

# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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## Job Opportunities with Census 2000

The Eugene Local Census Office is looking to fill approximately 1,200 positions between now and the Decennial Census which will take place in April. Nearly 255 positions will be filled in Jackson County. These are temporary field positions and the pay range is from \$9.75 to \$11.25, plus 31 cents per mile for field work. Field positions require the use of an automobile.

The census is taken only once every ten years which will determine what your community looks like and will determine federal, state, and local funding levels of all population based programs as well as infrastructure funding such as highways and sewer. Census 2000 will be the most comprehensive census ever taken.

The application process starts when you call 1-888-325-7733. Women, ethnic minorities, and bilingual individuals are encouraged to apply.

## Watch your speed in school zones!

Did you know that traffic fines double in school zones? Is it really worth the few minutes you save to *speed* your child to school? Signs are posted and speeds are lowered to 15 to 20 mph in school zones to protect the safety of children crossing the streets, coming and going to the school yards. Here's something you may not know: the 20 mph speed in school zones is enforceable *all day*.

That's right, *all day*. According to ORS 811.124, it states "children are present at any time and on any day when children are in a place where they are or can reasonably be expected to be visible to a person operating a motor vehicle that is passing a school ground or a school crosswalk." On rainy days, or days of low-visibility, it is advisable that you drive with your headlights **on** and use extra caution when driving on wet asphalt. Take your time, watch your speed, and help us make our school zones safe for everybody.

## City Council vacancy

The City of Talent is now accepting applications to fill a vacancy on its City Council. If you have ever thought about serving on the City Council, now is your chance! Applicants must reside and be registered to vote within Talent city limits. The monthly compensation for a Council position is \$125.00, and 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 January 28, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please call City Hall at 535-1566.

## Enter raffle before it's *too late!*

Don't miss your chance to win some really cool prizes – an awesome skateboard, a helmet, and some heavy duty knee pads. Check out the prizes on display at City Hall, 204 East Main Street.

Tickets are on sale now, \$3 each or 2 for \$5, and all proceeds benefit the Downtown Park project. You can get your tickets at City Hall or at the Boys and Girls Club in Talent. Three winners will be picked on Superbowl Sunday, January 30, 2000. You need not be present to win.

## The rains are here!

Does your property require protection from excess water? If so, our Public Works Department can help – they have sand and bags available for free! The City shop is located at 200 Suncrest Road and they welcome Talent residents to fill as many sand bags as needed.

## Happy Birthday Chuck Roberts



Chuck was Chief of Police in Talent from 1962 to 1984 and a former City Councilor. He now volunteers as court liaison for the Talent Police Department and just recently celebrated his 78th birthday! Police Chief C.W. Smith said, "Chuck is a perfect example of what a great community Talent is and what it continues to be. Everyone say Happy Birthday to Chuck when you see him."

## A note from the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Cheryl Nadler-Voss, Chair of the Parks Commission, said she would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped the Commission meet their goals thus far. She said she would particularly like to thank Sam McCrary who has recently submitted his letter of resignation. She described Sam as her mentor and inspiration, and she said he will be missed.

Everyone is invited to attend the meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission. They are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., in the City Hall Council chambers.

## How to prevent frozen pipes

An eighth-inch crack in a pipe can spew up to 250 gallons of water a day, wrecking floors, furniture and keepsakes. Both plastic (PVC) and copper pipes may burst. Imagine if your pipes were to freeze and break while you were away on vacation: Your homecoming would be a soggy one and your fix-it plea to a plumber would have to be accompanied by calls to a contractor, carpet-layer, painter and furniture store. Damage might be so severe that you and your family would have to move out of your home while repairs are made. By taking a few simple precautions, you can save yourself the mess, money and aggravation frozen pipes may cause. Here are a few simple steps to protect your home or apartment:

**Insulate:** Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces and attic. These exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. Remember: the more insulation you use, the better protected your pipes will be.

**Heat tape:** Heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables can be used to wrap pipes. Be sure to use products approved by an independent testing organization, such as Underwriters Laboratories Inc., and only for the use intended (exterior or interior). Closely follow all manufacturer's installation and operation instructions.

**Seal:** Seal leaks that allow cold air inside, near where pipes are located. Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes. Use caulk or insulation to keep the cold out and the heat in. With severe wind chill, a tiny opening can let in enough cold air to cause a pipe to freeze.

**Disconnect:** Disconnect garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

When the mercury drops, a **TRICKLE** of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall. **OPEN** cabinet doors to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

If you're away, **SET** the thermostat in your house no lower than 55 degrees. **ASK** a friend or neighbor to check your house daily to make sure it's warm enough to prevent freezing, or **SHUT OFF** and drain the water system. Be aware that if you have a fire protection sprinkler system in your house, it will be deactivated when you shut off the water.

If you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave the faucets turned on and call a plumber. If you detect that your water pipes have frozen and burst, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve in the house; leave the water faucets turned on. (Make sure everyone in your family knows where the water shut-off valve is and how to open and close it.)

NEVER try to thaw a pipe with a torch or other open flame. Water damage is preferable to burning down your house. You may be able to thaw a frozen pipe with the warm air from a hairdryer. Start by warming the pipe as close to the faucet as possible, working toward the coldest section of pipe.

DO NOT use electrical appliances in areas of standing water because you could be electrocuted.

(Information in this article was provided by State Farm Insurance. You can find this information on their website – [www.statefarm.com](http://www.statefarm.com).)

## How to survive a heart attack when you're alone

So, let's say that you are driving home from work after a particularly hard day on the job. All of a sudden you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home, unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. What can you do? Has anybody ever taught you how to perform CPR on *yourself*? Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this information could be important. Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps to regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a phone and, between breaths, call for help.

## Planning Department looking for volunteers

The City's Planning Department is looking for volunteers to help develop the Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan. If you have an interest in the future of the business economy in Talent, contact Matt Mattia, Assistant City Planner, at 535-1566. They are looking for ideas in regards to the types of businesses Talent needs and the services the current businesses may need to help them succeed.

City Council Agenda Items  
January 19, 2000 – 6:45 p.m.

### New Business:

Appoint Roslyn O'Riordan to the Planning Commission.

Request from Boy Scouts to use larger portion of the Community Hall.

Discussion of Community Hall basement repair.

### Unfinished Business:

Discussion of interim financing of the TAP Project.

(Agenda packets available for review at City Hall, 204 East Main Street, or check out the agenda on the web at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org))