



# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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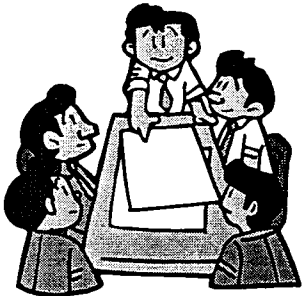
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## Have a seat on Talent's *City Council!*

The City of Talent is accepting applications to fill the position of City Council Member, Position No. 4. The term of office will begin at the time of appointment and expire on December 31, 2000. Applicants must reside and be registered to vote within Talent city limits. The monthly compensation for this position is \$125.00. Applications may be obtained at Talent City Hall, 204 E. Main Street, Talent between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, please call City Hall at 535-1566 or e-mail us at [talent@cityoftalent.org](mailto:talent@cityoftalent.org). Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 1999.



## Be a part of Talent's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan!



The City is beginning the process of updating its Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. This plan addresses all of the capital projects the City intends to complete during the next five-year period. We are interested in obtaining citizen input during this important planning process. Your input will help us make decisions about which projects to include in the plan, and their order of priority. Please write to us at PO Box 445, Talent, Oregon 97540, drop off your comments at 204 E. Main Street, or send your ideas to our e-mail address, [talent@cityoftalent.org](mailto:talent@cityoftalent.org). The current Five-Year plan is available at City Hall for your review. A public hearing will be held in the near future - watch for details in an upcoming issue of the Flash.

## City of Talent wins the *BUDGET AWARD!*

The City of Talent has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 1998-99 Budget. Leahnette York, City Administrator, and Holly Haviland, Finance Officer, received a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation from GFOA for their work in preparing the budget document. In order to qualify for an award, a budget is reviewed by a panel of experts and must meet all of the GFOA program requirements. Budgets are judged on their effectiveness as a policy document, a communications device, a financial plan, and an operations guide. This is the first year the City of Talent has received this prestigious award.



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# Do you have *flood* insurance?



Not to be confused with homeowner's insurance – only **flood insurance** covers floods. Most homeowners are surprised after a flood hits to find out that they are **not** covered. And, an even bigger surprise comes to those who believe they are safe from floods – either they live on a hill or away from water. If this sounds like you, just listen to the news. Experts report that weather patterns are changing fast – and so are your chances of being flooded. In fact, last year, two out of three federally declared disasters were flood related. And, 25% of all flood claims came from areas no one considered high risk. Don't take your chances! Talk to your insurance agent or contact FEMA for free information on the National Flood Insurance Program. You can mail your request to: FEMA/CTI, P.O. Box 1395, Jessup, MD, 20797-9408, or call 1-888-CALL-FLOOD ext. 857.



## City Council sets goal for 1999-00

The City Council met with the City Administrator and Department Heads at the Suncrest Day Retreat for the purpose of establishing City Council goals for the upcoming fiscal year. After carefully reviewing annual reports from various City departments, the City Council reviewed last year's goals and identified the progress made in reaching them, as well as items yet to be completed. Citizen input, as well as input from the City Administrator and the Department Heads, was then considered by the City Council during their goal setting process. The Council decided to focus on the following goals during the upcoming fiscal year: complete the water intertie project; address code enforcement; prepare for post-moratorium growth; reorganize the parks department; implement new technology and address Y2K issues.

During the next several weeks, objectives will be developed which identify the individual tasks that need to be accomplished in order to reach each goal. A complete list of goals and objectives will be available for public review, prior to adoption by the City Council.

The City Council would like to thank all of the citizens who recently provided input for the Council to consider during this important process.

## \$100,000 for Talent!

Tim Detric, Public Works Director, was recently successful in obtaining a \$100,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation under the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. The grant money will be used to install sidewalks, widen shoulders, and add bike lanes on West Main Street and Wagner Creek Road between South Front Street and School House Road. The sidewalks and bike lanes will provide a safer means of travel for pedestrians and bicyclists, and especially the children traveling to and from the schools in the area. There are currently no bike lanes, and few sidewalks, in the project area. The street is heavily traveled, with more than 5,600 vehicle trips per day registered during the last count. This project should greatly improve the livability of the neighborhood and safety of our citizens. Our hats are off to Tim Detric for seeking out this much-needed funding!

