



THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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Thank you Marla Cates for Talent Enhancement Month!



May is Talent Enhancement month in the city of Talent and, for the past few years, Marla Cates has been the “brains behind the operation.” Sadly, she has announced that she will be resigning from the project. As Coordinator and Organizer of Talent Enhancement Month, she said it is time for her to pass the title on to someone else. She said she will not be leaving her volunteer commitments altogether, but resigning from Talent Enhancement Month would make her “less busy.” We would like to thank Marla for all her hard work and countless hours she has generously donated to the City of Talent.

If anyone is interested in stepping into the role of Coordinator for Talent Enhancement Month, Marla said she would take that person through the steps of making things happen. She said she has the position “down to a science” and basically the person stepping into this role just needs to “redo what has been done every year.” If this sounds like a position you’d like to jump into, contact City Hall at 535-1566.

Corporal Kevin Kriz promoted to Sergeant!



At a City Council meeting on September 15, 1999, Talent’s police officers and our police canine, looked on as Corporal Kevin Kriz accepted the office of Sergeant for the Talent Police Department.

Kevin Kriz started with the Talent Police Department as a reserve officer in 1995 while working with the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department as a Marine Deputy. Kevin moved to the Rogue Valley from Newport, Oregon, where he was a detective for the Toledo Police Department. He has a wife and two “beautiful little girls” and enjoys boating and water sports.

He maintains the Police Department’s website and is an active board member for Code 4 Public Safety Education Association which provides a state-wide newsletter for training in public safety.

We would like to extend big congratulations to Kevin and wish him luck in his new position.

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Finance Department recognized for excellence!



The Finance and Administration Department of the City of Talent received a Certificate of Achievement for excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers' Association. The certificate is for the City's comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive financial report. This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

How to use your placard



If you have been issued a Disabled Persons Parking Permit, then you are permitted to park in reserved or marked disabled parking spaces. These spaces are reserved so disabled persons can have easier access to the entrance of a facility or building. The striped area next to or between the disabled parking spaces, known as access aisles, are for disabled persons that use wheel chairs or other devices needing more room to exit and enter their vehicle. The law prohibits a handicap space to be blocked for any reason. This includes vehicles, signs, shopping carts, fences, promotion displays, etc. Disabled parking laws are enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays.

If a disabled persons placard is registered to you (identified by your driver's license number), you may use it in any vehicle you use and may park in any disabled space if your placard is displayed properly. You are in violation if you use a placard which was not issued for your use. Your placard is for your use only. Each disabled person needs to obtain their own placard unless the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) issues a family placard. Disabled Parking spaces may not be used by anyone without a placard for "just a minute" while running into a building, to unload a vehicle or use the ATM.

A new placard must be obtained from the DMV when legibility becomes difficult. Do not deface your placard by trying to mark over the faded dates. Parking patrols will issue a warning or citation if they cannot read the expiration date on your placard.

For more information, please call the Talent Police Department at 535-1253.

(Information in this article supplied by Oregon State Police Parking Enforcement Volunteers)

JOB OPENINGS!

The City of Talent is currently accepting applications for the positions of patrol officer and City Administrator/Recorder. For a complete job description or application, stop by City Hall, 204 East Main Street, or call 535-1566. You can also obtain a job description online at www.cityoftalent.org.

Fire Prevention Week

October 3-9, 1999

If you do not already have a plan of what to do in the event of a fire, take time during this week to put one together. If you don't know where to start, stop by Jackson County Fire District Five (716 S. Pacific Highway) on Tuesday, October 5th at 7 p.m. for their open house. With direction from Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog, they'll help you plan your "great escape." Tour the fire station and get your kids involved in escape training. If you'd like to practice fire prevention right away, here are a few tips from the National Fire Protection Association:



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Make a Home Fire Escape Plan

Don't wait. Sit down with every member of your household and make an escape plan today.

- Draw a map of your home. Show every room, door and window.
- Mark an easy way out of each room, then find a second way out.
- Mark every way out of your home – so you know how to get out of the building no matter where you are.
- Pick an outside place in front of your home where everyone will meet after they've escaped.

Practice Your Plan

Getting out of your own home sounds easy, but your home can look very different if it's full of smoke. So practice your plan.

Plan and Practice Fire Drills

Sparky the Fire Dog wants you to know what to do if there is a fire in your home. Smoke alarms make a loud noise to tell you when there's a fire. Learn the sound your smoke alarm makes. Anytime

you hear the alarm, go outside immediately!

Escape Tips:

1) You can't hide from a fire!

Never try to hide from a fire. Follow your escape plan to get out, and then stay out.

2) Crawl under smoke!

If you see any smoke when you are escaping, try another way out. If you have to escape through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees with your head 1 to 2 feet above the floor. The air will be the cleanest, coolest and safest there.

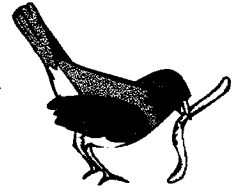
3) Don't stop!

When you hear a smoke alarm, leave the building immediately. Don't try to save anything. Go to your meeting place and wait for other members of your household. Never go back into a burning building.

(Information from this article was taken from the brochure pictured: *Sparky's Great Escape*)

Don't miss Birds in our Backyards!

Talent Parks and Recreation Commission proudly presents "Birds in our Backyards," a slide show and talk given by Eric Setterberg of Ashland. Join Eric and fellow birders on Saturday, October 2, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. at the Talent Community Center. Admission is free! His talk will include the feeding of birds, what their nests look like and birds that are common to the Rogue Valley. He will also have a group of labeled nests so you can compare them with your "finds." Eric is an avid birder and past president of the Rogue Valley Audubon Society. "What is the Audubon Society?" you ask.



The Audubon Society was named after John J. Audubon – a world renowned bird collector and artist who also named several species of birds. The society members are a group of avid birders who work together to protect our environment and conserve natural habitats. The local chapter of the Audubon Society is part of a national organization. There are 741 local members and they meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Presbyterian church on Holly Street in Medford. For more information, contact Edith Lindner at 773-7580.

Our Community Service Officers program needs you!

Police Chief C.W. Smith is in need of volunteers for the Community Service Officers (CSO) program. Under the leadership of former mayor Frank Falsarella, the CSO's train to patrol the downtown, enforce parking regulations, some municipal codes, and monitor abandon vehicles. CSO's are also working as crossing guards near the schools. They work from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and after school from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you are over 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and would like to volunteer in the CSO program, contact the Talent Police Department at 535-1253.



Thank you to Paint Your Heart Out volunteers



Where do we start? It was heartwarming to see all the people who showed up to paint 810 Talent Avenue. Huge thanks go out to the following people in appreciation for making a difference in our community: Roger Paul, Jim Hadath, Holly Haviland, Doug Turner, Sam McCrary, Julie and Ashley Westholder, Marian Telerski, Tawnie Fowler, Linda Zigich, Tessa and Garrett West, Mike Caruso, Bob Holt, Darin Welburn, Nick Baalman, Phillip Bender, Tim Barnack, Talent Ace Hardware, Dutch Boy Paints of Grants Pass and Talent Wal-Mart.

City Council Agenda Items

October 6, 1999 – 6:45 p.m.



Presentation:

Presentation by Ronnie Budge, Jackson County Library Director, on the proposed expansion of the Talent Library building and Jackson County library system.

New Business:

- ♦ Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan: Open Space and Natural Hazards Element.
- ♦ Review Ordinance No. 99-669-0 for clarification relating to the use of helmets in Talent parks.

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