

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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It's time to 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 10, 2000. 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.

Lion's Father's Day breakfast

The Talent Lion's Club is sponsoring their annual Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 18, 2000. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Come on down to Talent's Community Center for Father's Day – we hope to see you there!

City Council Agenda Items

June 21, 2000 – 6:45 p.m.

New Business:

Council will appoint a new City Councilor.

Council will review a Resolution to adopt the budget, making appropriations, and levying taxes for the 2000-01 Fiscal Year.

Council will review a Resolution authorizing funds to be used in the financial management of the City for the 2000-01 Budget Year.

Council will review labor agreement

Council will Review contract with KenCairn Environmental Design for Greenway Project

Unfinished Business:

Council will review a Resolution adopting a fixed asset and capitalization policy for the City of Talent, amending Resolution No. 98-514-R-A.

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

Skatepark etiquette for all Downtown Park users

The City of Talent recognizes the popularity of the skatepark and wants to make it a positive place for *everyone*. We are able to have a multi-use facility for skate boarders, inline skaters, and BMX bikers because park users know the "rules of the road." If you're new to the skate park scene, and want to know how to use the

facility, please review the below list of recommendations. This list was put together by local boarders and BMX riders for the purpose of educating newcomers on etiquette used in this or other skatepark facilities. Following general rules of park etiquette can help ensure the safety and enjoyment of all park users.

1. You **MUST ALWAYS** wear a helmet.
2. Knee and elbow pads are highly recommended.
3. Observe the park obstacles and experienced users to determine the proper use of obstacles.
4. Wait until the obstacle is *not in use* before attempting to use it! Failure to do so can result in a collision with other park users.
5. Only **ONE** (1) run* is allowed per turn.

***A run constitutes the use of any given obstacle or combination of obstacles until the continuous**

Use Water Wisely...

In the summer, each of us uses about 250 gallons of water a day – that's more than twice what we use in the winter. And research suggests much of that extra use is simply wasted. Water conservation is not just for emergencies. Water conservation today saves you money on your next water bill, reduces the cost for developing new supplies, and leaves more water in the rivers for fish and habitat. When the heat of summer is upon us, we tend to water our yards and lawns more frequently. With increased outdoor water usage comes an increased water bill. Here a few tips to help you conserve water outdoors:

When landscaping, choose the right plants. Buy plants that are low-water users.

Consider replacing turf with ground covers such as junipers or heathers.

Group high-water use plants and water them together by area.

Avoid oscillating sprinklers – they tend to over-water at the ends when they reverse direction. Instead, choose a good stationary sprinkler or soil soaker that will water a large area evenly.

Check hoses for leaks and replace washers in hose connectors.

**motion comes to a stop! Examples:
Skateboarder jumps off of skateboard: run is over. Inline skater falls or stops after an obstacle: run is over. Biker fails attempted trick and stops: run is over.**

6. When your run is over, withdraw from the course to a position outside of the obstacles.

7. Wait until all other users have completed one run before attempting to use any obstacles.

Rules for BMX bikes

Handlebars and pegs *MUST* be covered to prevent damage to concrete!

Handlebars must have *plastic* or *rubber* grip ends. Metal bar ends may not be used unless covered. (Duct tape and padding may be used if it is thick enough)

2) Pegs *MUST* have a *plastic* device installed. Common methods are: PVC or ABS plastic tubing slid over the pegs; extending past the end of the peg so that *NO* part of the peg can contact the cement at any time; PVC and ABS tubes can be fitted with end caps to provide greater protection. To create a tight fit, wrap duct tape around the peg before installing the PVC or ABS tube.

These recommendations will soon be posted near the entrance to the skatepark. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Zigich at City Hall at 535-1566 or e-mail allison@cityoftalent.org.

Keep your lawn in good shape. Keep weeds down as they rob your lawn and plants of nutrients and water.

Mow your lawn regularly to the height recommended for the type of grass you have. Leave the clippings on the lawn as mulch if they aren't thick and matted.

Cultivate the soil in planted beds regularly so water can penetrate and develop a good root system.

Use mulch in rows and around plants to maintain moisture.

Depending on the weather, it's generally better to water about once a week and provide 1 inch to 1 1/2 inches of water. (If it's hot, you might have to water more often.)

Water early in the morning before 10 a.m. Watering in the heat of the day allows the water to evaporate and watering late in the day may promote fungus and other lawn diseases.

To learn more about water conservation, you can contact the State of Oregon's Water Resources Department, 3850 Portland Road NE, Salem, OR 97310, or call (503) 378-3739.

(Information in this article came from the pamphlet *Outdoor Water Use – A Guide to Water Conservation*)

La Ciudad de Talent tiene 27 Anos celebrando el festival de la cosecha!

"Primero esta la comunidad"

La Ciudad de Talent y el departamento de Bomberos Distrito numero 5 seran los anfitriones en la selebracion del festival de la cosecha. El festival sera el Sabado, Septiembre 9 del ano 2000. Los eventos seran celebrados en el centro de la Ciudad. Apuntelo en su calendario, no se le olvide traer a sus ninos. Abra muchas actividades y juegos! Todas las personas que gusten bender comida pasen por su aplicacion a este domicilio: 204 East Main Street, Talent, 535-1566. Reserve su lugar!

Talent's 27th annual Harvest Festival!

"community first"

The City of Talent and Jackson County Fire District No. 5 will be hosting the city's Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 9, 2000. The event will be held in the Downtown core area of Talent. Mark your calendars and plan on bringing the young ones. Lots of fun and activities await! Vendor applications are available at City Hall, 204 East Main Street, 535-1566. Reserve your space early!

Summer safety tips for outdoor sports

The Talent Police Department would like to pass on these safety tips when it comes to playing sports outdoors: have water handy to drink; play in safe areas, away from traffic; warm up your throwing arm before playing ball; for softball and baseball, wear a helmet when batting or running bases; wear eye goggles over glasses; wear proper protective gear; for roller skating or skateboarding, wear a helmet along with elbow pads, wrist guards, gloves and knee pads; skate on smooth surfaces and never near cars.