

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Water Curtailment has been lifted!

At the September 20, 2000 meeting of the City Council, City Administrator Kelly Madding reported that both reservoirs are full. With this information, Council agreed to lift the First Level of the City's Water Curtailment Plan and say thanks to all Talent residents who voluntarily helped to conserve water.

City Council Agenda Items October 4, 2000 – 6:45 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Review Loss Prevention Program Resolution. Subject to adoption.

Formally adopt the Economic Element Ordinance.

New Business:

Employee request to participate in SMART reading program.

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

Attention Seniors!

The Community Center in Talent will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of October from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feel free to drop by, play some cards, have some coffee, stay for lunch, or just hang out!

TAP Project update

Talent's City Council recently awarded the Talent/Ashland/Phoenix (TAP) construction contract to J. Fowler Construction. Before the cities are able to sign the contract, Rural Development (the federal agency helping us fund the project) requires certain paperwork to be completed before they will approve the contract. After all Rural Development requirements are met, the contract will be signed and construction will begin. Ground breaking is projected for December 2000 with a projected completion date of January 2002.

If you would like to know more about the history of the TAP project, check out our website at www.cityoftalent.org. Stay tuned to the FLASH for more information on this project.

Results of the Mayor's Greenway Challenge

The office of Mayor Berryman in Medford reported the Mayor's Greenway Challenge Bike Ride raised \$225! In addition to the ride, runners competed in a race for the same cause. Proceeds from both events were donated to the Greenway Foundation and will be used to fund unfinished portions of the Greenway. Talent's Mayor Telerski announced our city had the most participants in the bike ride and she thanked all who came out to show their support.

Urban Renewal Agency announces two open seats!

The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Talent has two vacancies on its Board. If you own a business in the downtown area of Talent and are interested in serving on Urban Renewal, please pick up an application at City Hall, 204 East Main Street, or call 535-1566. You do not have to live in the city limits of Talent to serve on Urban Renewal, however, these two vacancies must be filled by business owners.

Citizen review for Subdivisions, and Other Land Divisions Ordinance

A citizen committee is in the process of adapting the State Model Ordinance for subdivisions and other land divisions to meet local needs. The ordinance will include direction to developers regarding providing adequate streets, sidewalks and other amenities, direction and incentives for preserving open space and natural resources, and procedures for getting land divisions approved.

Thank you Key Bank volunteers!

Recently, the Downtown Park was visited by volunteers from the Barnett Branch Key Bank in Medford. The volunteers were looking for a community service project and chose Talent's Downtown Park as the site for their good deed. They put in several hours work preparing a grass area on the west side of the skatepark to be seeded this fall. They also raked in more mulch on the current walkways. Altogether the group spread approximately 30 cubic yards of top soil and 15 cubic yards of a mulch. Way to go Key

If you have an interest in these issues, we invited you to participate in the citizen review process. The next meeting will be held at City Hall, 204 East Main Street, on Thursday, October 12, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

Bank volunteers! The City extends a giant thank you for all your hard work.

Citizen committee needed for Bear and Wagner Creek Greenways

A citizen committee is needed to develop a plan for the greenway areas inside the city of Talent. At this time, a natural resource inventory is being developed. Once the inventory is complete, we will be working together to understand the functions of greenways and open spaces in stream areas. Important considerations include protecting wildlife and fish, preventing water pollution, reducing flood risks and providing educational and recreational opportunities.

In mid October, our Community Development Department will have another RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Economies) Assistant Planner for the next year to coordinate our environmental planning projects. Over the last two years, Kevin Cronin and Matthew Mattia worked on several projects including Urban Forestry, service learning with the schools, and Parks Planning for the City. This year, Mehgan MacKenzie will be the new RARE Assistant, coordinating the Greenway Planning project and other outdoor education and planning activities.

For more information on these or other planning projects, please contact City Planner Nancy Kincaid at 535-7401.

Fire Prevention Week

October 8-14, 2000

If you do not already have a plan of what to in the event of a fire, take time during this week to put one together. If you don't know where to start, stop by the **Open House at Jackson County Fire District No. 5** (716 South Pacific Highway) on **Tuesday, October 10, 2000, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** This year's theme is the "Great Escape" and will be a night of fun for the whole family! Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog will there to meet the young ones. There will be free balloons, refreshments and fire helmets for the kids. Fire engines will be on display and children can have their pictures taken on the trucks. There will also be equipment demonstrations, Stop, Drop & Roll training, CPR demonstrations and course sign-ups, free blood pressure screenings, free address signs to district residents, and actual home escape practice in the fire safety trailer. You'll be able to tour the station and get your kids involved in escape training. Mark this night on your calendar so you and your family can plan *your* "great escape."

Jackson County Fire District No. 5 will be discussing the "Great Escape" with elementary students in the Phoenix/Talent School District. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact District No. 5 at 535-4222.