

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Open House for Talent Avenue Improvements

On June 21, 2001 the City of Talent will host an open house to present the design for the improvements to Talent Avenue between Wagner Street and Rogue River Parkway. This project, funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation and the City of Talent, includes the following improvements: Sidewalk on the west side the roadway; Bike lanes on both sides of the street; Planting strip between the curb and sidewalk; New pedestrian bridge on east side of Wagner Creek Bridge; Storm sewer system; New bridge railing on existing pedestrian bridge; and Concrete pads for future bus shelters.

A narrow piece of right-of-way is needed for the proposed improvements along the west side of Talent Avenue. Some existing fences may be acquired to create space for the street improvements. Public Works Department staff and project team members will be on hand to provide information and discuss issues. Displays with project information also will be available.

For more information about the open house and the project, call Lester Naught, Public Works Supervisor at 535-1566.

Cooling tips

Your energy use can go up in warm weather, too. Here are some ways to beat the heat and keep energy costs down: **Maintain** 78°F (26°C) or higher if you're still comfortable. The higher you set the thermostat, the less it will operate unnecessarily. **Keep** air conditioners clean. Air conditioner filters should be cleaned or replaced once a month during use. If you can do so safely, also clean the exposed grill and spines on the outside unit. **Don't** block window air conditioners. Make sure no objects 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. **Make** sure your home has the appropriate amount of insulation in walls, attics and crawl spaces. Insulation is just as important in the summer since it helps keep warm air outside. **Seal** air-conditioning ducts and insulate those that run through unconditioned spaces. **Plant** deciduous trees to shade your home's walls, windows and roof in the summer. **Install** a ceiling fan to circulate air above the area where you spend most of your time. You'll feel just as cool under a ceiling fan when it's 82°F (28°C) as you would in 77°F (25°C) still air. **Run** exhaust fans when you shower or cook to vent warm air.

(Information in this articles comes from
pacificcorp.com.)

City Council Agenda Items June 20, 2001 – 6:45 p.m.

New Business:

Presentation by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) representative reviewing changes to the City's Flood Plain Map (see explanation below).

Request for water service outside the City's Urban Growth Boundary by Fire District 5.

Review Resolution authorizing the appropriation of bond proceeds in the Water Construction Project Fund in the year beginning July 1, 2000. Subject to adoption.

Review Resolution adopting the budget, making appropriations, levying taxes, and categorizing taxes for the 2001/02 fiscal year. Subject to adoption.

A FEMA representative will make a presentation to the Council to review revisions to the City's Flood Plain Maps. The basic changes in this revision include new data along Wagner and Bear Creeks. The people most directly affected by the issuance of this study are those owning property and/or living in identified flood hazard areas. FEMA will be on hand to explain the study and answer questions about flood insurance.

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

"Cop Talk"

By Officer Shane Wilson

I have received a question from a citizen pertaining to parking against the flow of traffic. Here's the question:

"When I park in front of my house, I like to park against the flow of traffic, for example, on the left hand side of the street. A friend of mine said that's illegal and I could get a ticket. Should I turn my car around when parking in front of my house so that it faces the same way as the flow of traffic, for example, on the right hand side of the street?"

To answer the question, yes, you should park your car facing the flow of traffic. Ordinance No. 5-1.21 (1) states "no person shall stand or park a motor vehicle in a street other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement, and with curbside wheels of the vehicle within 12" of the edge of the curb except where the street is marked or signed for angle parking."

If you have any questions or comments that you would like answered, send them to me, c/o the Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, 535-1566. Or, send me an e-mail – my address is [wiltontpd@hotmail.com](mailto:wilsontpd@hotmail.com).

Father's Day Breakfast

The Talent Lion's Club is sponsoring their annual Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 17, 2001. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Come on down to Talent's Community Center, 206 E. Main Street, for Father's Day – hope to see you there!

Recent City Council Action

At their June 6, 2001 meeting, the City Council:

Heard a presentation by Laz Ayalla on a conceptual land use plan for the parcel located on the northwest corner of Colver and Highway 99.

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

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

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

Awarded bid for the Main Street Project to Ledford Construction.

Parks Commission in search of new members

The Talent Parks and Recreation Commission currently has four vacancies. They are seeking interested citizens to fill these positions. If you have an interest in City parks and would like to become a member, please stop by City Hall, 204 E. Main Street, for an application.

The Commission meets regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

TALENT'S 28TH ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL!

The City of Talent and Jackson County Fire District No. 5 will be hosting the city's Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 8, 2001. The event will be held in the Downtown core area of Talent. Mark your calendars and plan on bringing the young ones. Lots of fun and activities await!

Parade starts at 10 a.m., followed by entertainment in Library Park.

Don't miss out on the Talent Harvest Festival!

¡EL VIGESIMO OCTAVO FESTIVAL ANNUAL DE LA COSECHA DE TALENT!

La Ciudad de Talent y el cuerpo de bomberos No. 5 seran anfitriones del festival municipal de la cosecha el Sabado, 8 de Septiembre, 2001. Se celebrara el evento en el centro de Talent. ¡No falten y no se le olviden llevar a los chavos! ¡Les espera muchas actividades y diversion! El desfile comienza a las 10 a.m. y el festival seguira con entretenimientos en el parque de la biblioteca. ¡Los esperamos!