



THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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We need *your* help to redevelop Talent's Downtown!

The downtown area in Talent means something different to everyone. For some, it's a friendly place of history and charm. For others, it's a great place to walk or bike to local services. Downtown Talent offers an array of opportunities for the community and visitors alike. What could we do to make downtown a better place? That's a question for all residents of Talent to think about over the next few months.



The City of Talent has been awarded a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant from the State to plan for the redevelopment of its downtown. The City has selected an architect and planning consultant, Genasci and Associates, to help with the design process. The purpose of this process is to develop design standards for future growth and a "blueprint" for a successful downtown. The first step of this process is called a design "charrette," or a brainstorming session of ideas for downtown. It will be held at the **Community Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on February 19, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on February 20.** The public is encouraged to attend and offer suggestions on how best to redevelop the downtown. The Community Response Team, a committee formed to implement the City's Strategic Plan, will function as the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to help guide the City through the downtown redevelopment process. **Public involvement is crucial** to the success of downtown Talent.

If you need more information or if you are interested in working on this project, please contact Kevin Cronin or Nancy Kincaid at the Community Development Department at 535-7401.

Community Service Officers Program



The Talent Police Department is starting a new program called the Community Service Officers (CSO) program. It is designed to assist Talent's Police Department with patrols, code enforcement, liaison services, etc. This program offers work experience in law enforcement, public safety, civic affairs, and customer service, and you **do not** have to be a Talent resident to apply! The only requirement is that you are a U.S. citizen and will submit to a background check. If you have a flexible schedule and would like to learn more about our community, please contact Frank Falsarella at 944-0243 or, for an application, stop by the Talent Police Department, 604 Talent Avenue.

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Volunteer for the Wagner Creek Canvass!

Oregon Trout, a statewide non-profit, will be conducting a "canvass" of local residents whose properties border Wagner Creek. The goal of this project is to exchange information on ways to prevent pollution and improve water quality and habitat, while respecting the rights of property owners. A letter will be sent to landowners along Wagner Creek informing them of the canvass and the opportunities for Talent residents to discuss issues related to this important stream. In addition, landowners will be notified of various incentive programs available for stream bank restoration and habitat improvement projects.



If you want to know more about Wagner Creek and your community, please join us for volunteer training on Saturday, February 27, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Talent's Community Hall. Trained volunteers will be needed for the canvass on March 6. The information collected during the canvass will be presented at a public forum on Wednesday, March 10. If you would like more information please contact, either Ashley Henry with Oregon Trout, at 772-7988 or e-mail: ahenry@mind.net or Kevin Cronin, Assistant Planner, Community Development Department at 535-7401 or e-mail: kevin@cityoftalent.org.



Is a wood-burning device your sole source of heat? If so, you will need to equip your home with a secondary source of heat by **April 3, 2000**. If you are renting or leasing a home, you should contact your landowner to discuss the requirement for a secondary heat source other than a wood-burning device. The City Council adopted these regulations in April of 1998 in an effort to improve the air quality of the Rogue Valley. The regulations provided homeowners with two years to install a secondary heating source. Some exemptions to these regulations are available based upon economic and special need. For information about these regulations, including exemptions, contact Leahnette York by calling 535-1566 or e-mail talent@cityoftalent.org.

Thank You Wal-Mart!

We'd like to extend a giant thank you to the Talent Wal-Mart for their **\$500** donation in support of the Downtown Park Project!

City Council Agenda Items February 17, 1999 – 6:30 p.m.



Public Hearings:

- Regarding the establishment of a moratorium, pursuant to ORS 197.505, on construction and land development in the City of Talent based on water system capacity constraints
- Regarding adopting a public facilities strategy to prevent the over-allocation of available water and suspend the issuance of some types of land use applications and construction permits

New Business:

- City Council will consider adopting a Water Master Plan and a Public Facilities Strategy.
- City Council will continue interviewing applicants for the position of City Council Member and make an appointment to Position No. 4
- City Council will consider adopting an ordinance relating to skateboard riding
- City Council will discuss City Council Goals and Objectives for fiscal year 1999-00
- ♦ **Complete agenda packets available for review at City Hall, 204 E Main Street**



*The City of Talent wishes
you a very
Happy Valentine's Day!*