

THE FLASH OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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City's Finance Manager wins national award again!

Holly Haviland, Finance Manager for the City of Talent, was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the City's comprehensive annual financial report. This is the *third* consecutive year Holly has been presented with this award!

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Kelly Madding, Talent's City Administrator, is proud of Holly's achievement and stated, "This award signifies tremendous individual effort that ensures fiscal accountability by the City as a whole."

Talent's Flash Flood Report

The City of Talent has updated its Flash Flood Report for 2001. Our

"Cop Talk"

By Officer Shane Wilson

The Talent Police Department recently took a report of a door-to-door salesman claiming to replace rain gutters on houses for a large fee. This salesman was reported to have required a deposit and then stated he would return the following day to do the work. Needless to say, he did NOT return the next day and deposits were never returned.

If you encounter a door-to-door salesperson, here's what you can do: Ask the person questions like, "What business do you work for? May I see your business ID." You can also call City Hall at 535-1566, to find out if the person is indeed licensed to be selling door-to-door. Or call the Police Department at 535-1253. Don't be afraid to inquire—we'd much rather find someone who is licensed than one who is taking advantage of our citizens.

Editor's note about the Harvest Festival

The Talent Harvest Festival Committee is comprised of (in no particular order) Police Chief

Planning Department compiled this report to keep citizens current on the latest information about

Talent's floodplain and its management. It's easy to forget about the potential for floods, especially during the summer.

However, a major flood can happen at anytime. The Flood Report contains the following information:

History of Talent's floodplains;

City's role in reviewing new development in the floodplain;

How to reduce potential property damage from floods;

National Flood Insurance Program; and

How to prepare in the event of a flood.

Copies of the Flash Flood Report are available at City Hall, the Talent Library, and on our web site (www.cityoftalent.org). If you would like an electronic version, please e-mail Kevin Cronin, our City Planner, at kevin@cityoftalent.org.

particular order) Police Chief Elmer Kammel, Fire Chief Dan Marshall, Acting Public Works Director Lester Naught, Police Reserve Officer Kristen Klebe, and myself, Allison Zigich. We have been meeting regularly since March, planning and coordinating this year's festival. On Saturday, September 8th, after months of preparation, we were delighted to see our efforts come together. On behalf of the whole gang, I would like to thank everyone in and around our community who came out to celebrate the harvest.

The planning and execution of the Harvest Festival is all about teamwork—its success is based on working together. We had a great team this year and I attribute the festival's success to the dedication of the following: Talent Police Department, Talent Public Works, Jackson County Fire District No. 5, District No. 5 volunteers, Talent Police Reserves, Talent Community Service Officers, Phoenix Police Reserves, City staff, City volunteers and, again, the entire community for supporting this event.

It is our hope that you had a good time and will join us again next year (September 14, 2002). If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the festival, past or future, please contact me directly at 535-1566, or e-mail me at allison@cityoftalent.org.

A heartfelt thank you to you all. -

Allison

**Breakfast with
the Talent**

Lion's

The Lion's Club will be hosting their Lumberjack Breakfast on Sunday, September 16, 2001, at Talent's Community Center. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

Computer Recycling Event

Looking for a place to get rid of your old computers? Ashland Sanitary and Recycling will be hosting a free, household computer recycling event on Saturday, October 6th, from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Valley View Transfer Station. Bring your old computers, monitors, keyboards, etc. Sorry, no televisions, stereos, or other non-computer electronics will be accepted.

A re-use table will be set up for peripherals only, in case you need a monitor, keyboard or other plug in part. Since some of the computers may be refurbished for use in schools, please be sure to delete any personal information from your computer. Ashland Sanitary & Recycling assumes no responsibility for stored data on any computer.

Due to waste disposal regulations, this event is only open to households, **no businesses or institutions**. For more information on this event, please call 482-1471.

Oh, and don't forget about the curbside yard debris collection program that has started in Talent.

K-9 Unit Seeks Community Support

Igor is the City of Talent's Police K-9. He and his handler Officer Tracy Lenhardt made a special appearance at the Talent Harvest Festival September 8th. Festival goers were invited to peek into the K-9 unit to see where Igor spends most of his time while on patrol.

Igor greeted on-lookers at the back door with a sniff and a nose under the arm.

Sadly, Igor is due to retire next year. The Talent Police Department is asking for your support to help fund and train a new dog to replace Igor. Donations are greatly appreciated and much needed in order to continue the K-9 program.

If you would like to make a contribution, please make checks payable to Friends of the Canine, c/o Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540. If you have any questions, please call the department at 535-1253 or stop by 604 Talent Avenue.

Thank you in advance for your support!

City Prohibits

It's an additional service provided by Ashland Sanitary & Recycling that allows you to dispose of your yard trimmings. Each participant will be provided with a 95-gallon roll cart. All you have to do is fill it with your yard trimmings, then

Ashland Sanitary & Recycling will pick it up every other week on your regularly, scheduled trash day (on Wednesdays in Talent).

There is a fee for participation; however you do not have to have garbage service to take part in the program.

For additional details and costs of the curbside yard debris collection program, please call Ashland Sanitary and Recycling at 482-1471.

Dogs at Large

There have been complaints of dogs running loose in the city, particularly in the Autumn Ridge subdivision. Ordinance No. 429, Section 2, prohibits any owner or person in charge of an animal to allow that animal(s) to run at large. Section 5 further states that it is an offense to let waste matter accumulate on your property.

Please be a kind neighbor—don't let your animals run at large and please pick up after them.

Kids are Back in School

The Talent Police Department would like to remind all drivers to obey the speed limit in and around school zones. Police Chief Elmer

Kammel advises, "Approach school grounds cautiously as young children may be crossing between cars in parking lots.

Please, do not attempt to pass a bus that is stopped with its lights on. In fact, traffic in both directions must stop until the bus has turned off its lights."

Chief Kammel also asks that you be courteous to pedestrians and bicycle traffic. "Please slow down when traveling anywhere where pedestrians and bicyclists are present. And, if you see someone in the crosswalk, please stop your vehicle behind the designated area and allow them to cross safely, especially elderly citizens and children who may need a little extra time."

Community Service Officer Frank Falsarella reports that the schools are in need of volunteer crossing guards. Crossing guards play an important role in ensuring a child's safety as they make their way to school. If you have morning or afternoon hours available and would like to assist at the schools' crosswalks, please contact Frank Falsarella at 944-0243. He is looking for individuals from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Mondays, or afternoons between 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Car Free Day in the Rogue Valley

Friday, September 21, 2001, is "Car Free Day" in the Rogue Valley. All RVTD (Rogue Valley Transportation District) fixed route bus service will be *free* on this day. Government and private entities are encouraging employees to take the bus, carpool, walk, or bicycle to wherever it is you plan on going.

Car Free Day aims to remind citizens that the single occupant automobile is not the only, and in many cases, not the best way to get around. The folks at RVTD are encouraging Rogue Valley residents to take advantage of this day of free transit to get to know the valley from a different perspective.

City Council Agenda

Items ***September 19, 2001***
—6:45 p.m.

New Business:

Presentation by John Morrison, Rogue Valley Council of Governments, on commuter rail study.

Review draft Subdivision and Planned Unit Development Ordinances.

Review revised Articles 17 and 18 of the Talent Zoning Ordinance.

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

