

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.

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Talent PD's newest member - Officer Jennifer Freeman

Jennifer Freeman was sworn into her new position as Police Officer for the City of Talent on July 19, 2000. She came to the Talent Police Department in 1997 as a reserve officer, and has spent the past three years performing the duties of a patrol officer under the volunteer reserve program. During her time as a police reserve, Jennifer was working for the Jackson County Sheriff's Department as a Marine Deputy.

Chief of Police Elmer Kammel commented on having Jennifer in the department, "Jennifer is an intelligent, caring person who takes her duties seriously and has always done an excellent job. We are fortunate to have her as part of our team."

City Council Agenda Items September 6, 2000 - 6:45 p.m.

New Business:

Review Economic Element,
subject to adoption

Loss Prevention Program

Review Greenway Ordinance

Award of TAP (Talent Ashland
Phoenix) Intertie Construction
Contract

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

Teddy Bears for Talent Police Officers

Ok, so they're not really for *Police Officers*, but rather for officers to give to children in difficult situations. These cute little bears were hand-made by the Busy Hands Sewing and Craft Club in the Oak Valley community. The sewing club donated over 40 teddy bears of all colors and sizes as a way to comfort children in need.

On behalf of Talent Police Department, the City sends huge thanks to Oak Valley's sewing club for their thoughtfulness and hard work.

Plan to get out alive!

With extreme fire danger in Jackson and Josephine Counties, the Oregon Department of Forestry is urging everyone to make life safety your highest priority. When wildfire threatens, **DO NOT STAY AND TRY TO FIGHT THE FIRE**, fire conditions may become explosive without warning. Get yourself and your family away from the approaching wildfire and call 911.

Talent's 27th annual Harvest Festival!

"Community First"

The City of Talent and Jackson County Fire District No. 5 will be hosting this year's Talent Harvest Festival. Mark your calendars for

Saturday, September 9, 2000, and plan on bringing the entire family - there will be something for everybody! There will be food and craft booths, games, pony rides, face painting, and lots more! The day will

Attention web users!

You can now find up-to-date emergency information on the City's website at www.cityoftalent.org. Should an emergency situation arise, let's say a water line break for instance, residents can log onto our website to obtain up-to-date information. The same media release provided to local television and radio stations will be available to web users. The site will continue to be a source of information until the emergency is over.

This idea comes to us from a "cyber-citizen" and we hope you will find the site helpful in the event of an emergency.

start with a run followed by the **parade at 10 a.m.** After the parade, check out activities happening at both the Downtown Park (skatepark) and Library Park (behind City Hall). The following events have been scheduled:

Library Park Band Shell

- 11 a.m. - Aletha Nowitzky will sing a few songs
- 11:15 p.m. Phoenix High School Band
- 12:00 p.m. Musical group, Los Conquistadores de Michoacan
- 1:00 p.m. Talent Youth Strings
- 2:00 p.m. Square Dancing

Downtown Park (Skatepark)

- 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.** KTMT 93.7 broadcasting live
- 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.** bike demo/exhibition
- 4:00 p.m.** Concert in the Park, musical group "Avarice"

Community Hall

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chautauqua Lecture: "Oregon Trails and Oregon Tales," by Tom Nash, Southern Oregon University professor.

In addition to the events listed above, Meadowbrook Farms on Wagner Creek Road will be hosting a fundraiser for the Talent Historical Society. You can picnic on the grounds starting at 5:30 p.m. A play reading from Playwright Michael O'Rourke, titled, "In the Land Where Acorns Dance," will begin at 6:30 p.m. Adult admission is \$10, \$5 for students – this play is not recommended for children under 12. Bring your blanket or lawn chair for an evening under the stars.

Join our community as we celebrate the harvest. Don't let the fun pass you by – mark your calendar and plan to attend the Talent Harvest Festival!

Register for the Mayors Greenway Challenge 2000

The Mayors Greenway Challenge is an effort to raise funds for the completion of the Bear Creek Greenway bike path. Participating cities will join their mayor in a bike ride from Talent along Highway 99 to Bear Creek Park in Medford. If you'd like to join Talent's mayor in her ride to the finish, contact City Hall at 535-1566 or stop by to pick up a registration form (204 East Main Street). Riders will meet at the "Bagels and Blues Restaurant,"

Talent Plaza parking lot at 7 a.m., Saturday, September 16, 2000. There is an entry fee of \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family and riders from Talent are requested to wear green (the group color).

For riders who are unable to make the bike ride back to Talent from Medford, you'll be pleased to know that return shuttle service is available.

Pre-registration is encouraged, however, you can still register the day of the event, in front of Bagels and Blues.

Openings on Talent's committees and commissions

There is one business vacancy on the Urban Renewal Agency, two vacancies on the Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee, two vacancies on the City of Talent's Budget Committee, one vacancy on Talent's Parks and Recreation Commission, five vacancies on the Advisory Board to the Parks and Recreation Commission, one vacancy on the Architectural Review Committee, and two vacancies on the Transportation Committee. If one of these positions sounds of interest to you, please contact City Hall, 535-1566, or pick up an application at 204 East Main Street.