

## THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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### Public Hearing and Update From Talent's Town Hall

A town hall meeting was held on Thursday, October 11th, to discuss the future of downtown Talent. An estimated fifty people from various perspectives were in attendance. After a brief presentation by the City Planner, a panel of community members and City staff answered questions related to the downtown plan and the proposed zone change.

The City has been preparing a number of new policies as a result of a "vision" that was developed by the community in 1999. Specifically, some of the discussion topics at the town hall included:

- A new historic preservation ordinance designating two new districts (Article 13);
- Design standards for new development so it is compatible with Talent's historic and small town character;
- A new commercial zoning designation along Highway 99 and Valley View Road to encourage small offices, cottage industries, and retail shops; and
- New design standards for large retail establishments (i.e. big box, retail outlets, etc.)

A **public hearing** to review a staff report on the zone change, as well as the above proposed standards for new development, will be held on **November 8, 2001**, at 6:30 p.m. at Talent's Community Center.

If you have any questions or concerns about the downtown planning process, the upcoming public hearing, etc., please contact Kevin Cronin, City Planner, at 535-7401 or email [kevin@cityoftalent.org](mailto:kevin@cityoftalent.org).

### The *FLASH* Distributed Monthly

Circulation dates for *The FLASH of Talent* will be changing. Our newsletter will now be distributed monthly (on the last Thursday of each month) and include a copy of the City's meeting and events calendar.

The *FLASH* will still be available at current locations and online at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).

## "Cop Talk"

By Officer Shane Wilson

I just received an e-mail from a resident asking what the fine is for not using a turn signal. Yet another violation I see quite frequently. The fine for an unlawful or unsignaled turn is \$77.00. According to ORS 811.335, "A person commits the offense of making an unlawful or unsignaled turn if the person is operating a vehicle upon a highway and the person turns the vehicle right or left when: (a) The movement cannot be made with reasonable safety; or (b) The person fails to give an appropriate signal continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning." If your turn signal is inoperable, you **must** use hand signals. Failure to do so constitutes a violation. Please remember to be a courteous driver and signal when you turn.

If you have a question you would like me to answer, please take a minute to write or e-mail. My address is Officer Wilson, c/o Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, 535-1253. My e-mail address is [wilsontpd@hotmail.com](mailto:wilsonpd@hotmail.com).

### Talent Elementary Supports City Parks

The City of Talent and the Parks and Recreation Commission would like to extend a giant "thank you" to Talent Elementary School for their continuing support of city parks. They have been participating in our "Pennies for Parks" program and have collected quite a few coins! We appreciate the contributions they have made thus far and applaud their on-going efforts.

## *Thank you coloring contest participants!*

Wow—again, there were so many great entries. We would like to congratulate our three grand prize winners: Danielle, recipient of \$20 cash; Shane, recipient of a multi-use helmet; and Misty, recipient of a pumpkin.

We would also like to thank *all* the "artists" who participated in our coloring contest—we love having your work decorate our walls! All pictures will be on display at City Hall until mid November. Stop by and check 'em out.

## City Council Agenda Items

November 7, 2001—6:45 p.m.

### Public Hearing:

To receive comments on Comprehensive Plan Element G, Urban Growth Boundary/Housing Needs Assessment.

### New Business:

Request by Bill Watson of Phoenix-Talent Schools to discuss proposed Master Water Plan.

Request by Talent Historical Society to discuss basement of Community Center.

### Council will:

Review Comprehensive Plan Element G, Urban Growth Boundary/Housing Needs Assessment. Subject to adoption.

Review franchise agreement with Hunter Communications.

Metro Air One discussion.

**(Complete agendas and packets are available for review at City Hall, 204 E. Main Street. The agenda is also posted on our web site at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).)**

## Flea Market in Talent

The Talent Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting their monthly flea market on Saturday, November 10, 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.

## Smoke Detectors— Change Your Batteries

The end of Daylight Savings Time means it's time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Jackson County Fire District No. 5 suggests replacing the batteries twice a year. To help you remember, they recommend replacing the batteries when you change your clocks. They advise equipping each home with working smoke detectors and recommend performing monthly tests.

If you haven't already developed a fire escape plan, sit down with each member of your family and make a plan today! Once you have mapped out your home, plan an easy way out *and* a second way out. Next, pick an outside place in front of your home where everyone will meet after they've escaped. Practice your plan so everyone will know what to do in the event of a fire.

Remember, it's never too late to be safe.

## Burn smart – use dry, seasoned wood

Wood with high moisture content produces more smoke. Freshly cut wood should be split, stacked, covered and allowed to dry at least six months before it is burned. Some species and their heating values are listed below. All require a minimum drying time of six months.

**Alder:** Medium heating value; easy to split; produces moderate amount of sparks.

**Cedar:** Medium to low heating value; easy to split; produces many sparks.

**Douglas Fir:** Medium heating value; easy to split; produces moderate amount of sparks.

**Madrone:** High heating value; difficult to split; produces few sparks.

**Maple:** High to medium heating value; somewhat difficult to split; produces few sparks.

**Oak:** High heating value; somewhat difficult to split; produces few sparks.

**Pine:** Medium to low heating value; easy to split; produces moderate amount of sparks.

**White Fir:** Medium to low heating value; easy to split; produces moderate amount of sparks.