



THE FLASH OF TALENT

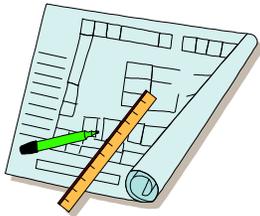
An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works
and Police Departments

Become a Talent City Councilor

If you are a registered voter in the City of Talent and are interested in getting involved in local government, now is your chance! There are *four* open positions on the City Council that will be decided at the November election. Time is running out so you need to act fast if you wish to have your name placed on the ballot. You are required to file for a nonpartisan nomination and circulate a petition to obtain at least 20 signatures from registered voters who reside in Talent. Petitions have to be filed no later than August 20, 2004 so don't delay.



To obtain more information about the duties and responsibilities of becoming a City Councilor and what is involved in becoming a candidate, please contact the City Manager/Recorder at 541-535-1566, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Update for Rapp Road Reconstruction

Bids for the Rapp Road Reconstruction project were opened on June 29, 2004 by Jackson County. Due to a busy construction season, the bids were much higher than anticipated by both the County and the City of Talent.

The waterline portion of the work was bid at almost twice the engineer's estimate and the road portion was bid at approximately \$60,000 more than the County estimated. The City Engineer is recommending rejection of the bids and is currently re-bidding the waterline work separately from the road construction in an attempt to lower the cost of construction. The County is considering re-bidding the road construction in February when contractors are more available.

Stay tuned to the FLASH for more information regarding this project.

Keep Sidewalks Clear

On several City sidewalks there is a great deal of overgrowth of bushes and tree branches from private property that blocks or makes public use difficult. The City is asking homeowners and renters to help keep the sidewalks clear so that pedestrians can enjoy a clear pathway. Please be responsible for that which is yours. If they are City trees, notify Public Works at 535-3828. They can then come out and trim them back. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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Planning Department News



Seeking Advisory Board members

The Planning Commission is seeking two new Advisory Board members. Learn the planning process and have input on current development. For more information, call John Adam, City Planner, at 535-7401.

Upcoming Public Hearings

- On August 12, 2004 at 6:30 p.m., the Planning Commission will hear an application by Rick Allen to rezone 2.26 acres at 100 E. Rapp Road from Light Industrial (LI) to Retail-Wholesale Commercial (C3) to permit the eventual expansion of the mini-storage facilities. File no. CPA 04-01/REZ 04-02.
- Following the above public hearing on August 12th, the Planning Commission will hear an application for Kamerin Springs Estates, a 53-lot subdivision at the ends of Lithia Way between Arnos Street and Creel Road. The current proposal includes park space with playground equipment and a range of lot sizes. File no. PUD 04-01.
- There will be no Planning Commission meeting on August 26, 2004.

Long-range Planning

The Planning Commission will be working on “housekeeping” changes to the Land Division Ordinance and the Article regulating Planned Unit Developments in the next few months. The Commission will also be working through zoning code changes recommended by a citizens’ advisory committee as part of a grant sponsored by the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) program.

The City will begin another TGM-sponsored project in the next month or two for master planning streets, parks and land uses in the area west and south of the railroad and inside the urban growth boundary.



Cop Talk

By Officer Shane Wilson

This month I would like to update everyone on amendments to the School Zone Law that went into effect on July 1, 2004. The purpose of this amendment was to better define “when children are present.” Senate Bill 179 addresses this issue and it basically entails the following:

- ♦ If the roadway is 30 MPH or less in the school zone the speed is 20 MPH all day, every day, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- ♦ If the roadway is 35 MPH or greater the 20 MPH zone’s time is designated by a flashing light and/or specified times on the signs.
- ♦ The speed limit is 20 MPH at crosswalks in school zones when lights are flashing, and/or children are present, and/or during designated times as specified on school speed signs and/or when a crossing marshal is present.
- ♦ Allows for double fine provision to apply in school zones only if posted as double and lights are flashing or the definition of “When Children are Present” is met.
- ♦ Establishes that all school zones are speed limits, inside and outside the city limits.

School zones in our city are heavily enforced. We have issued several citations in excess of 40 MPH in our school zones and we are asking for motorists to SLOW DOWN. For the safety of the children, please slow down.



City of Talent Community Survey

The Executive Summary of the Talent Community Survey conducted in May 2004 by Advanced Marketing Research Inc. can be found on the City's website at www.cityoftalent.org. There is also a copy of the summary and all the tables available as a Reference Document at the Talent Library. In the event that you do not have access to either, staff will summarize some of the results each month in the

FLASH. Last month was devoted to the Parks Levy and the Civic Center.

