



The *Flash* of Talent

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June 29, 1998 update from Administration, Land Use Planning, Emergency Services and Public Works.

*Our apologies
to those of you who noticed
the previous **Flash** was
four days late.*

So if you feel like you're

Having a

Flash

deja vu'

*It's because some information
in this edition is repeated.
It won't happen again.*

Talent Fire Service and Fire District Five Annexation

ballot measure was the topic at the meeting of the city council and fire district board.

The final outcome was that both governing bodies instructed their respective attorneys to write a ballot measure for the November election. Both city voters and the patrons of District Five have to approve the measure for the annexation to take place.

After hearing from audience members who wanted to talk

about annexation, the board members discussed:

- A proposed budget based on how Fire District Five would spend the money added to their budget from the city. It includes a new Fire Marshal position, student fire fighters and adoption of the remaining Talent volunteers. That budget is available at City Hall.
- Whether or not the newly enlarged district should be divided into sub-districts for board elections or if members would still be elected at large.
- A name change for the new fire protection entity.

It was finally decided that the ballot wording would be about cost of annexation only and including the cost to city property owners of \$3.19 per thousand. That's the maximum amount the fire district can levy without an extra serial levy under current State of Oregon property tax statutes.

The other issues will be decided by the Fire District Five board after, and if, the annexation is approved by the voters.

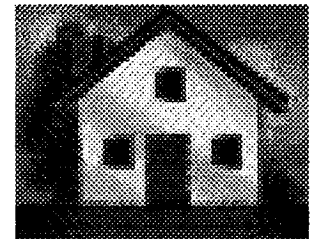
The option of a city fire department, employing a combination of paid, student

and volunteers, was rejected in the May election.

Currently Fire District Five administers the city's fire protection services under a one year contract.

Want to keep the old old?

If you're interested in local history preservation you'll definitely want to read the new Historic element of the Comprehensive Plan.



The Architectural Review Committee and the City Planner have been working on it for six months.

The latest version includes stories of the city's colorful past. It proposes policies for preserving local historic sites. You can get a copy at City Hall. The final version will reflect public comment received during this public comment period. For more information call the city's planner, Nancy Kincaid, at 535-1566.

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Talent Harvest Festival Returns

Parade, arts, crafts, food, drink, music, games and fun!

September 12

Chuck Roberts Park

Applications for parade participants and vendors may be obtained at City Hall, Talent Emporium, Rick's Video and Talent Police Department. Sponsored by City of Talent Police Department Reserves.

Water Intertie Progress Report:

Engineering Firm Chosen

Montgomery-Watson is the name of the engineering firm that will design and oversee the Medford Water Intertie project.

Thanks! to Ed Olsen, Larry Blanchard and Jim Hill of the City of Medford and Tim Hearn of Jackson County for serving on the interview board. Without their knowledge and guidance the City Councilors of Talent and Phoenix wouldn't have been able to make this complex and vitally important decision. These professionals from our neighbor governments gave us many hours of their personal time without compensation.

Walk, Smile, Wave

Keep a small town "small"

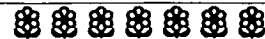
Talent Enhancement Month organizer Marla Cates says Walk, Smile, Wave bumper stickers sold out quickly, were reordered and are once again available at City Hall, Rick's video department and The Emporium. Funds

support Enhancement Month's annual activities.

Help Wanted

Urban Renewal Board

Duties include attending monthly board meetings to help determine direction and policy of agency. Responsibilities include oversight of \$353,000 annual budget and understanding of infrastructure needs. On the job training only and no pay. Apply at City Hall.



It's Weed Season

and that means it's illegal to let vegetation grow taller than ten inches. Shrubs and gardens are not included. Notices are sent out to violators and if compliance is not forthcoming within ten days a fine of up to \$100 per day may result. Property owners will also be charged for the cost of abatement (cutting). Report violations to the Fire Department. 535-1777.

Talent Avenue's all better now!

Striping will be completed soon, shoulder work will continue for a few more weeks. Chip sealing in August will be the final touch.

It's a plan! The many people who met and met and met to create strategic planning goals for the city have turned their work over to the Rogue Valley Council of Government. RVCOG staff will now turn the citizen's work into a draft document. The next step is public hearings and council adoption. A volunteer Community Response Team will advise the council on implementation. There's \$5,000 available for that purpose, which came as part of the original Forest Service grant.

Check up on police news and e-mail the chief or any Talent Police Officers at <http://home.cdsnet.net/~talentpd/>