

# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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## Progress on Improvement Project

The Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Bear Creek Valley Sanitary Authority is constructing a multi-phase improvement project on West Main and Wager Creek Road from Front Street to Rapp Road.

The improvement project is being phased over a two year period. This summer, construction will include: curb and gutter, a bicycle lane, and a new sidewalk constructed from Schoolhouse Road to the Boys and Girls Club. West Main will have the same improvements constructed the following summer.

So far, the sanitary sewer has been constructed along with new domestic water service lines. The bid on the storm drain main has been awarded and will extend from Christian Street to West Street.

Construction of the storm drain main will be completed by June 9, 2000 and the entire length of the project will be paved with an asphalt overlay by July 1, 2000.

The improvements are being paid for by a \$100,000 grant from ODOT and \$125,000 from the City of Talent. If you have any questions regarding this project, please call Tim Dedrick, Public Works Director, at 535-3828.

We thank you for your patience during this time of construction and ask that you observe the 15 mph construction safety speed limit.

## "Why do I have to pay a storm drain fee if I don't have storm drains on my property?"

The City is responsible for all water quality issues within the city as a whole, including making sure that storm water makes its way back to the creek.

The fees are not determined by whether you individually have storm drains on your property, but rather by the amount of impervious area (area resistant to water) on your property. The impervious area prevents water from going into the ground and making its way back to the creek so each person's structure and pavement area collectively contribute to the issue of stormwater run-off.

The money generated from the Storm Drain Fee will be used to maintain existing curbs and gutters, and also to install new curbs and gutters. It will be used for cleaning catch basins and ditches, doing emergency preparedness and flood hazard reduction and a portion of the funds will also be used to establish and maintain wetland areas. So the money from the storm drain fee addresses stormwater run-off problems as a whole and the fees are calculated so that the people who have more impervious area, pay a larger portion of the costs.

## Don't forget to register your bicycle

We would like to remind all bicycle riders in the city of Talent to license your bikes! Ordinance 543 Section 38 states that no person who resides in the city shall operate a bicycle on a street or public right-of-way without a current, valid bicycle license. Our goal is to help you find your bike if it is stolen, or to help find *you* if your bike has been recovered. There is no cost to license your bike – all you have to do is fill out a registration card and inform the Police Department when your personal information changes. It's as easy as that! Just come on down to City Hall, 204 East Main Street, or stop by the Talent Police Department, 604 Talent Avenue. When you come to get your license, be sure to bring your bicycle with you.

## No dogs allowed in City parks

With summer-like weather upon us, it is a good time to remind pet owners that dogs are not allowed in **any** park in the city of Talent. Ordinance No. 286 Section 13 states "it shall be an infraction for any person who owns, or is in possession or control of, any domesticated animal or livestock to cause, or knowingly permit such animal to be within the boundaries of any park in the City of Talent. This section shall not apply to seeing-eye dogs."

Also, a friendly reminder to owners who let their dogs play at the school – children enjoy the same grass as pets. Please be responsible and pick up after your pet.

## Down by the Riverside – A big success!

On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, volunteers from all over the state celebrated **Down by the Riverside – Enhancement, Clean-up and Appreciation Day**. Over 15 volunteers came out to help pick up litter at Lynn Newbry Park and along the Bear Creek Greenway. Volunteers also planted over 100 tree seedlings along the creek, including Red Alders, Black Cottonwoods, Red-Osier Dogwoods, and

## Summer safety tips for biking

Before riding, check your bike's condition. Always wear a helmet, preferably Snell or ANSI approved. Wear bright colors and avoid clothes that can get caught in the chains. Use reflectors on bike and/or clothing. Don't ride at night without proper lighting. Obey the traffic signs and signals that cars do. Ride single-file and to the right with traffic. Signal with your left hand. Use bike paths, not streets, wherever possible. If in doubt, yield.

Big Leaf Maple trees.

We would like to thank Stop Oregon Litter & Vandalism (SOLV), Regional Ecosystem Applied Learning (REAL) Corps, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) for donating the trees, Tark's Market for donating our refreshments, the Espresso Shack for starting our day with coffee, the Grotto restaurant, and most importantly, our **volunteers** for their time and hard work. Thank you for helping to keep our parks and creeks clean!

## **Parks Commission changes meeting time**

The Talent Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. (instead of 7 p.m.) on Wednesday, June 14, 2000. If you'd like to know more about our City parks, mark their meetings on your calendar – they meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

## **City Council Agenda Items June 7, 2000 – 6:45 p.m.**

### **New Business:**

Resolution adopting a Fixed Asset and Capitalization Policy for the City of Talent

Amending nuisance Ordinance to include a provision related to graffiti.

Resolution adopting a purchasing policy for the City of Talent

Resolution authorizing transfer of funds within the General Fund.

Resolution extending worker's compensation coverage to volunteers.

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

## **Update on the TAP Project**

The City of Talent is currently in the design engineering phase of the Talent Ashland Phoenix (TAP) Intertie and Water Improvements Project. Design of the project is complete and is now being reviewed by all involved agencies. After approval, the project will go to bid and construction will begin in Summer of 2000. The Intertie is scheduled for completion in January, 2002.

If you would like to know more about the Intertie, check out our website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) or come to a TAP meeting. They are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers.