

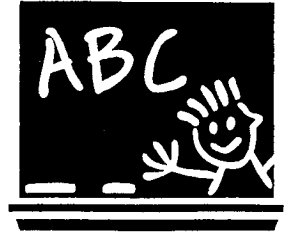


# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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## Good News for Talent School Kids



The West Main Street/Wagner Creek Road area is about to get a lot safer for school kids and residents. Public Works Director Tim Dedrick has received a commitment of grant funds to build sidewalks and bike lanes along West Main from the railroad tracks to West Street and along Wagner Creek Road from West Street to Schoolhouse Road.

Elementary and Middle School neighborhood residents and other interested citizens are invited to comment on plans for sidewalks and bike lanes in the school area. We want to work with the neighbors to develop a design that protects neighborhood character while developing safe, efficient transportation opportunities.

The City has grant funding for one half of the project this fiscal year, and will complete the project next year. The money is from the Oregon Department of Transportation: Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. We were awarded the grant in January, and the first \$50,000 became available on July 1st. Surveying and planimetry for the project have been completed, so we have accurate maps of property features such as property lines and the locations of buildings and trees near the right-of-way.

Please join us on **Tuesday, August 3, 1999 at 6:30 p.m.** in Talent's Community Hall to share your ideas for this important project. Information such as safety issues, the condition and value of individual trees, physical or historic features of the area that we should be aware of, and other issues that may affect the phasing of the project will all be useful as the City develops final plans for this project. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Dedrick at 535-3828 or City Planner Nancy Kincaid at 535-7401.

## Helmet Ordinance passed!



Ordinance No. 99-669-0, Section 19 states that any person operating a skateboard, bicycle, in-line skate, or other such device to control speed or movement while at the Skatepark or BMX park shall use protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.052 for bicycle helmets. The Ordinance passed unanimously at the July 21, 1999 City Council Meeting and, at this time, the City plans to purchase helmets for rental and re-sale. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 535-1566.

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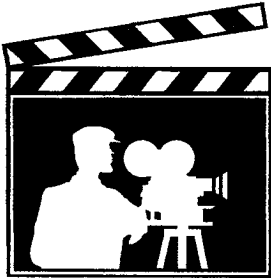
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# Talent's Classic Film Festival moves outdoors!

For weeks, Rogue Valley residents have been coming to Talent to enjoy a series of classic films. In anticipation of hotter weather, we have decided to move the film festival outdoors. The remaining four films will be shown at sunset in Library Park, behind City Hall. Admission is **free**, so bring the whole family. Films from the festival are shown at Cantrall Buckley Park on Friday and again in Talent on Saturday. Upcoming movie titles and dates are as follows:



## **The Maltese Falcon, Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor**

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, July 30th

Talent's Library Park

Saturday, July 31st

## **Bride of Frankenstein (1935), Boris Karloff and Elsa Lanchester**

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, August 6th

Talent's Library Park

Saturday, August 7th

## **42nd Street (1933), Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler and Ginger Rogers**

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, August 13th

Talent's Library Park

Saturday, August 14th

## **Some Like It Hot (1959), Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon**

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, August 20th

Talent's Library Park

Saturday, August 21st

Remember all shows in Talent will start at sunset and admission is **free**! We will have **popcorn and sodas for sale**, and the proceeds will be donated to the Downtown Park Project. We extend a giant thank you to **Rick's Market** for the use of their popcorn machine during the festival!

## New Flood Maps in 2000



The Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded the City of Talent a flood plain mapping grant. Wagner Creek will be one of only three drainage basins in the state that will be the subject of a detailed flood plain study in fiscal year 2000! The project as planned will assess about three miles of the creek from Bear Creek, possibly as high as Ashland Mine Road. The allocation for the project is about \$70,000 and the upper limit of the study area will be determined by how far the agency can make that amount stretch. Nancy Kincaid has been working closely with FEMA and Oregon Emergency Management the last 2½ years to develop strategies to reduce flood hazards in Talent. All that hard work has paid off with this new federal recognition of our local commitment to effective flood plain management.

