

## THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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### ***Fire Season at its Finest***

It's been a long time since fire season was declared in early May. In fact, it's been several years. With the minimal amount of rainfall and precipitation *and* the warm weather, fire season is in full swing. Jackson County Fire District No. 5 has announced there is **no** barrel burning allowed at this time. A normal year would allow barrel burning until July 1st, but as stated previously, this is not a "normal" season.

The City of Talent's weed abatement ordinance is also in effect. Ordinance No. 272 states that weeds, grass, brush or bushes must not exceed 10" in height – and remain trimmed for the duration of fire season. If you would like to report a violation, please call Jackson County Fire District No. 5 at 535-4222 or the Talent Police Department at 535-1523. A site inspection will be conducted to determine if the property indeed violates the City ordinance. If vegetation on the property is found to be in violation, the owner will be advised in writing and given 10 days to comply. If at the end of 10 days the violation still exists, the City will take care of the problem and bill the owner for costs incurred. The owner may also be cited into municipal court.

Please do your part to help us all get through fire season safely.

### **News from the Greenway Committee**

Talent's Greenway Committee recently participated in a design workshop to plan the details of improving the Bear Creek Greenway within the city limits of Talent.

They also discussed the possibility of developing a greenway corridor along Wagner Creek. A team of students from Southern Oregon University helped keep the meeting minutes while several local land use experts lead the different teams through a brainstorming process. All of the ideas from the workshop will be presented to the Greenway Committee at their next meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Valley clubhouse. At that time, the committee will pick the design that will be included in Talent's Greenway Master Plan – slated to be presented to the City Council in mid-July.

### **"Cop Talk"**

By Officer Shane Wilson

Welcome to "**Cop Talk**" - a new feature to the *FLASH* of Talent. This section is being reserved for the Talent Police Department to pass along information to citizens pertaining to public safety, community meeting announcements, etc. Officer Shane Wilson developed the idea of having a forum where citizens' questions could be answered as well as a place where the Police Department could pass along public safety information. "**Cop Talk**" is that forum and will be making a regular appearance in this newsletter. Officer Wilson will be the department's liaison, answering your questions and addressing your concerns regarding public safety.

If you would like Officer Wilson to answer *your* questions, please write or call the Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, 535-1253. Or, send Officer Wilson an e-mail – his address is [wilsontpd@hotmail.com](mailto:wilsontpd@hotmail.com).

### **Down by the Riverside**

On Saturday, May 19, 2001, Talent's Community Development Department and Stop Oregon's Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) co-sponsored *Down by the Riverside*, a state-wide clean up and stream restoration event at Lynn Newbry Park. Members of the community participated in planting ground cover to help stabilize the banks of Bear Creek. They planted trees in the park and picked up litter along the Bear Creek Greenway. After the event, everyone enjoyed pizza donated by **Figaro's** and beverages and snacks donated by **Tark's Market**.

The City of Talent would like to thank everyone who helped make this event a success!

## ***Tips to Use Energy Wisely***

The folks at PacifiCorp report that, by working together, they've been able to reduce their energy use and keep the power flowing. But they caution we still need to be thoughtful about how and when we use electricity.

Here are some tips that can help *you* save energy (and in most cases, save you money):

During the cooling season, peak energy usage time is 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday. If you wait until after 8 p.m. to run your household appliances (like your dishwasher), you'll make a big difference in preventing power supply problems.

Do your laundry on weekends or in the evening after 8 p.m. Washing only full loads with warm or cold water rather than hot will also help conserve energy.

Maintain inside temperature at 78°F, or higher if you're still comfortable. The higher you set the thermostat, the less it will operate unnecessarily.

Tackle some easy and inexpensive energy-saving projects around your house. Insulating, caulking and weatherstripping can add up to big savings of energy and money.

Keep air conditioners clean. Air conditioner filters should be cleaned or replaced once a month during use.

Don't block window air conditioners. Make sure no objects including drapes and furniture are leaning on or directly in the path of the air flowing in or out.

Use a programmable thermostat. Just like your heat, you only need your air conditioner on when you're home. Set timers to come on no more than 30 minutes before you arrive home.

Turn off extra lights, especially between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**(Information in this article comes from PacifiCorp's website at [www.pacificorp.com](http://www.pacificorp.com). The link is "Tips to use energy wisely.")**

## **City Council Agenda Items**

**June 6, 2001 – 6:45 p.m.**

### **New Business:**

Presentation by Laz Ayalla on a conceptual land use plan for the corner of Colver and Highway 99.

Review Resolution No. 01-595-R declaring the City of Talent's election to receive state revenues during the 2001-02 fiscal year. Subject to adoption.

Review Resolution No. 01-596-R certifying the City of Talent's eligibility to collect state-shared revenues during the 2001-02 fiscal year. Subject to adoption.

Review and authorize the Mayor and/or City Administrator/Recorder to sign a contract between SORC and the City of Talent.

Informational – Review letter from City/County Insurance Services (CCIS).

Review bids for Main Street Project.

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

## ***Garbage cans off street***

Talent's Community Service Officer Frank Falsarella would like to ask citizens to bring in garbage cans and trash receptacles after trash day. Not only are garbage cans unsightly to neighbors and passer-bys, but they often obstruct public right-of-ways. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **No dogs allowed in City parks**

With summer-like weather upon us, it is a good time to remind pet owners that dogs are not allowed in **any** park within city limits. Ordinance No. 286 Section 13 states "it shall be an infraction for any person who owns, or is in possession or control of, any domesticated animal or livestock to cause, or knowingly permit such animal to be within the boundaries of any park in the City of Talent. This section shall not apply to seeing-eye dogs." It is also in violation of Ordinance No. 429 to keep more than three dogs over three months of age on any tract within the city.