



THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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The Downtown Redevelopment Workshop

On Thursday, June 17, 1999, a third workshop on the redevelopment of downtown is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community Center in Talent. Once again, it will feature Genasci and Associates, a team of architects and planners from Portland. The agenda will provide participants with a final review of design standards for the downtown area. All participants from previous workshops are encouraged to attend to provide comments on the final product (new participants may find it helpful to review the work completed at previous work sessions). This event will be a dessert potluck, so bring your favorite treat to share with neighbors and new acquaintances. The City will provide coffee and tea, and soft drinks will be sold with all proceeds earmarked for donation to the Skateboard Park.

On April 17, 1999 the second of three workshops was held at the Talent Elementary School gymnasium to review the first draft of design standards for the downtown study area. Participants offered some excellent suggestions for improvement and "fine tuned" the document.

The Downtown Redevelopment process is funded by a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant, a joint program developed by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCDD) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). If you would like more information, please contact Kevin Cronin in the Planning Department at 535-7401 or e-mail: kevin@cityoftalent.org.

Trim Your Weeds!

Fire season is here and the City and Jackson County Fire District No. 5 would like to remind all Talent residents that Section 3 of City Ordinance 272 is in effect as of June 1, 1999. What does this mean to you? It means that if your weeds or grass exceed 10" in height you **must** trim them down – and keep them trimmed for the duration of fire season to avoid the possibility of a fire. To report weeds that need to be cut within the city, please contact Fire District No. 5 at 535-4222.



Check out the City's WEBSITE!!!

That's right – the City of Talent is on the world-wide web at www.cityoftalent.org! Check us out and please feel free to make comments or suggestions.



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The Talent Historical Society is Growing and they need your help!

The Talent Historical Society wants the Talent community to know that they are working very hard on preserving and sharing the history of Talent. They have over 100 members in the society, and over 500 visits to the museum each year. Currently, they are working on the following projects:



- Creating a walking tour of Talent brochure that will highlight historical points of interest in Talent.
- Working with each level of the local schools on creating a history program for students.
- Preparing a program/exhibit celebrating the 100th birthday of the community hall building.
- Collecting old recipes and stories for the upcoming T.H.S. cookbook (they hope to have it published)
- Continually adding to their oral history collection
- Discussing possibilities of moving the office and/or museum to a new site
- Doing grant writing to further their funding
- Starting a business sponsorship drive
- Working on creating their new logo

The Talent Historical Society has many dedicated volunteers, but the society is growing. As their goals are becoming more involved, they are in need of more volunteers. Currently they are looking for: Publicity Manager(s), Grant writing persons to sit on a committee, Computer Data Entry volunteers, Museum receptionists, and exhibit assistants. You will not be obligated to hours per week, but the society will take even an hour a week! They also need help for special events and activities and they provide training for all volunteer positions. For museum, membership, donations, or volunteer information, please call 512-8838 and leave a message for Marian or Lisa.

Bring your appetite to the Talent Lions Club's Lumberjack Breakfast!

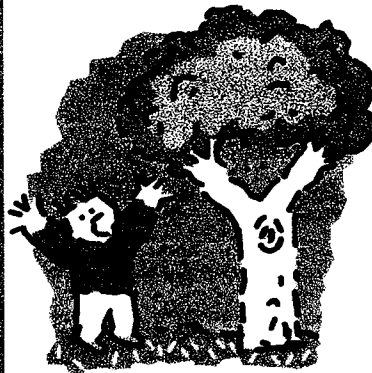


The Talent Lion's Club is sponsoring the annual Lumberjack Breakfast! Starting at 7 a.m. on Sunday, June 20, 1999, you can "come and get it" at Talent's Community Center. The Lion's Club has been serving breakfast for the past 40 years and this year will be no exception! Breakfast will be served until 12 p.m. The cost for adults is \$3.00 and \$2.00 for children. Hope to see you there!