## Thank you to the Talent Boys and Girls Club!

The Talent branch of the Boys and Girls Club have pitched in to lend a hand picking up trash at the Downtown Park. They scoured the area armed with trash bags and work gloves and even picked up trash along the railroad tracks. Wow, what a job they did! When all was said and done, they had accumulated 11 sacks of garbage! Let's hear it for our hard workers: Janae, Beth, John, Katy, Andy, Tyler, Brandon, Tawnya, Summur, Alyssa, Niki, Kristine, McKenzie, Jared, Yesenia and Anna.



Just a reminder to all who use the park: please use the trash cans provided. Let's make our park a clean and safe place for everyone.

# Use Water Wisely...

In the summer, each of us uses about 250 gallons of water a day – that's more than twice what we use in the winter. And research suggests much of that extra use is simply wasted.

Water conservation is not just for emergencies. Water conservation today saves you money on your next water bill, reduces the cost for developing new supplies, and leaves more water in the rivers for fish and habitat.

When the heat of summer is upon us, we tend to water our yards and lawns more frequently. With increased outdoor water usage comes an increased water bill. Here a few tips to help you conserve water outdoors:

- When landscaping, choose the right plants. Buy plants that are low-water users.
- Consider replacing turf with ground covers such as junipers or heathers.
- Group high-water use plants and water them together by area.
- Avoid oscillating sprinklers – they tend to over-water at the ends when they reverse direction. Instead, choose a good stationary sprinkler or soil soaker that will water a large area evenly.
- Check hoses for leaks and replace washers in hose connectors.
- Keep your lawn in good shape. Keep weeds down as they rob your lawn and plants of nutrients and water.
- Mow your lawn regularly to the height recommended for the type of grass you have. Leave the clippings on the lawn as mulch if they aren't thick and matted.
- Cultivate the soil in planted beds regularly so water can penetrate and develop a good root system.
- Use mulch in rows and around plants to maintain moisture.
- Depending on the weather, it's generally better to water about once a week and provide 1 inch to 1 1/2 inches of water. (If it's hot, you might have to water more often.)
- Water early in the morning before 10 a.m. Watering in the heat of the day allows the water to evaporate and watering late in the day may promote fungus and other lawn diseases.



To learn more about water conservation, you can contact the State of Oregon's Water Resources Department, 3850 Portland Road NE, Salem, OR 97310, or call (503) 378-3739.

(Information in this article came from the pamphlet **Outdoor Water Use – A Guide to Water Conservation**)

## City Council Agenda Items

August 4, 1999 – 6:45 p.m.

### New Business:

- ♦ Interview City Council applicants
- ♦ OLCC renewal for Quick Shop Market and Purple Parrot
- ♦ Amending Personnel Policies

(Complete agenda packets are available for review at City Hall, 204 E. Main Street. Remember, you can get the council agenda off the Internet – the address is [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org))



# Paint Your Heart Out...



## with the City of Talent!

The City of Talent is proud to announce it will be sponsoring the Paint Your Heart Out program, in which groups of dedicated volunteers prepare and paint the exteriors of homes, **at no cost to the homeowners**. This is the first year for the Paint Your Heart Out program in Talent. Our hope is that it will help someone in need while beautifying the appearance of our town. A home will be selected by August 18, 1999, and applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 1999.

To qualify for the program, homeowners must meet the following criteria: own and live in the home; the home must be in city limits; one of the owners must be at least 60 years old *or* be disabled; **and** the household must qualify as low income. If you meet this criteria or know someone who does, please apply for the Paint Your Heart Out program. We would love to be painting your, or your neighbor's, home this fall!

Please detach and mail the bottom half of this announcement to: City of Talent, P.O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, or stop by City Hall, 204 E. Main Street. We welcome all applicants!



Nomination for the  
**Paint Your Heart Out**  
program!



Name of homeowner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number and Message Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Does homeowner meet the qualifying criteria? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting nomination \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If your home is selected, proof of eligibility will be required.**