

# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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## Down by the Riverside

On Saturday, May 20th, 2000, volunteers from all over the state will work together to improve and protect the waterside spaces they love best by participating in **Down by the Riverside – Enhancement, Cleanup and Appreciation Day**. As part of the state-wide event, the City of Talent and Stop Oregon Litter Vandalism (SOLV) have coordinated a cleanup day right here in Talent. Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday the 20th, a team of volunteers will gather at Lynn Newbry Park to help remove litter and debris from Bear Creek and along the Greenway. Last year, more than 2,100 people from all over the state participated in this event and removed almost 135,000 pounds of debris and completed countless restoration projects.

If you are interested in coming out to lend a hand, you'll need to wear sturdy shoes, a pair of gloves, and dress for the weather. Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact Matt Mattia in the Community Development Department of City Hall, 535-7401. Help to make this event a success!

## Economic Development Planning in Talent

The City of Talent invites you to attend a discussion pertaining to Economic Development Planning. Our guest speaker will be Bob Parker, director of a community planning workshop at the University of Oregon. His discussion will focus on state requirements, strategies other small cities have used for economic development, and will include a group discussion about economic development goals and policies in Talent.

The discussion will be held on May 22, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in the Talent Council Chambers. For additional information, please contact Matt Mattia at City Hall, 535-4701.

## Public Hearing for New Tree Ordinance

The Talent Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 11, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. to receive public comment on Talent's new tree ordinance. The tree ordinance provides regulations for tree planting and removal in public areas and sets new development requirements for landscaping and tree retention. Passing a tree ordinance is one of the requirements for attaining Tree City USA status. To receive a copy of the proposed ordinance, contact Matt at City Hall, 535-1566.

## City Council Agenda Items May 17, 2000 – 6:45 p.m.

### New Business:

- Resolution adopting City Council Goals and Objectives for the fiscal year 2000/01.
- Resolution amending the City's purchasing policy.
- Resolution for policy of Community Hall (house-keeping).
- Waiver of federal Juvenile Accountability Incentives Block Grant to Jackson County.

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

## It's not too late to participate in Census 2000!

A number of residents in communities throughout Southwest Oregon have not yet received their census forms. The good news is, they still have a chance to participate in Census 2000.

The Census Bureau reports that residents who receive mail at Post Office boxes rather than at their homes have probably not received a form yet.

The reason is that Census forms can not be delivered to Post Office boxes – they must be delivered to a physical street address. In many communities, this resulted in a considerable number of census forms being returned to the Census Bureau as "Undeliverable as addressed."

These households will be visited by census workers who will go door to door to gather the information. The operation is known as "Non-Response Follow Up" and began on April 27. This effort will continue until these households have been reached.

If you did not receive a census form, call the

## There's a *lawn* at the Downtown Park!

Thanks to the employees of Rogue Federal Credit Union, City staff, and community volunteers, we have a lawn that will be ready for summer picnicking! As you drive by the Downtown Park, you'll notice the orange construction fencing around the planted area. The fencing is temporary – it will be in place until the sod is established.

It was a **BIG** job and a long day of raking rocks, moving rocks, raking topsoil, rolling topsoil, laying sod, laying bark mulch for the temporary walkway, oh, and then everything needed to be cleaned up. Yes, we had many sunburned, aching bodies by the end of the day, but when the sprinklers came on for the first time, we all celebrated!

We owe huge thanks to all Rogue Federal Credit Union employees, our Public Works Department, City Administration, and the wonderful volunteers who just pitched in to lend a hand. The lawn looks awesome and we send a heartfelt thank you to

Eugene Local Census Office at (541) 465-6670 to leave your name and address. This will help ensure the follow up operation reaches you

everyone!

## Weed control

Weeds spread fast, so regularly look for new weed patches on your property. Act immediately to treat them by using one of more of the weed control practices listed below. Team up with neighbors to improve effectiveness. Remember, weed control by itself is not enough. It is also necessary to modify the practices that caused weeds to become established in the first place.

**Prevention:** Good land management will help keep desirable vegetation healthy and weeds under control. Avoid over-grazing (that leaves bare spots for weeds), buy weed-free hay, plant certified seed, wash your vehicle after being in a weed-infested area, monitor your property, and respond quickly to any new weed infestations.

**Biological:** Biological control attempts to find something in nature that can weaken or eventually kill a weed plant. Successful bioagents include certain fungi and insects that weaken weeds by attacking seed heads and other plant parts.

**Mechanical:** Mow weeds annually before they go to seed. Pull small weed patches and weeds near streams by hand.

**Livestock grazing:** Graze weeds before they go to seed using sheep, goats, or cattle. Because livestock and wildlife can easily carry and spread weed seed on their coats or in their feces, avoid moving livestock from a weedy area to a weed-free area. Some weed species, if eaten, will make livestock sick.

**Chemical Herbicides:** Herbicides can be safe and effective when properly applied. Read label instruction carefully and follow directions. Use chemicals away from water to avoid harming you, your animals or wildlife, and to prevent pollution of streams and

groundwater. Only certified pesticide applicators can use restricted herbicides. Call a local farm supply store to find out about hiring custom chemical applicators to spray your weeds. Be sure herbicides will not reach and kill desirable trees and shrubs. Dispose of leftover chemicals at hazardous waste facilities.

[Information in this article came from *Tips on Land and Water Management for Small Acreages in Oregon*. To request a copy of this brochure, write or call the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, 1080 SW Baseline, Suite B2, Hillsboro, OR 97123, (541) 648-3174.]

## Parade and/or Performer

(Please circle which one you are interested in)

The City of Talent and Jackson County Fire District No. 5 will be hosting Talent's 27th annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 9, 2000. It will be held in the Downtown core area of Talent with a run and parade to start the day's activities. The tentative schedule is being compiled and may include booths for arts and crafts, food and entertainment, as well as free youth activities.

If you are interested in participating in the parade or on stage, please let us know by providing the following information.

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Eve Phone for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: City of Talent, 204 East Main Street, P.O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540. We are developing an interest list and will contact you as information is available. The parade route will be approximately 1 mile.

If you know of an organization which might be interested in participating, please feel free to copy this form and pass it on. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Allison at the City of Talent, 535-1566. **Vendor applications** are also available at City Hall, 204 East Main Street in Talent.