Questions related to City and City Services the following is a summary of the results:

- ◆ **What you like most about living in Talent?** 46% felt the size was the attraction, 11% - quiet; 8% for each of the following-location, friendly people and country living; 5% - scenery; 4% for each – easy to get around and sense of community; 3% - outdoor recreation; and, finally 2% each for schools, climate, and relaxed atmosphere.
- ◆ **The most important problem in Talent** for 39% was growth; 9% -traffic; 7% - economic development; 6% for each water issues and crime/gangs/drugs; 5%-youth activities/supervision; 4% for each environment, funding for services, road maintenance and education issues; 3%-high cost of housing; and, 2% police issue.
- ◆ **Is Talent headed in the right direction?** 71% yes; 18% no and 11% don't know
- ◆ **Are people satisfied with city services?** 37% very satisfied; 48% somewhat satisfied; 7% somewhat dissatisfied; 3% dissatisfied; and 5% don't know.
- ◆ **What City services have you used in the past year?** 55% used the library; 51% used the Greenway or Lyn Newbry Park; 36% used library park; 27% used Chuck Roberts Park; 21% the skate park; 18% police emergency services; 7% nuisance complaint; 6% obtained building permits; 2% applied for land use permits; and 18% did none of the above.
- ◆ **How would you evaluate the quality of city services?** On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being excellent and 1 being poor the rating for services was: police response—4.1; traffic enforcement and crime prevention—3.8; park maintenance and quality of waterways—3.7; bikeway— 3.6; response to nuisance complaints and city building maintenance—3.5; street maintenance— 3.4; managing tax dollars— 3.1; building inspection—3.0; land use process and growth management— 2.8; and use of bus—2.7.

The 31st Annual Talent Harvest Festival

The Talent Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, September 11th in the downtown area of Talent. Everyone's invited! The day will start with a Lion's pancake breakfast at 7 a.m., a parade at 10 a.m., and live entertainment from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be food, craft and commercial vendor booths, pony rides for kids, face painting, a book sale sponsored by Friends of the Talent Library, a plant sale by the Talent Garden Club and much, much more! All entertainment will be held at Library Park and the lineup will be as follows:



- ◆ **Science Works Hands on Museum**—"Super Fly!" Learn the principles to make stuff fly!
- ◆ **Aunty Malia's Hula Troupe**
- ◆ **Zion Train**—Pop, Rock, Reggae band
- ◆ **Camelot Theater spotlight on Bonnie Raitt**
- ◆ **Pyramid Band**—60's through 90's Classic Rock.

With so much fun and activities, you don't want to miss out! Mark your calendars and plan to attend Talent's 31st annual Harvest Festival.



Editor's Farewell

By Allison Zigich

After editing 100+ issues of the FLASH, I am sad to report that I am passing the torch to someone new. After six years of service, I have resigned from the City of Talent effective July 30, 2004.

I have been editing the City's newsletter since I started employment with the City of Talent back in 1998. It was easy for me to step into the role of Editor of the FLASH because I have always believed citizens should know what is happening within their local government. Over the years I have had the privilege to share what we do here at the City of Talent and it is my hope that you have felt informed after reading our newsletter.

I am so appreciative to have lived in, worked for, and been a part of this city—it has been a pleasure serving my community. I am headed to Los Angeles to pursue a career in broadcasting, but I will take with me the memories and the faces of the City of Talent. I truly will miss you all.

Register to Vote in the Next Election

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be a resident of Oregon, a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old by election day. If you need to register to vote or are new to Talent and would like to vote in the next local election, you need to change your registration information by filling out a Voter Registration Form. These forms can be obtained at City Hall, 204 East Main Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. It is important to note that registration postcards must be postmarked by the 21st day before an election unless you are already registered to vote and are only updating existing information.



August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Municipal Court 3:00pm Comm Hall	3 Joint Council & Urban Renewal 6:30pm Comm Hall	4 City Council 6:30pm Comm Hall	5 Civic Center 6:30pm Comm Hall	6	7
8	9	10 Arch Review 7:00pm	11 Parks 6:00pm	12 Planning 6:30pm	13	14
15	16	17 Urban Renewal 6:00pm	18 City Council 6:30pm Comm Hall	19	20	21 Arch Review Walk Around 9:00am (TBA)
22	23	24	25	26 Planning (canceled)	27	28
29	30 Municipal Court (moved to Sept. 7 @ 6:00pm)	31		Bldg Dept Mon—Fri 8:30am—9:00am 4:00pm—5:00pm		