

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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Senior Motion Light Detector Program

The S.A.L.T. Commission (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) is in the process of launching a motion light detector program. Beginning in April, senior citizens (60 years of age and older) who reside in Jackson County can request an outdoor motion detector be installed at their residence free of charge.

There are four requirements to meet before installation:

- 1) The senior reside in the home in which the light would be installed.
- 2) The residence be in Jackson County.
- 3) The light be installed in an existing, working electrical location that is no more than 10 feet above ground level.
- 4) A release of liability be signed prior to installation by the senior or person responsible for residence.

If you are a senior, or know of a senior, that would like to participate in this program, please contact the Talent Police Department at 535-1253.

Remember to register your bicycle

The Talent Police Department would like to remind bicycle riders of all ages to register your bikes. Ordinance 543 Section 38 states that no person who resides in the City shall operate a bicycle on a street or public right-of-way without a current, valid bicycle license.

The City's goal is to find your bike if it is stolen, or to find *you* if your bike has been recovered. The best part is that there is no cost to license your bicycle. Simply, fill out a registration card and inform the Police Department when your personal information changes. It's as easy as that! Just stop by the Police Department, 604 Talent Avenue, or City Hall, 204 East Main Street, to register your bike. **When you come to get your license, please make sure to bring your bicycle with you.**

Energy Conservation

The issue of not having enough electricity has come about simply by *supply* not keeping up with *demand*. In other words, new generation is not keeping up with the growing population. Throw cold temperatures into the mix and you have the recipe for a potential power emergency. Since the Northwest is unable to depend on California for its additional winter power supply, Pacific Power is doing its best to continue delivering safe, reliable power to its customers. They are asking for energy users to be aware of when and how they use electricity. Supplies are particularly tight on cold days and between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. when demand is at its highest.

The folks at Pacific Power believe that if everyone pitches in, small changes in energy use would add up to a big difference. With that, they offer these tips to help everyone conserve.

Tips for schools and businesses:

Turn off computers, monitors, printers,

Chuck Roberts Playground is finished!

The playground at Chuck Robert's park is finished and already in use. It's a fun piece of play equipment for children of all ages. There are three slides: the Tube Loop, the Wishbone double-slide and the Big Foot. Connecting everything together are a series of ladders, bridges, and funnels. There are also four platforms ranging in height from 3 feet to 6 feet.

The playground area is filled in with fall protection – a wood-fiber material that acts as a cushion. Children have already given it a test and the playground gets a double "thumbs-up."

Yard sale signs and advertising

Although it might not feel like it, Spring is right around the corner. And, as the weather gets warmer, garage sales become more popular. In the City of Talent, there are a few things you must know before advertising a

copiers, and lights after hours.

On cloudy days and at night, keep blinds closed for extra insulation.

Keep thermostats set between 65 and 68 degrees during business hours. Reduce to 60 degrees after hours.

Install locking covers on your thermostats to prevent tampering with temperature settings.

Turn off all non-security lighting after hours.

When possible heat only rooms that are used.

Tips for residential customers:

Turn off all unneeded lights.

Do laundry on weekends to avoid peak hours.

Turn off all appliances when not in use.

On cloudy days, keep blinds and drapes closed.

Let air circulate from registers, baseboards, radiators, and cold air returns.

Do not block with furniture.

Seal heating ducts and insulate those that run through unheated spaces.

Clean or replace furnace filters once a month during heating season.

Keep thermostat between 65 and 68 degrees during the day and turn down to 60 degrees at night.

Install a programmable thermostat to control your thermostat automatically.

Insulating, caulking and weather-stripping can add up to big energy and money savings.

Close your damper as soon as your fire is safely out.

Pacific Power also offers full-scale energy efficiency programs for Oregon and Washington businesses, including both expertise to identify potential money-saving opportunities and cash incentives to help put recommendations in place. Incentives are available for energy efficiency upgrades to systems that use electricity such as lighting, heating and cooling, and more. Call Pacific Power's Energy Services Hotline for more information at 1-800-222-4335.

(The above information comes from "A Regional Power Picture," an article written by Pacific Power)

garage/yard sale. For example, you cannot nail signs to trees, tape them to light posts or use sandwich boards to direct traffic to your address. These are all violations of City Ordinance No. 523 Section 84. The ordinance states: 1) No person shall attach or cause to be attached a placard, bill, advertisement or poster upon real or personal property, without first securing permission from the owner or person in control of the property; 2) No person shall attach a placard, bill, advertisement or poster upon any City property, to include light poles, trees, telephone poles or similar structures, at other than designated places at anytime; 3) Any person posting the above descriptive signs in any lawful manner shall be required to remove same within 24 hours after the event for which the notice was posted; 4) This section shall not be construed as an amendment to or a repeal of any City regulation of the use and location of signs.

The Talent Police Department would like to remind citizens to take down posted signs when the event is over. Violators of these ordinances could be cited into Talent's municipal court.

City Council Agenda Items

March 7, 2001 – 6:45 p.m.

Public Hearing:

To receive comments on the City's Backflow Ordinance.

New Business:

Appoint Budget Officer

Review Budget Committee application

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