



THE FLASH OF TALENT

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John Luthy steps in as Interim City Administrator/Recorder

John Luthy is the retired City Administrator for the City of Eagle Point. He joins the City of Talent as Interim City Administrator until a permanent City Administrator is selected. He will be responsible for day to day operations and handling any situations that may arise. He will also be working with the City Council and the Urban Renewal Agency for the City of Talent. We welcome John Luthy to our city.

Two new City Councilors have been appointed – Joi Riley and Doug Turner!

Joi Riley and Doug Turner were appointed to Talent's City Council on August 18, 1999. Joi Riley is returning to City Council eight months after her term expired. When asked why she wanted to return to the Council, she replied, "I was really concerned about a lack of continuity. I thought I could add some continuity during this time of change. Actually, I offered and they took me up on it!" On a personal note, Joi loves saving old homes. She said she likes the ones that are near death so she "can bring them back to life." In her spare time? "I like being with my friends better than anything else. I am very happy and totally satisfied with my life. From here on out, it's just icing!" she said with a smile.



Unlike Joi, this is Doug Turner's first position as a City Councilor. He said he's been interested in providing public service for a few years now and his goals for the City of Talent include "preserving the friendly atmosphere, helping to develop the downtown core and taking on challenges that growth will bring." Doug has lived in the Rogue Valley for 20 years and has traveled extensively. He likes to mountain bike and bicycle camp, and he enjoys stock research and investing. Even though he is well-traveled, he admits, "I love it here! I have never found a place that I have enjoyed all four seasons."

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Joi Riley and Doug Turner.

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Watch your Speed

The Talent Police Department will be enforcing the speed limit along East Main Street and Talent Avenue. These are heavily traveled streets with lots of pedestrian and bicycle traffic as well. Please slow down when traveling where pedestrians and bicyclists are present. And, if you see someone crossing in the crosswalk, please stop your vehicle behind the designated area and allow them to cross safely. Let's help keep our citizens safe. Reduce your speed and enjoy the sights!



Talent's Community Service Officers Program



The Community Service Officers (CSO) program was founded on January 1, 1999, by former Mayor Frank Falsarella. He was inspired by the CSO program in Ashland and approached Police Chief C.W. Smith on how to get one started in Talent. Together, Mr. Falsarella and Chief Smith developed guidelines and expectations and soon the CSO program began. Frank Falsarella explains, "Originally, we had seven applicants for the Community Service Officers program. Then, after careful screening, it was brought down to five. Of course we trained them before we put them on the street . They

were trained to patrol the downtown, enforce parking regulations, do house checks, code compliance, etc. They put in an average of two, 4-hour shifts per week – strictly on a volunteer basis."

The Community Service Officers Program is looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a CSO, please contact the Talent Police Department at 535-1253 or Frank Falsarella at 535-3100. You must be over 21 years of age. Prior experience is not necessary.

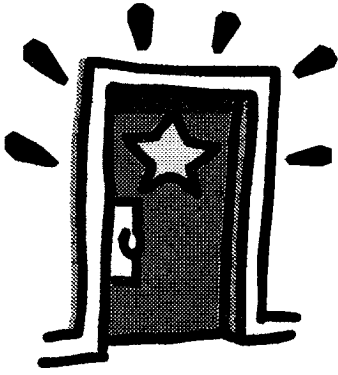
Talent Community Center turns 100 – don't miss the birthday celebration!

The City of Talent will hold a centennial rededication ceremony to unveil the completed restoration of the city's historic Talent Community Center. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 11, 1999, at the Community Center in downtown Talent, immediately following the Talent Harvest Festival parade. Activities will include a ribbon-cutting, a marching band, a Silver Tea hosted by the Talent Garden Club, and displays and oral histories by the Talent Historical Society. Members of the public are invited to attend. If you have old photographs of the building, please bring them with you so they may be copied for the society's archives.



The community center was originally built in 1899 as the Talent Elementary School and was later used as a library and City Hall. It is an important civic building eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Its restoration has taken nearly six years and was made possible by volunteer labor and donated materials in addition to grants from the Jackson County Historic Fund. For more information, contact City Hall at 535-1566.

Thank you Sam McCrary for the Classic Film Series



For the past eight weeks, Rogue Valley residents have enjoyed Cantrell Buckley's Classic Film Festival right here in Talent – thanks to City Councilor and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sam McCrary. He has volunteered countless hours of his time to make the festival a success and we are truly grateful. Sadly, the film festival has come to an end, but we are pleased to announce the series raised over \$100 in proceeds for the Downtown Park Project! We would like to send out a giant **thank you to Rick's Market** for supplying us with popcorn (and the machine to pop it in!) during the festival and to everyone for attending the Classic Film Festival. We'll see you all again next year!

