

# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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## *Talent residents give skatepark a facelift*

Four eager volunteers, (from left to right) Russell Pearce, Mike Nelson, Rory Aply, and Amanda Nicol, have donated their time to do some much-needed repair work to the skating area of the facility. For two days and three nights, these Talent residents have worked hard to repair cracks and chips that have been made to the concrete over the past couple of years. Their dedication has prompted others to help: Eric Dawkins, Carl Goemmel, Mike Tirsell and Frank Coch all took the day off to support the restoration effort.

The City would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped to restore the skating surface of our skatepark. Their generosity is greatly appreciated!

## **K-9 Unit has arrived**

Officer Tracy Lenhardt and Igor, Talent's police canine, have a new set of wheels. The Jeep (pictured on left) is being leased through a state leasing program. Police Chief Elmer Kammel says "leasing vehicles will be a new trend for the Talent Police Department. Not only is it cost-efficient, but we are able to better maintain the quality of our vehicles."

Currently, the K-9 unit is assigned to the evening shift – that's when you can see Officer Lenhardt and Igor patrolling the community.

## **Police Department in need of helmets**

The Talent Police Department has once again depleted their supply of bicycle helmets and are seeking donations of new or used (in good condition) helmets. If you would like to make a helmet donation or a cash contribution, please contact the Talent Police Department at 535-1253, or stop by 604 Talent Avenue (mailing address: City of Talent, P.O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540).

State law requires persons under the age of 16 to wear protective headgear when operating or riding a bicycle. Helmets are given to young riders free of charge and are fitted personally by police department personnel. Helmets will not be issued if they fit improperly or are a replacement to a lost or stolen helmet previously obtained from the police department.

### **City Council Agenda Items**

March 21, 2001 – 6:45 p.m.

#### **New Business:**

Change of ownership on liquor license

Discussion of Measure 7 litigation contribution to the League of Oregon Cities

Discussion of Community Hall rental procedures

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

## **Motion Light Detector program needs your help**

The Senior Motion Light Detector program is in need of a community group or service organization to assist in the installation of motion lights. The program will be in full swing when every participating jurisdiction is ready – most likely after May 1, 2001.

Talent is in the process of recruiting volunteers. If you or your organization would like to assist the seniors in our community, please contact Officer Robert Leonard at the Talent Police Department, 535-1253.

## **Planning Commission moves to Thursdays**

The Talent Planning Commission will now conduct regular meetings on the 4th Thursday of every month. All meetings are open to the public and start at 7 p.m.

For an agenda, please stop by City Hall, 204 East Main Street, or check out our website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org). Agendas are posted when available.

## **Future Improvements to Main Street**

This year, Main Street will take on a new look. By late fall, you will see new sidewalks, bike lanes, and landscaping. Stay tuned to the FLASH for project details!

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## Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration

The City of Talent will be hosting a combined Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration to further efforts of enhancing our community's parks. The event will take place on April 21, 2001, at the Downtown Park. During the celebration, several trees will be planted to create a buffer zone between the railroad tracks and the skateboarding area of the park. These trees will add to the overall visual appeal of the facility as well as to provide users with some much-needed shade.

If you are interested in participating in the Earth Day/Arbor Day tree planting, please contact the City's Assistant Planner, Meghan Mac Kenzie, at 535-7401.

## City-wide Yard Sale right around the corner

The Talent Enhancement Month Committee has announced that Saturday, May, 12, 2001, will be the date of the city-wide yard sale. You will be able to purchase yard sale flags for \$1 at City Hall the week of May 7th. Maps, showing locations of yard sales, will be available the day of the event.

If you would like to place *your* sale on the map, please stop by City Hall, 204 East Main Street. The cost is \$2 to add your address and a "dot" marking the location of your sale.

While you're at City Hall, pick up some seeds for your garden – packets are only \$ .50!

## Recycling programs offered in Talent

Ashland Sanitary and Recycling Services has many recycling programs for residential and commercial uses. Below is a list of services (and a brief description) provided by Ashland Sanitary.

**Curbside Recycling:** The curbside recycling program is available to everyone within the Ashland and Talent city limits. Recycle bins are blue in color and signal drivers that you have recyclables to be taken away. Your bin must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regularly scheduled trash day.

**Multi-family Recycling:** Curbside collection is offered for residential units of two or more.

## Flea market is a success

The Talent Parks and Recreation hosted a flea market/fundraiser in March. Over 300 people turned out to shop the tables of collectibles, crafts and goodies. If you missed this event, don't worry. Your next chance to attend the flea market will be Saturday, April 7, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every first Saturday of the month thereafter. This event is open to the public and all proceeds benefit the City's parks.

For space and cost information, please contact the Parks Commission Chair, Cheryl Voss, at 535-3532. Remember, space is limited, so call early to make your reservation!

## News from the Harvest Festival Committee

The Harvest Festival Committee had their first meeting on March 13, 2001. The committee discussed last year's festival and reviewed comments received from citizens, parade participants and City staff. The goal is to keep getting better and feedback is greatly appreciated.

This year's festival will take place on Saturday, September 8th. If you have ideas on how we could improve upon last year's festival, please contact Allison at City Hall, 535-1566, or send an e-mail to [allison@cityoftalent.org](mailto:allison@cityoftalent.org). We would love to hear from you so please don't hesitate to submit your suggestions. The committee will meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall. If interested, please attend!

## Recycle your outdated phone books

From March 6 to April 3, 2001, you can drop your used phone book in any one of the specially marked collection containers at the following locations:

### Ashland

Ashland Sanitary Services & Recycling Depot – Water Street and Van Ness Avenue

### Medford

Black Oak Center – 2640 Barnett Road  
Rogue Valley Mall – 1600 N. Riverside

**Commercial Cardboard:** Ashland Sanitary supplies 1, 1 1/2 or 2 yard containers for your business to recycle corrugated cardboard. Pick-up days are Monday, Wednesday, and/or Friday.

**Commercial Paper:** Ashland Sanitary provides assistance in starting or expanding an office paper recycling program at your business or school. They will provide you with everything you need to recycle office paper. Pick-up days are Wednesdays.

**Full Service Recycle Pick-up for Schools and Restaurants:** Every Wednesday, they pick-up everything that is accepted at the recycling center. There **is** a cost for this service.

If you are a Talent resident and would like to participate in curbside recycling, you can obtain a blue recycle bin from City Hall, 204 East Main Street. If are interested in other recycle programs offered by Ashland Sanitary, give them a call. Their number is 482-1471.

South Gateway Center – 1345 Center Drive

**Central Point**

Albertson's Food and Drug – 1360 Plaza Boulevard

**White City**

Rogue Transfer and Recycling Center – 8001 Table Rock Road

Since the Qwest Dex recycling program has started in 1991, there have been 71,164,300 phone books recycled. That is enough old phone books to fill a hole the size of a football field more than 251 feet deep. In addition, over two million trees, nearly 945 million gallons of water, 472,230 barrels of oil and more than 553 million kilowatt hours of energy have been saved by people recycling their old phone books.

If you have any questions, please contact Qwest Dex at 800-422-8793.