

# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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## Work begins on the Greenway Parks Master Plan

The City has hired a team of environmental consultants that will inventory plants, wildlife habitat, archeological sites, and recreation resources near Bear and Wagner Creeks. The purpose of the greenway plan is to create a multi-purpose greenway. The

resulting plan will be used to implement the community's vision for the greenway, such as developing plans for recreation, water storage capacity within creek areas to reduce flood hazards, restoration of native vegetation, wetland and wildlife habitat preservation, water quality improvement, and stormwater management. A presentation of the new inventory maps will be made when field work is complete. A team from the National Park Service will be following the inventory work and helping the City develop improvement plans for the greenway.

Decisions about where to put paths, or where to protect a natural area, for instance, will be considered by a citizen committee this fall.

The inventory work is being funded by a USDA Forest Service grant. If you would like to be a part of this grant-funded project, please contact Nancy Kincaid at City Hall, 535-7401.

## Update on West Main/Wagner Creek Project

A storm drain is currently being constructed on West Main Street and Wagner Creek Road from West Street to Christian Street. Construction of the storm drain and paving of the street should be complete by June 30, 2000. The Talent Irrigation District, Phoenix-Talent School District and the City's Public Works Department are cooperating on construction of a pressurized irrigation line to serve Talent Elementary. This construction will complete Phase I.

Phase II consists of bike lanes, curb/gutter, and sidewalk from Schoolhouse Road to West Street. This phase should be complete before the end of August - just in time for school.

Phase III, the final phase, will consist of storm drains, bike lanes, curb/gutter and sidewalk that will extend from West Street to Front Street. This phase will be constructed next summer.

Project improvements are being made possible by a partnership with the City of Talent, Oregon Department of Transportation, Bear Creek Valley Sanitary Authority and Talent Irrigation District. For updated information on this project, stay tuned to the *FLASH* or call our Public Works Department at 535-3828.

## Subscribe to Talent's newsletter!

Talent's very own newsletter, the *FLASH of Talent*, is now available for delivery to your home for only \$8.00 a year! That's right, 24 issues of the *FLASH* for less than a dollar a month! How can you start receiving your newsletter? Send a check or money order to: City of Talent, P.O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540.

The following list is of places in Talent where you can pick up a *free* copy of the *FLASH*: Tark'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); Talent Quick Shop Market (102 S. Pacific Highway); Talent Ace Hardware (101 N.

## Don't miss Talent's Harvest Festival!

The City of Talent and Jackson County Fire District No. 5 will be hosting the town's 27th annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 9, 2000. The event will be held in the Downtown core area of Talent.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Bring the young ones - lots of fun and activities await! Vendor applications are now available at City Hall, 204 East Main Street. The day will start with a run at 8 a.m., followed by a parade at 10 a.m. Run and parade registration forms are also available at City Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Allison at City Hall, 535-1566.

## The TAP Project - movin' right along

Pacific Highway); Video Quick (102 S. Pacific Highway); Mountain View Estates (333 Mountain View Drive); Talent Library (105 North I Street); Suds-Ur-Duds Laundromat (103 I Street); City Hall (204 E. Main Street); Community Hall bulletin board (in front of 206 E. Main Street).

## New meeting time for Parks Commission

Talent's Parks and Recreation Commission has announced they will be starting their meetings at 6 p.m., instead of 7 p.m. They meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and, as are all scheduled meetings, they are open to the public.

The City of Talent is pleased to announce the design engineering phase of the Talent Ashland Phoenix (TAP) Intertie and Water Improvements Project is complete! The project has also been reviewed by all involved agencies and is ready to go bid in July. The bids will be awarded in August and construction will begin no later than October 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.