

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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November Ballot Initiatives

The Talent City Council recently decided to include five initiatives on the November 2002 ballot. They are as follows: (1) Shall the City of Talent revise its Charter to make it consistent with current state law related to annexation? (2) Shall the City revise its Charter to make the language within the Charter gender neutral? (3) Shall the City amend its Charter to clarify the Mayor's voting responsibility? (4) Shall the City amend its Charter to change the title of City Administrator to City Manager? (5) Shall the City impose \$.36 per \$1000 of assessed value for park operations for five years beginning 2003-2004? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than 3%.

Voter registration cards are available at City Hall and must be postmarked by October 15th in order to vote in the November election. Note that if you have recently moved to Talent, you must change your residency with the county in order to vote on Talent initiatives and public officials.

September 11, 2002 Service

A brief service will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 10 a.m. in front of Talent City Hall to memorialize the tragedy this nation experienced one year ago. Please join the Mayor, representatives of the police and fire departments and other community members to recognize this event.

Planning Department News

Applications Approved:

None

Applications Under Review: The following applications are pending before the City Planner and/or the Planning Commission and City Council:

Mountain Park Estates - Phase 3 (SUB 95-1): Doug Neuman of Mountain Park Development, LLC of Ashland will be installing streets, stormwater facilities, and street trees for

Talent Harvest Festival

This year's celebration will be held on Saturday, September 14th in the downtown area of Talent. The day's events will include:

A pancake breakfast hosted by the Talent Lions Club (starting at 6 a.m.)

A 5k and 10k run and a 1.1 mile walk (starting at 8 a.m.)

A parade starting at 10 a.m. from Talent Elementary School (parade route: from school parking lot to Main Street, down Main Street to "I", right on "I" Street, then right again on Wagner back up toward the school)

Live entertainment from Kaikamahine O'Iesu Hula dancers, Zion Train, and Thirty Years After

Not to mention there will be pony rides for the kids, face painting, a dunk booth, food and vendor booths and lots, lots more! Mark your calendars and plan to bring the entire family.

For more information, please contact Allison at City Hall at 535-1566.

Officer Wilson Graduates

On Thursday, August 29, 2002, Officer Shane Wilson will graduate from Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) school. In order to be accepted to DRE, you must have several letters of recommendation and be well-versed in DUII and drug laws. This training is highly sought after and only a few people in the state are selected to attend. As part of his follow-up training, Officer Wilson will be working for three days with the Sacramento Police Department.

Police Chief Kammel beamed and said, "I am so very proud of him. He's done a great job and I couldn't be happier for him and his accomplishment."

Phase 3 of Mountain Park Estates. The Planning Commission gave approval of a preliminary plat in 1995 for Phase 3, which includes 23 single-family units. As a result of the moratorium, the developer did not finish the required improvements prior to a final plat being signed. The City Engineer and/or Public Works Director will review all required and completed improvements.

Minor Partition (MP 02-02): Jozef Slowikowski of Talent has applied for a partition of one parent lot into two lots for townhouses at 530 Tulipan Way. A site plan was approved for duplexes in March 2002. Subsequently, the applicant has decided to create individual tax lots with two units of one shared wall townhouse on each lot. This is an administrative decision (Type 2) made by the City Planner based on the Land Division Ordinance. A decision will be reached on September 19, 2002.

Site Plan Review (SPR 02-09): John Gibson has proposed to place a manufactured home on a flag lot at 407 Talent Avenue. This is an administrative decision (Type 2) made by the City Planner based on the site plan review criteria in Article 23 of the Talent Zoning Ordinance. A decision will be rendered on September 19, 2002.

Lithia View (SUB 02-02): Gregg Adams of Adams Group, LLC has appealed an affirmative decision reached by the Planning Commission on July 25, 2002. The applicant has appealed three conditions of approval. A hearing before the City Council has been scheduled for September 18, 2002.

Policies Under Review:

The Planning Commission will hold a study session to consider amendments to the Planned Unit Development Ordinance (Article 21 of the Talent Zoning Ordinance) on September 12, 2002.

If you have a specific request or need more information, please feel free to contact

Become a CSO in Talent

The Community Service Officer (CSO) program operates under the direction of the Talent Police Department. The program is designed to assist Talent's Police Department with patrols, code enforcement, liaison services, etc. CSO's are also called upon to assist at the schools' crosswalks, ensuring child safety to and from school. This program offers work experience in law enforcement, public safety, civic affairs, and customer service.

Currently, they are seeking interested individuals to apply. You do not have to be a Talent resident to become a CSO – however, you must be 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen and submit to a background check.

If you would like to learn more about the CSO program, please contact Frank Falsarella at 944-0243 or stop by the Talent Police Department at 604 Talent Avenue.

Full House on Talent's City Council

Two new City Councilors have been appointed to fill the vacancies on the City Council: Bob Wilson and Darby Stricker.

Bob Wilson is Manager of the Ashland, Phoenix, Talent Libraries and was appointed to Council on June 5, 2002. Now that he has a few meetings under his belt, he was asked how he was liking his new position as City Councilor. He responded, "I am really happy to be on the Talent City Council. I have learned so much about the workings of the City, the County and the State. I am impressed with the dedication of the Council members and how they work together. It is amazing how much work we accomplish. Mayor Telerski is an excellent leader, and the City Administrator Betty Wheeler has a vast amount of knowledge and experience. It is fun to be working with such a winning team."

Darby Stricker is Food and Beverage Manager for the Ashland Springs Hotel. She was appointed to the City Council on July 17, 2002. When asked how she was liking life as a City Councilor, she responded, "I love being on the city

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council. I am discovering that city business is not at all 'just what meets the eye.' That the considerations of every issue are deep and wide.

Balancing all of the aspects and needs of this community requires respect, foresight and a genuine desire for continued health in the City of Talent. I am challenged and delighted to be a part of the process."

Bob Wilson's and Darby Stricker's terms will expire on December 31, 2002. However, both will be running for their seats on the City Council in the November election.

Back to School Safety

It's that time of year again when kids make their way back to the classrooms and the routine of transporting students to and from school begins. As a reminder to all drivers (including bus drivers), Police Chief Elmer Kammel asks, "Please be aware of the children. Obey posted speed limit signs in and around school zones and exercise caution on days with inclement weather. Drive slowly in crowded parking lots as children walking between cars may be difficult to see. Don't crowd crosswalks—stop your vehicle well behind designated areas and allow children room to cross safely. And, never attempt to pass a school bus that is stopped with its lights on. In fact, state law requires traffic in both directions to stop until the bus has turned off its lights. Let's work together to make this another great school year for all."

Money Needed for Helmets

If you would like to make a donation for the purchase of helmets, please send check or money order payable to the City of Talent, Attn: Bicycle Safety, P.O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540.