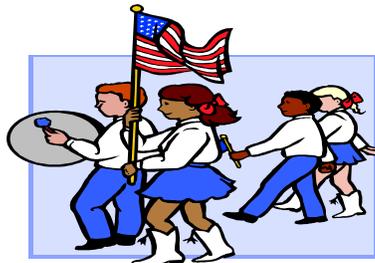




THE FLASH OF TALENT

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

31st Annual Talent Harvest Festival



The Talent Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, September 11th in the downtown . Everyone's invited! The day will start with a Lion's pancake breakfast at 7AM. The parade will begin at 10 AM. This years parade route will be Wagner Street to Talent Avenue. Anyone interested in being in the parade, contact City Hall at 535-1566. 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 beginning at 11AM and will continue throughout the day. **ScienceWorks Hands on Museum -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.

Planning Department News

Upcoming Public Hearings

On September 9 at 6:30 in the Community Center the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to review zoning code changes recommended by a citizens' advisory committee as part of a grant sponsored by the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) program.

A Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 23 at 6:30 pm.

Approvals

On August 12 the Planning Commission approved the Concept Plan for Kamerin Springs Estates, a 12.13-acre, 53-lot subdivision located on property generally between Highway 99 & Talent Avenue and between Arnos Street & Creel Road. The applicant will next submit a Detailed Development Plan for another round of public hearing review, for which no date has been set .

Long-range Planning

The City will begin a TGM-sponsored project in late September for master planning streets, parks and land uses in the area west and south of the railroad and inside the urban growth boundary.

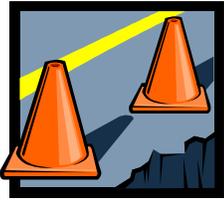
If you have a specific request or need more information, please feel free to contact Planning at

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Urban Renewal Updates

Front Street -- Major construction will be substantially complete by the end of August, with final details such as pathways, fencing and clean up to be completed by September 24. Landscape installation will occur as a separate project. Plants are currently being scaled back in order to ensure reasonable maintenance costs for the City, with flexibility to add more shrubs in the future, if desired. A big thanks to Front Street residents for their patience during the noise and mess this summer!

Street Light Retrofits -- Twenty four lights in the downtown area -- Talent Avenue, Wagner Street, I Street and John Street -- have been retrofitted with a new, lower wattage roof optic system which produces less glare and eliminates light pollution. The retrofits have been installed on every other light pole. Others have been temporarily turned off in order to assess the lighting pattern. The Agency and City will soon be making a decision as to whether the remaining lights should be retrofitted, as well, or simply removed. Your comments are welcome. Please contact Marla Cates, Executive Director, 535-6170.

UPDATE FOR RAPP ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

The residents of the Rapp Road area have been seeing a lot of construction activity between Highway 99 and Talent Avenue over the past several months. Trenton Square apartments were completed, then Qwest needed to add phone cables to serve some of the areas being developed along Talent Avenue. Now, the gas lines are being replaced and power poles relocated. Needless to say, the residents have been putting up with a lot of disruption without much to show for it except a lot of delays and dust.

The good news is that all of this will eventually result in a brand new road. The bad news is that there will be a lot more disruption before the new road is complete. Next, the City is having a new waterline installed. This new line will add capacity and reliability to the system in the Rapp Road area. That work will start in mid-August and should be completed in early September. Rogue Valley Sewer is replacing the sewer line along Highway 99 between Wagner Creek and Arnos, which will further disrupt traffic on Rapp Road. Then, the County will again take bids on the reconstruction of the road, which should be completed early next summer. Finally, ODOT is taking bids on the reconstruction of Highway 99, which includes a new signalized intersection at Rapp Road and Highway 99. All of the work should be complete sometime next fall. In the meantime, alternate routes are recommended during periods of construction. The City appreciates everyone's patience.



November Election in Talent

At the November 2, 2004 election, registered voters in the City of Talent will be asked to consider 4 ballot items and elect 4 City Councilors. If you are new to Talent or have not registered in the past you can do so by filling out a Voter Registration Form. Forms are available at City Hall, County Election Office or in the Qwest telephone directory, government pages (page 99). Items included on the Talent ballot are:

Ballot Measure 15-50 asks the voters to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to finance the costs of designing and building a civic center complex that would include a new city hall and community activity center, parkland spaces, and parking. Renovations to the current Police Station on Talent Avenue would also be included in the bond.

Ballot Measure 15-51 asks the voters to approve the imposition of a Five Year Local Option Tax for Parks and Recreation Programs. This tax would be \$.30/\$1000 of assessed value of property and would be assessed for the next five years to provide money to maintain City Parks and develop recreation activities for youth and adults.

Ballot Measure 15-52 would amend the City Charter to allow the City Council to adopt an ordinance permitting the placement of liens on property to collect unpaid water bills.

Ballot Measure 15-53 would amend the City Charter to require the presence of four Council members to create a quorum for the purposes of voting on City business.

COP TALK

The topic for this month are the small motorbikes we're seeing around town, sometimes called "Mini-Motorcycles" or "Pocket Bikes", and whether or not they are street legal. That depends on how they were constructed. We use DMV rules to classify them based on engine cc displacement. If over 50 cc engine = motorcycle; if between 35 – 50 cc engine = moped; if under 35 cc = motor assisted scooter. Each category has different rules regarding licensing, insurance, where it can go, how fast it can go, passenger restrictions, etc. All require approved helmets. As we talk to owners of the motorbikes that have engines larger than 50 cc, we're finding that most of these machines are not manufactured to operate on the roads and are not equipped to meet US DOT (Department of Transportation) safety standards, i.e. not street legal. Operators can be cited and may be walking their bikes home if they don't meet standards. If you have any questions regarding any of these machines, please contact the police department.



NEW FACES AT CITY HALL



Cheryl Nicolay

Hello -I am the new Administrative Assistant here at City Hall. I am happy to be here and look forward to many new and exciting challenges in my position with the City of Talent. I've been in public service for over 15 years, and most recently I came over from the Southern Oregon Education Service District in Talent. As the new editor of the Flash, I will continue to keep you informed with what's happening in our City. I am happy to accommodate the needs of our community and look forward to meeting you all. Hope to see you around town.



Craig Gibbons

I started as the City's Finance Director on July 12, taking over for Holly Haviland who is now working for a school district. I have spent most of my career working for the City of Springfield in both finance and human resources. My wife, Mary Anne is a special education consultant. We have one son, Jeremy, who works for the State of Oregon and is completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Oregon. I enjoy building and together my wife and I have taken on some significant restoration and design/build remodeling projects. I am an avid reader of history, especially Pacific Northwest events like the D'Autremont brothers and the 1923 Tunnel 13 train robbery.

September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 City Council 6:30pm Comm Hall	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day (city hall closed)	7 Municipal Court 6:00pm Comm Hall	8 Parks 6:00pm Comm Hall	9 Planning (if needed) Traffic 3:00pm Pub. Wks	10	11
12	13 Municipal Court 3:00pm Comm Hall	14 Arch. Review	15 Safety 1:00pm Comm Hall	16	17	18 Arch. Review Walk 9:00am
19	20	21 Urban Renewal 6:00pm TBA	22	23 Planning 6:30pm Comm Hall	24	25
26	27 Municipal Court 6:00pm Comm Hall	28	29	30 The "Flash"	Bldg Plan Review Mon—Fri 8:30am—9:00am 4:00pm—5:00pm	