



THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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Community Service Officers in Talent

The Community Service Officer (CSO) program operates under the direction of the Talent Police Department. The program 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. Currently, they are seeking interested individuals to apply. You do not have to be a Talent resident to become a CSO – you must be a U.S. citizen and 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 at 604 Talent Avenue.

A note from the CSO's

The CSO's are asking for your help. On schooldays, when it is foggy or visibility is low, they ask that you please drive with your lights on. They are also asking all children to use only marked crosswalks when crossing the street. Their primary concern is public safety and, by obeying the law and suggested warnings, they are trying to make school zones safe for everyone.



THANK YOU

JACKSON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS



The City of Talent recently received a letter from the Phoenix-Talent Little League. They wanted to thank the Jackson County Community Corrections work crew for cleaning up the weeds on the baseball field. They were highly appreciative and wanted the workers to be recognized for giving back to the community. The City of Talent would also like to extend a giant thank you as well. The Little League field is frequently used and clean-up efforts are appreciated by many.

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Downtown Park Project progress summary

The new Downtown Park has seen a lot of work and Phase I was completed this past summer. The volunteers who completed the bowl construction were dedicated and tenacious. We owe huge thanks to Dave Bobb, Geth Noble, Mike Swim, Cheryl Nadler-Voss, and countless other volunteers who have given so much of their time. We would also like to extend thanks to our Public Works Department for their continued maintenance and upkeep of this project.



The Downtown Park is still under construction. Unfortunately, in October, the park was victim of graffiti. It was shut down for several days while Talent Police conducted their investigation and our Public Works Department researched how best to remove the large volume of paint without scouring the bowl. After reviewing the options for removal, a contractor was hired to use a soda-blast procedure on the graffiti (this method is used on helicopters and fragile aircraft skin and uses a bicarbonate of soda and high pressure air at 2000 psi). It was the only procedure safe for removal without damage to the concrete. What vandals fail to realize is that money for the Downtown Park project is raised by volunteers and City staff. Last year the City hosted a fundraiser auction which brought in \$1,500 in proceeds. This *one* act of vandalism last month cost the City approximately our total proceeds from last year's event. The Talent Police Department is making headway on their investigation, but welcome additional information you may have regarding this incident. Please call 535-1253 if you can assist the department's investigation.

We are happy to report that the skatepark is now clean and in use again. Litter is patrolled by Jackson County Educational Service District and Talent Middle School. The City would like to say thank you to both groups for taking an interest in the appearance of the community.

City Council Agenda Items

December 1, 1999 – 6:45 p.m.



Public Hearing:

- ♦ Public Hearing on the Talent Transportation and Storm Drain Utility fees

New Business:

- ♦ Swearing in of Police Officer Leonard
- ♦ Talent Historical Society's request for international potluck.

Unfinished Business:

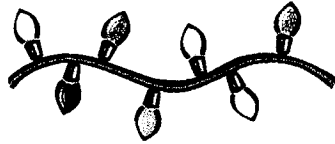
- ♦ Review of City's Wellness Program – subject to adoption
- ♦ Committee assignment descriptions

Executive Sessions:

- ♦ Employment of public officers
- ♦ Discuss real property transaction

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

Lights for Life Campaign



The Ashland Community Hospital Foundation kicks off its 1999 "Lights for Life" Campaign in Talent at the annual tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 1, 1999, at 6:30 p.m., in front of Talent City Hall. The campaign goal is to raise \$10,000 and everyone is invited to attend.

In a proclamation issued last month, Mayor Marian Telerski declared the week of November 28 through December 4 "Lights for Life Week" urging citizens to join together in recognizing the importance of having a strong and healthy hospital serving the community. The annual campaign allows Talent residents to contribute to the well-being of the community by honoring or memorializing family members and friends through donations which are symbolized by colored lights on the "Lights for Life" tree in front of City Hall.

Lights on the tree indicate donation amounts: white for \$10, blue for \$25, red for \$50, twinkle for \$100, star for \$500, and angel for \$1,000.

The \$10,000 goal will equip Fire District No. 5 with high power hydraulic ram tools that complement "Jaws of Life" extraction devices, acquired through a previous Lights for Life campaign. The rams work like bottle jacks to create up to 40 more inches of working space for the Jaws to allow one person to execute a rescue procedure, instead of two. The district would also purchase two new pulse oximeter machines which attach to a finger tip and give medical readings for blood oxygen levels, pulse and blood pressure.

Pat Flannery, director of the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation (ACH), states that Ashland Community Hospital has long been the hospital of choice for many Talent residents and is committed to serving the community. "Several years ago, the hospital determined the need for additional healthcare services in Talent and, through the ACH Foundation, developed Talent's medical office building in the Foundation Plaza – staffed by a full time family practice physician – and established a permanent location for the community's only independent pharmacist. The hospital is in Talent for the long haul and wants to meet the community's needs."

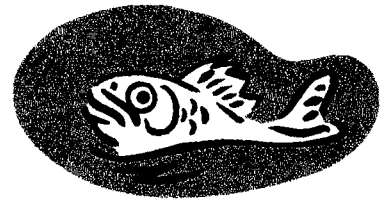
For more information on the Lights for Life campaign, contact the Foundation office at 488-7414.



Call before you dig!

Before you start any landscaping or maintenance that requires digging underground, please call the Utility Locating Service **first!** To prevent damage to utility lines or disruption of service, please call 1-800-332-2344 **two** days prior to digging. This is a free service that can help you locate hidden lines around your home. Take time to call – repairs to utility lines are costly.

Is Your Stream Healthy?



Is streamside vegetation thick, diverse, vigorous, and native to the area? Does the water flow out onto the floodplain every couple of years? Does more than 50% of the streambank length have trees and shrubs to filter pollutants, shade the water, and provide fish habitat? Is the stream stable with little (less than 10%) or no bank erosion? If your answers are “yes,” then you probably have a healthy stream, but keep in mind that even one “no” answer can indicate unhealthy conditions. The following are 8 steps you can take to restore a stream:

1. Get to know your stream

- Your first step is to familiarize yourself with your stream and its combination of characteristics. Take a walk along your stream.

2. Assess your stream and streamside area.

- Find healthy stream reaches.
- Locate historic photos and information about your stream.
- Identify problem areas in the stream and in the uplands.
- List land use needs and objectives – are they compatible with stream needs?
- Seek assistance from a resource professional.

3. Quantify problems: For example ask:

- How many feet of stream bank are bare of vegetation and eroding?
- Is the water too hot or polluted?
- How healthy is the fish habitat? Does the stream have lots of different places for the fish to feed, rest and hide?

4. Prioritize problems to address

- Determine which problems can realistically be corrected by your actions, and which problems need the help of your neighbors and community.
- Discuss the stream problems with a stream management specialist.
- Evaluate a range of treatment alternatives.

5. Establish your project goals

- Objectives should be realistic. If you include measurable standards and a workable time frame, you can better gauge your success. For example, you can aim to increase native streambank vegetation by 50 trees and 100 shrubs in two years.

6. Develop a work plan

- Assess your ability to implement different management practices and restoration alternatives.
- Determine what permits are needed.
- If necessary, seek qualified contractors to assist you.

7. Implement your work plan

8. Monitor the restoration

- At the end of every summer, evaluate whether you are meeting your restoration objectives. Assess the need for modification and maintenance. Share your observations with stream management professionals so that we all learn how to manage and restore streams successfully.

(This article is an excerpt from *Tips on Land and Water Management for Small Acreages in Oregon*. For information on how to request a copy, contact Allison at City Hall, 535-1566.)