The latest and greatest opportunities to volunteer

We are pleased to report that we have finished the first of three phases of the Downtown Park Project! We are now moving into the landscaping phase of the project and are looking for volunteer gardeners or landscapers. We have also selected a home for the Paint Your Heart Out program and we will be needing painters and prep workers. The home will be painted on Saturday, September 18, 1999, and we'll be preping the weekend before. If you'd like to help landscape or paint or serve on a committee or commission, please contact Allison at City hall, 535-1566.



Register for the 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 five cities to participate – Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, Talent, and Ashland. So far, Talent is in the lead – we have more participants than all other cities combined! If you want to join Talent's Mayor Marian Telerski in her ride to the finish, contact City Hall at 535-1566 or stop by to pick up a registration form (204 East Main Street). Riders from the five cities will meet at Café Electra, Talent Plaza parking lot at 7 a.m., Sunday, September 5, 1999. They will depart from 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). For riders who are unable to make the bike ride back to Talent from Bear Creek Park, you'll be pleased to know that return shuttle service is available. Pre-registration is encouraged!

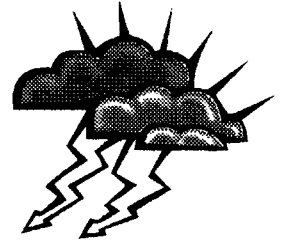
City Council Study Session

August 31, 1999 – 6:45 p.m.

The subject of this study session is the TAP Intertie. Project Manager John Morrison, City staff and City Councilors will be brought up-to-date on the project and future plans. The meeting is open to the public. We will also have TAP updates in upcoming issues of the *FLASH*.



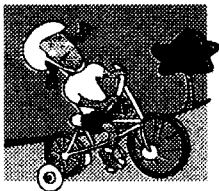
Be safe around electricity



Mother Nature is right on course – August is always a month of thunderstorms and hot weather for southern Oregon. Unfortunately, some electrical storms can cause power outages or other weather-related emergencies. The folks at Pacific Power suggest following these rules during emergencies:

- Never touch a downed power line or anything it is resting on. Warn others to stay away also.
- Call 911 and your power company to inform them of the potential hazard.
- If a power line falls across your car while you are inside, drive away if possible. If you can't drive, **stay** in the car until help arrives. If you step out of your car while still in contact with any metal, the current will try to pass through you to the ground to complete its circuit. Serious injury could occur. If you must leave your car, quickly jump clear of the car so you don't touch the car and the ground at the same time.
- If an electrical fire occurs, make sure everybody leaves the house immediately. Call the fire department or 911 at once.
- Sometimes electrical damage to your homes wiring or appliances can present the danger of shock. If this occurs, turn off the electricity and stop the danger by turning off the main circuit breaker to your house.
- When someone comes in contact with electricity, don't touch the victim or the appliance causing the shock. Shut off the power by turning off the electricity at the main breaker. Call 911 and other emergency officials.
- After reporting the emergency, call Pacific Power to report the problem.
- If your home suffers damage, shut off the power at the main circuit breaker. If gas leaks are present, leave the power off. Do not use matches, open flame appliances, telephones or CB's until you are sure there are no gas leaks. Do not enter your home until it is safe.
- Be aware of using electricity outdoors. In addition to the hazards of high voltages, weather factors such as humidity and moisture can increase conductivity.
- Assume all overhead and buried lines are energized or carrying electricity.
- Use electric power tools only in dry weather.
- Look for overhead power lines when climbing a ladder, trimming trees, climbing onto your roof or mounting an antennae.

Portions of this article came from *Maintaining Your Home's Energy Safety*, a pamphlet distributed by Pacific Power.



Reclaim your lost or stolen bicycle

The Talent Police Department will be sponsoring a 2-hour, "Reclaim Your Bicycle" event on Saturday, September 4, 1999, at the Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant (200 Suncrest Road). The event starts at noon and the officers ask that you bring proof of ownership – a picture, a case number, etc. The police department has recovered over 50 unclaimed bicycles. If you think yours is one of them, don't miss your opportunity to get it back. For more information, contact Officer Teresi at 535-1253. Also, please remember to register your bikes at City Hall or the Talent Police Department. We want to be able to find you if we recover your bicycle.