Pennies for Parks

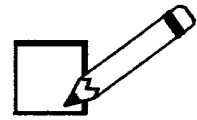
It just takes pennies for you to help restore and maintain our city parks. The program is simply called, "Pennies for Parks," and it was established by the Talent City Council back in 1980. It is strictly a voluntary program designed to allow donations to be given exclusively for the benefit of our parks. Here's how it works:

Let's say your water bill is \$13.47. If you wanted to, you could pay \$14.00 and the 53 cent difference would be deposited into the Parks Trust Fund. It's as easy as that – your pennies help our parks!



If you have any questions or would like more information on the program, please contact City Hall at 535-1566.

“HOW ARE WE DOING?”



In an effort to better serve the needs of our citizens, we would appreciate hearing from you. We'd like to know what you believe we're doing wrong, what we're doing right, or what we should or shouldn't be doing. Please take just a moment of your time to respond to the questions below.

1. How would you rate the overall quality of life in Talent?

Very Good ___ Good ___ Satisfactory ___ Less than Satisfactory ___ Unacceptable ___ Don't Know ___

Comments: _____

2. Regarding crime, do you consider your neighborhood as:

Very Safe ___ Relatively Safe ___ About Average ___ Somewhat Unsafe ___ Very Unsafe ___ Don't Know ___

Comments: _____

3. During the last year, do you think crime in your neighborhood has:

Increased Dramatically ___ Increased Somewhat ___ Not Changed ___ Decreased Somewhat ___ Decreased Dramatically ___

Comments: _____

4. Regarding all city departments in general, how would you rate city employees?

Very Good ___ Good ___ Satisfactory ___ Less than Satisfactory ___ Unacceptable ___ Don't Know ___

Comments: _____

5. What three sources do you primarily use to receive information about local issues?

Tribune ___ Tidings ___ City Newsletter ___ Radio ___ Television ___ Neighbors ___
Speaking to City Officials ___ City Meetings ___ City Website ___

Comments: _____

6. How would you rate City Parks?

Very Good ___ Good ___ Satisfactory ___ Less than Satisfactory ___ Unacceptable ___ Don't Know ___

Comments: _____

7. Is there anything in your block or neighborhood that needs to be attended to by the City? If so, what is it?

8. During the last year, do you believe city service levels have:

Improved
Dramatically____

Improved
Somewhat____

Not
Changed____

Decreased
Somewhat____

Decreased
Dramatically____

Comments: _____

9. What do you like best about living in Talent?

10. What don't you like about living in Talent?

11. Do you have anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for providing us with valuable feedback about our service level performance. Please return the survey to City Hall, 204 East Main Street, at your earliest convenience. Thank you again.

City Council Agenda Items

June 16, 1999 – 6:30 p.m.



Public Hearings:

- To discuss a Stormwater System Development Charge Study Report as prepared by Bill Ryan of CH2MHill and proposed Stormwater System Development Charges for the City of Talent.
- To discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999 as approved by the Talent Budget Committee.
- To discuss a proposed water rate increase to be effective upon completion of the TAP Water Intertie Project.
- To consider the proposed use of State Revenue Sharing Funds in relation to the entire budget.

New Business – Council will consider approving:

- An Auditing Services Agreement between the City of Talent and Yergen and Meyer.
- A Contract with Southern Oregon Regional Telecommunications for telecommunication services for fiscal year 1999/00.
- A Resolution authorizing application under the Special City Allotment Program.
- A Resolution adopting a water rate increase, effective upon completion of the TAP Water Intertie Project.
- An Ordinance adopting amendments to City Ordinance No. 360, regulating the City's water system.
- A Resolution authorizing funds to be used in the financial management of the City of Talent, Oregon, for the 1999-00 budget year.
- A Resolution adopting the budget, making appropriations, and levying taxes for the 1999/00 fiscal year.

The City Council will meet in Executive Session:

- In accordance with ORS 192.660(1)(h) to consult with legal counsel concerning potential litigation.
- In accordance with ORS 192.660(1)(e) to consult with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.
- In accordance with ORS 192.660(1)(i) to conduct an exit interview with the City Administrator/Recorder.

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