

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Urban Renewal Agency welcomes

Kathy Hackstock

Kathy Hackstock has been hired by the Urban Renewal Agency for the City of Talent to assist in the coordination of upcoming projects. She was hired on a part-time basis as staff support for the Urban Renewal's Executive Director. She has lived in the Rogue Valley for three years now and brings municipal experience from both the cities of Ashland and Cave Junction.

"I am enjoying my job because it's the kind of work I like to do. I especially like working part-time so I can spend time with my children and grandchildren."

The Urban Renewal Agency and the City of Talent would like to welcome Kathy to her new position.

Flea Market coming to Talent

The Talent Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting a benefit flea market on Saturday, February 24, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Talent's Community Center. All proceeds will be donated to benefit the City's parks. Admission is free and it's open to the public.

For space and cost information, please contact the Parks Commission Chair, Cheryl Voss, at 535-3532. Space is limited so reserve yours today! This is the first of many to come, so stay tuned to the FLASH for upcoming dates and times.

Harvest Festival Committee needs your input

The Talent Harvest Festival Committee will have their first meeting sometime in March. They are looking for citizen input as to what entertainment or activities should be a part of this year's festival. If you have ideas you would like to share, please contact Allison at the City of Talent, 535-1566, or submit your ideas by e-mail to allison@cityoftalent.org.

If you are interested in being a part of the organizing and planning of the Harvest Festival, please apply to be a member of the Committee. For an application, stop by City Hall, 204 East Main Street, or call 535-1566.

Enhancement Month Committee looking for members

The month of May is dedicated to enhancing the city of Talent. The committee responsible for planning and organizing Talent Enhancement Month is the Talent Enhancement Month Committee. Currently, they have three vacancies and are looking for anyone interested in helping plan this year's activities.

If you would like to be on the Enhancement Month Committee, please stop by City Hall, 204 East Main Street, or call 535-1566.

Are your house numbers properly displayed?

According to Ordinance No. 8-2.2, Section 2, assigned house numbers "must be placed on either side of the main entrance, upon the porch or piazza, or on the gateway, or in such manner that the same may be plainly seen from the street in front of the property and will not be hidden from view from the street in front of the property by any trees, bushes, shrubs, or other obstructions. The numbers shall be of such size and color that they will be easily read from the street by a person with reasonable vision."

It is important for you as well as for others to have your house number properly displayed. In the event of an emergency, seconds count.

Update from Community Development Department

Meghan Mac Kenzie, the City's Assistant Planner and RARE participant, is working with Talent Middle School students to develop a "historical guide" of Wagner Creek. She has just begun her work with the students, which will continue for the next few months. In their first meeting, they discussed Jacob Wagner, the earliest settler in this area. The group will next learn about A. P. Talent (settler whom our town is named after), the orchards and agriculture relating to Wagner Creek, and the indigenous people of the Rogue Valley. These discussions will result in a historical overview of the portion of Wagner Creek within the city limits.

Meghan is also working with the Parks and

It would be to your advantage to assist emergency personnel by making your home easy to identify. If you need help in determining whether your house numbers can easily be spotted, step onto the road (when there are no cars). See if *you* can read your house numbers from the road. If so, you're in good shape. If not, consider making the necessary changes.

Recreation Commission to help develop a Parks Master Plan for the next 20 years. The plan will include an inventory of all existing parks and open spaces owned by the City of Talent. It will also include recommendations for future development of these areas for the next 20 years. If you would like to participate in the revision process, please contact Meghan in our Community Development Department at 535-7401.

Bike path finished to Suncrest Road

The restoration of the bike path from Lynn Newbry Park to Suncrest Road is now complete. This project has been in the works since the trail was taken out by the flood of 1997. Karen Smith, Special Projects Manager for Jackson County Roads and Parks, said negotiating for the acquisition of 1/10 of an acre of land has been the major reason this project was not completed sooner. Once the land was acquired, she said the project moved forward with the help from the National Resources Conservation Service, engineers from Marquess and Associates, and the engineering staff of Jackson Country Roads and Parks.

Karen Smith said she is very pleased with the final product and hopes bike path users will be pleased as well.

City Council Agenda Items

February 21, 2001 – 6:45 p.m.

New Business:

Joint meeting of City Council, Planning Commission, and the Architectural Review Committee to discuss the boundaries of the historical district

Discussion of Measure 7

Discussion of a contract amendment between the City of Talent and Montgomery Watson for construction management services regarding the TAP project

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

Design of the Wagner Creek Greenway starts soon

On January 29, 2001 the City's Community Development Department hosted a public presentation on the natural resources unique to Talent's portion of Bear and Wagner Creeks. Kerry KenCairn and Scott English (environmental consultants hired by the City) inventoried the two creeks and presented their findings. Approximately 30 individuals were in attendance.

The City of Talent is interested in creating a greenway along Wagner Creek. Now that the environmental inventory is complete, the City can begin to think about how a greenway will best suit the needs of the community. Citizen input is needed. There will be a citizen's committee that will meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Valley Clubhouse (on Valley View Road, next to Figaro's Pizza). This committee is open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to participate. If you have ideas for the Wagner Creek Greenway, please share them – the committee's first meeting will be February 20, 2001.

Don't miss the Lions' Lumberjack Breakfast!

Make plans to have breakfast with the Lions at Talent's Community Center on Sunday, February 18, 2001. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.