



# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments. Vol. 2 No. 9

Welcome Preston Polasek



## Talent's new City Administrator

Preston comes to our community after ten years of employment with the City of Medford and prior employment with Jackson County. He and his wife, Brenda, have been together for 18 years and they have two boys, Alex, age 5, and Levi, age 3. He enjoys playing games with his family and is a chess enthusiast playing in several tournaments a year.

Preston credits the Mayor, Council and the previous Administrator, Leahnette York, for setting Talent on a progressive path to meet the needs for this community. He added, "The City has developed a reputation in recent years for working with residents to provide those public amenities the community can take pride in."

We welcome Preston to the City of Talent and we look forward to working with him.

## Two openings on Talent's City Council!

If you have ever thought about serving on the City Council, now is your chance! We are accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the Council. Applicants must reside and be registered to vote within Talent city limits. The monthly compensation for a City Council position is \$125.00. Applications can be obtained at Talent City Hall, 204 East Main Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The deadline to apply is July 19, 1999, at 5:00 p.m. For additional information,



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The following is a list of places in Talent where you can pick up a free copy of the FLASH: Rick's Market - 215 E. Wagner Street; Talent Post Office - 153 E. Wagner Street; Espresso Shack - 200 Talent Avenue; Talent Club - 114 Talent Avenue; Main Street Grill - 102 Talent Avenue; Talent Truck Stop - 251 Valley View Road; Wal-Mart - 300 Valley View Road; Talent Ace Hardware - 101 N. Pacific Highway; Video Quick - 102 S. Pacific Highway; Talent Library - 105 North I Street; Suds-Ur-Duds Laundromat - 103 I Street; City Hall - 204 E. Main Street; and the Community Hall bulletin board - in front of 206 E. Main Street.

You can also read current and past issues of the FLASH on the Internet at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).

## An update from the Talent Police Department



The Police Department and its officers are in need of helmets – new or used (in good condition). State law requires that all bicycle riders under the age of 16 wear a helmet at all times. To help kids comply with the rules, the department and its officers give helmets away to youths who need them. Unfortunately, their supply has been depleted. If you would like to make a helmet donation or a cash donation to purchase helmets, please contact the Talent Police Department at 535-1253.

Chief Smith would like to remind all children that the Police Department will be enforcing the helmet law. Any bicycle rider under the age of sixteen can be cited for not wearing a helmet. Chief Smith stands behind the helmet law and commented on the possibility of injury from not wearing one, "As a parent who has seen the suffering of person with a brain injury, the helmet issue will be of strong concern for me, and as it should be for any parent in this community. Having spent the last year and a half, in and out of brain injury rehabilitation centers, I have seen many young people suffer from brain injuries due to the lack of proper protective gear. Trust me, I know what I am talking about."

## An Update from Jackson County Fire District No. 5

We'd like to remind everybody that we are now in **high fire danger**, which means that everything is drying out and the chances of starting a fire are much higher. There are some precautions that need to be taken when using lawnmowers or other power tools around dry grass. You can get specific information by calling Fire District No. 5 at 535-4222. As the days become hotter, we will be moving into **extreme fire danger**, so please be extra careful as things begin to dry out.



Also be aware of summertime thunderstorms which can cause downed power lines. If you encounter a downed power line, DO NOT touch it! Especially if the line comes in contact with any metal, such as a chain link fence. The whole area can become energized and become a shock hazard. Please call 911 immediately to prevent any accidents. Let's have a safe summer together.

# Thank you to Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc. (SOREDI) and Talent Wal-Mart!

SOREDI and Wal-Mart each made a \$2,000 cash donation to the Downtown Park Project! We would like to say thank you to both SOREDI and Wal-Mart for their support of the Downtown Park. The City is pleased to announce that the entire skating area of the park facility has been finished. Due to these two cash donations from SOREDI and Wal-Mart, we were able to continue with a retaining wall around the back portion of the skating area. We are very excited to be moving into the next two phases of development which include landscaping and construction of the gazebo. However, we are still fundraising and seeking help from volunteers. If you would like to make a donation, or would like to become a volunteer with the City of Talent, please call Allison at City Hall, 535-1566.



## City Council to Consider *Utility Fees*

Maintaining adequate public infrastructure systems is the supreme challenge for most cities, and Talent is no exception.



After adopting system development charges (SDC's) for streets, water, parks and storm drainage, the City Council now turns its attention to street and storm drainage utility fees.

Whereas SDC's are a one-time assessment on new development for adding capacity demand, utility fees are paid monthly for on-going use of the system. Together, SDC's and utility fees establish a sound basis for ensuring adequate systems while equitably spreading the cost of infrastructure across the community.

The City currently has a utility fee for water. In the coming months, the Council will be considering a similar user fee for streets and storm drainage. Stay tuned to the FLASH for announcements of upcoming public hearings on this important subject. The City wants to hear from you! If you have questions, please feel free to contact City Hall, 535-1566 or e-mail us at [talent@cityoftalent.org](mailto:talent@cityoftalent.org).

## "Good Boy, Igor!"



This shy guy in the picture is our new Police Canine. Say hello to Igor, the newest member of the Talent Police Department. Igor is a Timber Sheppard from Germany who was donated to the City by a grateful citizen for our law

enforcement services in this community. Igor was sworn in to office by our Mayor on July 7, 1999. Mayor Telerski treated him to a great big doggie bone after he barked his affirmation of oath. Officer Tracy Lenhardt is his trainer and certified handler. Igor is also certified as a Police Canine, and is trained for protection, tracking and building searches.

"Igor is a welcome addition to the Talent Police Department," Chief Smith said with a smile.

# Classic Film Festival right here in Talent

During the months of July and August, the Talent Parks and Recreation Commission, in association with Cantrall-Buckley Park, will be showing a series of classic films. Admission is **free** and it's fun for the whole family. The festival will be held at Cantrall Buckley Park on Fridays and at the Talent Community Center on Saturdays. Movie titles and dates are as follows:

**Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939), James Stewart and Jean Arthur**

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, July 9th

Talent Community Center

Saturday, July 10th

**Dr. Strangelove (1964), Peter Sellers and George C. Scott**

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, July 16th

Talent Community Center

Saturday, July 17th

**Duck Soup (1933), The Marx Brothers**

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, July 23rd

Talent Community Center

Saturday, July 24th

**The Maltese Falcon, Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor**

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, July 30th

Talent Community Center

Saturday, July 31st

**Bride of Frankenstein (1935), Boris Karloff and Elsa Lanchester**

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, August 6th

Talent Community Center

Saturday, August 7th

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

Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, August 13th

Talent Community Center

Saturday, August 14th

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

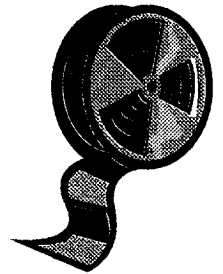
Cantrall-Buckley Park

Friday, August 20th

Talent Community Center

Saturday, August 21st

All shows in Talent start at 7 p.m. and remember, admission is **free**! We will have popcorn



## Planning Commission

July 28, 1999 - 7:00 p.m.



### Public Hearing:

- On the matter of a new element to the comprehensive plan: "Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Urban Forestry."

### Commission will review:

- First draft of the Natural Hazards element

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

## City Council Agenda Items

July 21, 1999 - 6:30 p.m.



### Council will consider:

- A Resolution approving auditing services contract with Yergen and Meyer.
- An Ordinance requiring the use of helmets at the skatepark.

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