

## THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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### **The Waterline is Coming!**

The cities of Talent, Ashland and Phoenix (TAP) are participating in a joint venture to bring water from the Medford Water Commission to this end of the valley.

The project includes the construction of a 24-inch water transmission line approximately six miles in length, connecting Medford's water system to Talent's water system. The waterline may be extended to Ashland at some point in the future.

Currently, the TAP project is on schedule. The 24 inch water line is now approximately 85 percent complete. Highway 99 has been re-paved from Samike Road to Boles Road. The Talent reservoir is 95 percent complete and will likely be tested for leaks within two months.

The City of Talent is looking at options for filling the reservoir. We will either use treated water purchased from the Medford Water Commission or we will use treated City water. In an effort to conserve water, the City will sanitize the reservoir prior to its filling. After the testing is complete, this water will be used in our system. This will ensure that the million gallons of water used during testing will not go to waste.

If you would like to know more about the TAP project, plan on attending a TAP meeting. They are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Please call City Hall, 535-1566, for location. You can also visit our web site at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).

### *Talent Harvest Festival*

The City of Talent and Jackson County Fire District No. 5 will be hosting this year's Talent Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 8th. The day will start with a run/walk followed by a parade at 10 a.m. After the parade, check out activities happening at both the Downtown Park (skatepark) and Library Park (behind City Hall). A schedule of the day's events will be posted the week prior to the Harvest Festival.

If you are interested in participating either in the parade or as a vendor, please contact Allison at City Hall, 535-1566, or stop by 204 East Main Street to pick up an application.

### **Library Park Playground**

New playground equipment has been installed at Library Park (behind City Hall). The play structure includes two towers, two slides, tic-tac-toe, a rope and wall for climbing, a snake bar, a chain climber, and a bridge.

The new playground is a hit with the young ones! Sorry parents, you'll just have to watch.

## Draft available of the Greenways Master Plan

Talent's Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions will be reviewing the Greenways Master Plan on Thursday, July 26, 2001, at the Community Center (next to City Hall) at 7 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and all comments are welcome. Copies of the Greenways Master Plan are available for review at City Hall, 204 East Main Street. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Meghan Mac Kenzie, Assistant City Planner, at 535-7401.

## Voluntary water curtailment still in effect

The City of Talent recently enacted the first level of its water curtailment plan. Due to high, summer usage, the City is still asking its water customers to conserve water. This is a voluntary conservation effort and your help is appreciated.

## "Cop Talk"

By Officer Shane Wilson

The Talent Police Department has expanded its patrol – some officers are taking to the streets on their bicycles.

In addition to vehicle patrols, you will see officers cruising through town on their bikes, enforcing City ordinances and state laws. Their main areas of patrol will be the greenway and City parks, and will hopefully expand to include a bike patrol of our schools and neighborhoods. If you have questions regarding Talent's bike patrol program, you can contact Officer Jennifer Freeman at 535-1253.

If you have any questions you would like *me* to answer, please write or send me an e-mail. My address is Officer Wilson, c/o the Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, or [wilsontpd@hotmail.com](mailto:wilsontpd@hotmail.com).

## City Council Agenda Items

August 1, 2001 - 6:45 p.m.

### New Business:

- Discuss participation in the Metro Air One program.
- Review two Parks Commission applications. Pending appointment.
- Review agreement between the City and the Rogue Valley Council of Governments for use of the Community Hall for the Food and Friends program.
- Review request for participation in the Jackson County Recycling Partnership.

Review the Greenways Master Plan.

Review agreement for participation in a road fund exchange between the City and Jackson County.

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

## Destroying City property is no laughing matter...

### it's a criminal offense!

The City's trees have really taken a beating these past few weeks. From Chuck Roberts Park to the Downtown Park to the front walk of Actor's Theater, trees have been completely uprooted, bent over, or chopped down to a stump.

We bring this to your attention because we could use your help. Destroying City trees is an act of criminal mischief and is punishable by law. If you see anyone in the act of committing this crime, please call 9-1-1.

The trees in our community have been planted and are cared for by City workers and Talent residents. We ask that you keep a watchful eye out and please report any suspicious activity to the Talent Police Department at 535-1253. With your help, we can stop this offense.