted and restored to perfect working order and the foundation is partially repointed. All outside trim is being repaired or replaced.

Next: exterior painting! There's still a long list of jobs to be completed by this commission. They are charged with finishing restoration by 1999, the building's 100th birthday. Volunteers to help the commission are needed.

It's the Economy

Money to pay for central heating for the Community Hall is in the city's 98/99 fiscal year budget. The public hearing for the budget is Wednesday, June 17th at the 6:30 PM City Council meeting at City Hall. Public hearings are always the first agenda item at council meetings.

If you want to come and stay late there's much more... Among the meeting's other agenda items:

- ☐ a report about electricity deregulation. Councilor Riley attended a League of Oregon Cities seminar on the subject. It's mandated by the federal government and will likely happen in Oregon in 1999.
- ☐ strategic plan update and discussion with Rogue Valley Council of Governments staff.
- ☐ request for a building moratorium exception.

Agendas and packets are available at City Hall.

Where's the water?

The engineering firm that will design and oversee the Medford Water Intertie project will be chosen this week. Three firms that submitted proposals were interviewed last week by a board comprised of engineers, public works directors, the Medford Water Commission manager and city councilors from Talent and Phoenix.

Staff Gets Help

Candidates for a new administrative position will be interviewed this week. The chosen applicant will perform clerical duties along with volunteer recruitment and coordination.

City Hall Gets Makeover

Another new face that will appear soon downtown is the outside of City Hall. Public Works will be painting the exterior. It will be antique white, the same color as the Community Hall's new exterior. The council chambers are also getting a fresh coat of paint. Soon, no more paneling!

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What can parents do to reduce the risk of their child getting into trouble during the summer?

By Police Chief C.W. Smith

First of all, if you don't know where your children are and who they are with, a problem already exists.

Children really do appreciate clear and straightforward rules. Despite their protests, kids know that when their parents fairly enforce rules it means they're loved.

Some parents have the mistaken notion that they would rather be a friend than the guiding authority figure and it is much harder being a parent than a friend to your child. It would be the best of all worlds to be a friend to your child and still be respected as a parent, but those relationships are as rare as the winning megabucks ticket. Remember this: if you aren't teaching your children right from wrong their behavior will be shaped by peer pressure and more than likely that's high risk behavior.

There's absolutely nothing worse than two parents who can't agree on how to raise their children. You know your kids sense immediately if Mom or Dad has a weak spot, and they'll play it against them. You do your child great harm by not demanding consistent consequences for their actions. Guiding your children through this day and age takes tremendous diligence and strength, but more than anything, it takes unconditional love for your child. For me that strength comes from knowing that good parenting is the essential building block for a free and responsible society.

As adults we know life is tough, and to emerge as functional adults they need positive feelings that come from accomplishment and encouragement.

Get your children into organized sports events, 4-H, church sponsored activities, scouting or summer work. That and a strong family and neighborhood will keep your children out of trouble this summer, and many summers to come.

I have a favorite saying, "It's a great life if you don't weaken", and with parenting nothing could be more true. It's okay to be a nosy parent when you're concerned about a situation, and don't be afraid to reiterate your feelings about alcohol and drugs, and the consequences for violating rules.

As strange as it may seem, I've found that my sense of humor is what's really helped me when I'm dealing with a problem child. Try to remember what it was like to have a full grown will and no experience to make mature judgements and always keep in mind who is the parent and who is the child.

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