

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Progress on the TAP Project

The City of Talent is pleased to announce that the TAP project is 87% complete. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by early January 2002. Talent's one million gallon reservoir has been tested for leaks and all checks are good.

During the Memorial Day weekend of 2001, a large boulder slid down behind the new reservoir. The boulder has since been broken up and actual repair of the slide is scheduled to begin the week of October 15th. The work will be completed within 30 days.

If you would like to learn more about the TAP project, you can visit our web site at www.cityoftalent.org, or call Kelly Madding, City Administrator, at 535-1566. Her e-mail address is talent@cityoftalent.org.

"Cop Talk"

By Officer Shane Wilson

We need your feedback! The Talent Police Department is considering offering a "Citizen's Academy." This academy will give the citizens of Talent a first hand look at the Police Department and offer some tips on how residents can assist police in preventing crime in the community. Some of the classes being considered are: Patrol and Procedures, K-9 program, Courts and the Justice System, Use of Force, Investigations, and Radio Procedures.

Citizen Academies are offered in many cities throughout the country and have proven to be very successful. We feel a Citizen's Academy in Talent would not only benefit our citizens, but the Police Department as well. What do you think? Would this be something you would like to attend?

We would love to hear from you. Please take a few moments to tell us what you think by calling 535-1253 ext. 380, or dropping us a line at Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540. You can also send me an e-mail at wilsontpd@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance for your comments.

Halloween Safety for Kids & Adults

Halloween may be a fun time of year for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little tricky. Since it only happens once a year, it's always a good idea to brush up on Halloween safety tips. The following list was provided by the National Crime Prevention Council:

Make sure your kids dress up safely

Check that the costumes are flame-retardant so the little ones aren't in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.

Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.

Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and, more importantly, they can obstruct a child's vision – a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.

Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.

Trick-or-treaters should always be in groups so they aren't a tempting target for real-life goblins. Parents should accompany young children.

Make trick-or-treating trouble free

Make sure older kids trick-or-treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so parents know where they'll be. Tell them to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.

Try to get your kids to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If it's dark, make sure someone has a flashlight and pick well-lighted streets.

Make sure kids know **not** to enter strange houses or strangers' cars.

Tips on treats

Tell kids to wait until they get home before they eat their treats. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or snack beforehand.

Planning Department Update

On October 25, 2001, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comments on Comprehensive Plan Element G, Urban Growth Boundary/Housing Needs Assessment. In addition, they will be discussing Article 27—Procedures, which establishes new procedures for four types of land use applications.

Looking ahead to the month of November, the Planning Commission and City Council will be holding separate public hearings on the completion of the Downtown planning process. As a result of this process, the following plans and policies will be implemented:

Design standards for the "Old Town" District;

Design Standards for the "Highway" District;

A zone change of properties along Highway 99 and West Valley View Road, and

An update to Article 13—Historic Preservation.

All public hearings will be noticed in advance. If you would like to attend a meeting of Talent's Planning Commission, then mark your calendars for the 4th Thursday of every month. They meet at 6:30 p.m. in Talent's Community Center. All meetings are open to the public.

Halloween Humor

Q. Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

A. He didn't have the guts

Q. What kind of mistakes do spooks make?

A. Boo Boos

Q. Why don't skeletons like parties?

A. They have no body to dance with

Q. What's the first thing ghosts do when they get in a car?

A. They boo-kle their seatbelt

Q. What did the ghost buy for his Haunted House?

Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place.

Only eat unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious.

Consider this

Parents and kids can avoid trick-or-treating troubles entirely by organizing a Halloween costume party with treats, games, contests, music, scary stories, and much more.

Halloween can be a lot of fun for parents and kids alike – if everybody remembers the tricks and the treats of playing it safe. Have a happy Halloween!

A. Home moaner's insurance

Q. When is it bad luck to meet a black cat?

A. When you're a mouse

Q. What do ghosts serve for dessert?

A. I scream

Q. What do you call a skeleton who won't work?

A. Lazy bones

City Council Agenda Items

October 17, 2001—6:45 p.m.

New Business:

Presentation by Michael Cavallaro, Director of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, regarding the Regional Problem Solving Process.

Recommendation from Police Helicopter Advisory Committee (PHAC).

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

Coloring Contest for Kids

Everyone is a winner! All participants get to pick a prize from our "cauldron of treasures," in addition to being entered to win one of three grand prizes: First place will receive \$20 in cash, second place will receive a bicycle helmet, and third place will receive a pumpkin! Participants must be 12 years of age or younger.

All you have to do is pick up a copy of the ***FLASH***, color the back page, and return it to Talent City Hall, 204 East Main Street, by Friday, October 26, 2001, at 5 p.m. All entries will be displayed through the month of October. Grand prize winners will be announced in the next issue of the ***FLASH*** (October 31st). Please make sure to fill out your name, age, ***and*** your phone number on the bottom of this entry. Although phone numbers will not be displayed, we need to be able to contact our grand prize winners.

Have fun and good luck!