




THE *FLASH* OF TALENT
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Farewell to Assistant Planner
Kevin Cronin



The City of Talent bids a fond farewell to Kevin Cronin who has been working as an Assistant Planner for the last ten months. Kevin came to us through the RARE program, a partnership between AmeriCorps and the University of Oregon. He is leaving the City of Talent to complete a Masters degree in planning at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

In his short time with us, Kevin accomplished a great deal, including development of new Comprehensive Plan Elements for Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces and Natural Hazards. He initiated several outreach programs involving school children and other citizens in stream health and urban forestry. City Planner Nancy Kincaid said his administrative support made it easy for her to make significant progress on the City's long-range planning agenda. She added, "His constant good nature and sense of humor were enjoyed by all who had the pleasure to work with him. For this and much, much more, thank you Kevin."

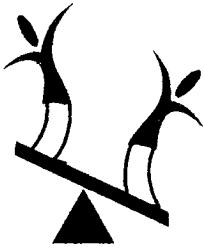


Mayors Greenway Challenge '99

The Bear Creek Greenway Foundation is sponsoring the Mayors Greenway Challenge '99 to raise funds for the completion of the Bear Creek Greenway bike path. Mayor Lindsay Berryman of the City of Medford challenged Talent's Mayor Marian Telerski to participate in the "Mayors Greenway Challenge" bike ride. With a great big "you're on" from Mayor Telerski, she now wants to invite you to join her. Riders from five cities will meet at Café Electra, Talent Plaza parking lot at 7 a.m., Sunday, September 5, 1999. They will then leave the parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and ride north on Highway 99 to Bear Creek Park in Medford. There is an entry fee of \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family and riders from Talent are requested to wear green (the group color). If you think you won't be able to ride back to Talent from Bear Creek Park, then you'll be pleased to know that return shuttle service is available. For more information, call City Hall at 535-1566 or stop by to pick up a registration form, 204 East Main Street. Pre-registration is encouraged!

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Volunteer with the City of Talent

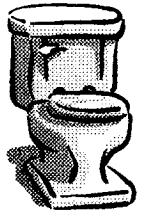


The City of Talent has volunteer opportunities waiting for you! We currently have two vacancies on our Budget Committee, one vacancy on our Citizen's Advisory Committee, two business vacancies and one citizen vacancy on our Urban Renewal Agency, one citizen vacancy on our Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee, and two vacancies on our Water Committee. In addition, we have opportunities for volunteers to help with the maintenance of our parks. If any one of these positions sound of interest to you, please stop by City Hall to pick up an application, 204 East Main Street. We also post all of our volunteer opportunities on the web at www.cityoftalent.org.

Now is the time to conserve water!

Summertime is the time when residents notice an increase in their water usage. Most people use 70 to 90 gallons of water per day indoors. While it may be difficult to imagine how all that water is used, a quick look often shows that much is wasted due to leaks or careless habits. From the kitchen to the bathroom, to the laundry room, changing your habits can save money on your water, sewer and energy bill and help conserve a vital resource. Here are a few tips on how you can water indoors:

- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you will save almost 6,000 gallons a year.
- Check for hidden leaks in your water system. Turn off all faucets in and around your house, then locate your water meter and check the reading. Wait 1 hour without using any water, then check the reading again. If the reading has changed, there is water going through your meter and you have a leak.
- A 5-minute shower uses from 15 to 40 gallons of water. A low volume showerhead, however, uses only 12 to 15 gallons for a 5-minute shower. Low volume showerheads are inexpensive and can pay for themselves in water, sewer, and energy savings in less than a year.
- Flush only when needed. Do not use the toilet for discarding tissue, gum wrappers, cigarette butts, spiders and so on.
- Put a water displacement device inside the tank of every toilet.
- Check your toilets for leaks. Drop a dye tablet or a teaspoon of food coloring in the tank. Do not flush! If the color appears in the bowl after 15 minutes, replace the "flapper" valve.
- Leave the water off when brushing your teeth or shaving. A faucet left running wide open puts about 3 to 5 gallons a minute down the drain.
- When you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running. Use a sink or dish pan full of wash water and one of rinse water.
- Make sure the dishwasher or washing machine is full before you turn it on.



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 **Indoor Water Use – A Guide to Water Conservation**. These pamphlets are available at City Hall, 204 East Main Street)

Talent's Classic Film Festival

Our film festival is slowing coming to an end. We have two films remaining in the series and both, depending upon the weather, will be shown at sunset in Library Park. If Mother Nature rains on our event, we will move the event indoors to the Community Center. Starting time will still be at sunset (around 9 p.m.). 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:

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

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, August 13th

Talent's Library Park

Saturday, August 14th

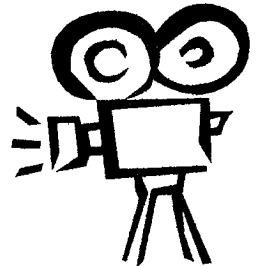
Some Like It Hot (1959), Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon

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. A giant thank you to **Rick's Market** for the use of their popcorn machine during the festival!

What happened to the Colver Road intersection?

As it stands now, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has reconstructed the intersection of Colver Road and Talent Avenue to what it was previously. This is just a temporary fix until ODOT is able to budget for a final solution. They are supportive of a new design, but they can only budget for changes *after* their current four-year budget is complete. For more information, call our Public Works Department at 535-3828.



Tax Breaks for Weatherization

Attention owners of rental property: did you know that you can make a variety of weatherization improvements *and* be eligible for income tax credits? This program is offered through the Oregon Office of Energy. For more information, you can call 1-800-221-8035, or you can visit their website at www.cbs.state.or.us, which contains program information, forms, and instructions.



City Council Agenda Items

August 18, 1999 – 6:45 p.m.

Public Hearings:

- To hear comments on the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Element

New Business:

- Appointments and Swearing In of Council members
- Resolution amending the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan

(Complete agenda packets are available for review at City Hall, 204 E. Main Street)



Make plans to attend the Talent Harvest Festival



The Harvest Festival is scheduled to be held Saturday, September 11, 1999, in the downtown core area of Talent. There will be a parade, booths for arts, crafts, food, and entertainment, as well as free youth activities. The Historical Society will have a display inside the Community Center, the library will be having a book sale, and there will be a "jump house" for kids. Scout groups who would like to volunteer for the event are welcome.

If you would like to be in the parade and/or on stage, please complete and return the information below to the Talent Police Department.



PARADE AND/OR PERFORMER

(circle one or both that apply)

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Day Phone for Contact: _____

Eve Phone for Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Number in Group: _____

Type of Presentation: _____



Please send to Talent Police Department, Officer Power, P.O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540. If you know of an organization which might be interested in participating, please feel free to copy this form. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Officer Power, 535-1253.