

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Lion's Lumberjack Breakfast

Support the Talent Lion's club by attending their annual Lumberjack Breakfast, Sunday, February 13, 2000, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Community Center. Breakfast includes hotcakes, eggs, ham and coffee. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Landscape plans on agenda for Parks Commission

The Talent Parks and Recreation Commission will be discussing landscape plans for the Downtown Park and Chuck Robert's park at their next meeting (February 9, 2000). The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and they welcome your comments or suggestions.

Good news from Talent Police Department - a traffic reader board is on it's way!

By summer of 2000, the City of Talent's Police Department will have its very own traffic reader board. The police department received a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation for a reader board with a build-in radar unit (valued at \$4,800). Police Chief Smith says the new board will help to reduce speeds in some of Talent's problem areas.

Child Safety Seat Awareness Week February 13th - 19th

Jackson County Fire District No. 5 is participating in Child Safety Seat Awareness Week by offering *free* safety seat inspections. Please call for an appointment 535-4222 and make your child's ride a little safer.

City Council Agenda Items February 16, 2000

New Business:

Recognition for Sam McCrary
Request from SOREDI for support
Request from Jackson County Juvenile
Department for waiver of funds
Appointment of new City Council member
Discussion of Goal-Setting
(Agenda packets available for review at City
Hall, 204 East Main Street)

Water Rates Increase

In accordance with Resolution No. 98-518-R, the City of Talent will be increasing the water rates as of **March 1, 2000**. It is the second of two previously approved rate increases. If you would like a copy of the new water rates, please stop by City Hall, 204 East Main Street. If you have any questions, please call us at 535-1566.

Update from our Public Works Department

The Talent Public Works Department and the City Council signed a contract with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a federally funded project on Talent Avenue, from the Wagner Creek Bridge to Arnos. This contract will enable the City to receive a grant for the sum of \$682,000. Preliminary engineering will start in Spring of 2000 for storm drain, bike lanes, sidewalks, curb/gutter, landscaping, and bus pull-outs. Public involvement is crucial, so stay tuned to the FLASH for meeting announcements.

Public Works was also able to submit a pre-application to ODOT for the City to be included in the upcoming 4-year Surface Transportation Improvement Program. The application is for a project on Highway 99 from Colver Road to Creel Road for storm drainage, curb/gutter, sidewalks, bike lanes, center turn lanes and traffic signals. The projected cost (to be funded by ODOT) is \$4,475,000 for a distance of 1.85 miles. Public Works Director Tim Dedrick explains, "The City of Talent is competing for funding with Region 3, which is every city in southwest Oregon. We have an application submitted, but that does not guarantee funding. We

Become a Community Service Officer in Talent

The Community Service Officer (CSO) program operates under the direction of the Talent Police Department. The program is designed to assist Talent's Police Department with patrols, code enforcement, liaison services, etc. This program offers work experience in law enforcement, public safety, civic affairs, and customer service. Currently, they are seeking interested individuals to apply. You do not have to be a Talent resident to become a CSO – however, you must be 18 years of age or older, you must be a U.S. citizen and submit to a background check. If you would like to learn more about the CSO program, please contact Frank Falsarella at 944-0243 or stop by the Talent Police Department at 604 Talent Avenue.

Congratulations raffle winners!

The winner of the skateboard was Travis Marino, Rhonda Brustol scored herself the helmet and Kevin Bergman won himself some heavy-duty knee pads. Congratulations to our raffle winners and thanks to all for supporting the Downtown Park Project.

have been able to get this far in the application process due to the completion of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) in June. The TSP was completed by the City's Planning Department, Public Works, and the engineering firm of David Evans and Associates.

Transportation and Storm Drain Utility Fees

The City Council recently enacted a Transportation and Storm Drain Utility Fee Ordinance to provide a much needed resource to maintain the City's streets and storm drains. This fee is **NOT** a tax – it is a charge to provide necessary maintenance to existing infrastructure by the people who use them or benefit from their use. The Storm Drain Utility Fee will be used for Routine maintenance of the City's curb, gutter, and storm drain systems, while the Transportation Utility Fee will be used to maintain the streets already in existence. The City Council adopted the following fee schedules to take effect **March 1, 2000**:

Storm Drains

(1) Residential Uses EDU Charge per month

Single-family dwelling 1.0 \$1.98
Apartment 0.66 \$1.31
Mobile home in park 0.50 \$0.99
Senior housing unit 0.25 \$0.49

(2) All other uses

An equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) equals 3,000 square feet of impervious area. Non-residential uses shall be charged a fee calculated on the impervious area under roof or pavement on the lot or parcel so that the storm drain utility fee shall be \$1.98 per month for each 3,000 square feet of impervious area rounded to the nearest 100 square feet. The minimum charge for developed nonresidential lots shall be \$0.49 month. Undeveloped lots without a roofed building nor paving shall not be charged a storm drain utility fee.

Transportation System

(A) Monthly Charge: as noted in Schedule "A" of Resolution No. 00-552-R

Single Family \$2.79/month
Multi-Family \$1.93
Mobile Home Park \$1.39
Senior Housing \$0.58

(all others use the following formula)

(1) Formula for transportation utility fee:

Monthly Fee = Number of Units x Chargeable Daily Trip-Ends x Rate per Trip.

Chargeable Daily Trip-Ends adjusts for *passby* trips and trip length.

The minimum charge for developed nonresidential lots shall be \$0.49 per month. Undeveloped lots without a building generating traffic nor paving shall not be charged a transportation utility fee.

Talent City Council wants to hear from you!

It's that time of year again when City Councilors meet to establish their goals for the upcoming year. This is your chance to let them know what *you* think is important or of concern to *you*.

Please use the space below to write your top 3 goals or community concerns for the City of Talent. Detach the bottom half of this form and return to City Hall, 204 East Main Street, P.O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, before February 22, 2000. As always, your comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Council Goals

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Optional:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____