

THE FLASH OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Talent Welcomes Officer Forman

Grant Forman is the newest addition to the Talent Police Department. He grew up in Ventura, California, and moved to Oregon after high school when he received a scholarship to play football for Oregon State. In 1997, he became interested in law enforcement and went to work as a sheriff for Benton County. He has past experience with Jackson County Sheriff's Marine program and Talent's Reserve Officer program. He has been working as a Border Patrol Agent in Ajo, Arizona, and is now back with Talent Police.

In a recent interview, Officer Forman stated, "The whole reason I came back is because of my love for this town and its police department. I'm glad to be here and am looking forward to serving the citizens of this community."

The City of Talent would like to extend a warm welcome to Officer Forman and congratulate him on his new position.

Over \$1,000 Raised for Talent Parks

The City of Talent and the Bear Creek Greenway Foundation recently hosted an event to raise funds for our city parks and the Bear Creek Greenway.

The festivities started with a social hour, with hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided by local businesses. Following the reception, an auction was hosted by Talent's former Police Chief C.W. Smith (pictured at right).

Founding member of the Hamazons, Joanie McGowan presented her one-woman show of *FEAR, Our Top Ten Fears and How I Got Rid of 'Em*.

We are pleased to announce the event raised over \$2,000, giving each organization approximately \$1,000.

What will Talent's downtown look like in 2020?

A town hall meeting will be held at Talent's Community Center on Thursday, October 11th at 7 p.m. to discuss how to prepare for new growth in the downtown area. After a brief presentation, a panel of community members and City staff will be available to answer your questions and take comments and suggestions. The following policies will be discussed at this meeting: A new historic preservation ordinance (Article 13); Design standards for new development so it is compatible with Talent's historic and small town character; A new zoning designation along Hwy 99 and Valley View to encourage small offices and retail shops; and New design standards for large retail establishments.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Cronin, City Planner, at 535-7401 or by e-mail at kevin@cityoftalent.org.

Let Your Comments Be Heard

The Police Helicopter Advisory Committee (PHAC) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 2, 2001, to take testimony on the use of the helicopter. There will also a presentation on liability by the City's Attorney, Bill Mansfield.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. at the Talent Community Center, 206 East Main Street. For more information, please call Kelly Madding, City Administrator, at 535-1566.

Talent Celebrates Walk to School Day

On Tuesday, October 2, 2001, the Jackson County Diabetes Coalition will be sponsoring a celebration of "Walk to School Day" in Talent.

The purpose for this event is to promote exercise as a way to prevent chronic illness, such as diabetes. Talent's Mayor and City Councilors, City Staff, Talent Police, and firefighters from Jackson County Fire District No. 5 will be walking to school with the students, parents, and staff of Talent Elementary School.

If you wish to participate in Walk to School Day, plan to meet at Talent's Community Center at 8 a.m. For more information on this event, please contact Julie Westholder, Jackson County Health and Human Services, at 774-8038.

"Cop Talk"

By Officer Shane
Wilson

One of the violations I see quite frequently is making a left turn, **without yielding**, at a traffic light. Take for instance, the light at West Valley View Road and South Pacific Highway. A vehicle that is stopped on W. Valley View on either side of the highway (westbound or eastbound), preparing to make a left onto S. Pacific Hwy at the green light, **MUST** yield to oncoming traffic

Grant Awarded for Pedestrian Bridges

At the September 19, 2001 meeting of the City Council, Mayor Telerski announced the City of Talent had been awarded a \$32,000 grant for the **engineering** and **design** of two pedestrian bridges. The Talent Pedestrian Bridges project proposes to enhance access for non-motorized travelers between commercial, residential and recreational areas while improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling between the greenway facilities and the community. Funds for this grant have been made available through the Forest Service Pacific Northwest Assistance efforts and the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001.

City Council Agenda Items

October 3, 2001 — 6:45
p.m.

Public Hearing; To receive comments on the following:

Ordinance No. 01-691-O adopting a new City of Talent Comprehensive Plan Element F, "Public Facilities and Services." Subject to adoption.

Ordinance No. 01-692-O adopting a Land Division Ordinance, which includes subdivisions, lot line adjustments, and minor land

MUST yield to oncoming traffic.
Failure to do this is dangerous—
you can cause an accident.

ORS 811.350 states, “A person commits the offense of making a dangerous left turn if the person:
(A) Is operating a vehicle; (B) Intends to turn the vehicle to the left within an intersection or into an alley, private road, driveway or place from a highway; and (C) Does not yield the right of way to a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction that is within the intersection or so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.”
The fine for this offense \$175. If you know someone who could benefit from this information, please pass it along.

If you have a question you would like me to answer, please write or send me an e-mail. My address is Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, or wilsontpd@hotmail.com.

Flea Market

The Talent Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting their monthly flea market on Saturday, October 13, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Talent’s Community Center. Admission is free and it’s open to the public.

For space and cost information, please contact the Parks Chair, Cheryl Voss, at 535-3532.
Reserve your space today!
Proceeds from space rentals benefit City parks.

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Ordinance No. 01-693-O adopting a Planned Unit Development— Article 21 of the Talent Zoning Ordinance. Subject to adoption.

Ordinance No. 01-694-O adopting Article 17 Off-Street Parking and Loading, of the Talent Zoning Ordinance. Subject to adoption.

Ordinance No. 01-695-O adopting Article 18 Street and Pedestrian Access and Circulation of the Talent Zoning Ordinance. Subject to adoption.

New Business:

Presentation of Downtown Park Plan by Cheryl Nadler-Voss, Chair of the Parks Commission

Discussion of Highway 99 Project

Regional Problem Solving— presentation by John Eads

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