



# THE FLASH

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

# City of Talent

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## CITYWIDE



The month of May is full of

opportunities for you to become involved with the enhancement of Talent, starting on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> with the citywide yard sale happening in both Talent and Phoenix.

For \$3.00 you can get your yard sale address added to a list and map. A sign up sheet will be located at Talent City Hall from now until 5:00 pm, April 29<sup>th</sup>. These maps of yard sales in Talent will be available the week prior to May 7th at the following locations —

**Talent Post Office,  
Tark's Market,  
Suds-Ur-Duds  
and the City Hall  
Bulletin Board.**

## Green-Up Clean-Up Day

Enhancement activities continue on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> with the Green-Up and Clean-Up of Talent neighborhoods and businesses. There are 3 times for you to get involved (8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 pm). All groups will meet in the far corner of Tark's parking lot. Greg Goebelt, Chair of the Enhancement Committee will be leading the first group of citizens at 8 a.m. Other committee members will lead the following two shifts. Trash bags and gloves as well as hot coffee and doughnuts will be provided. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Greg Goebelt at 840-5966. Hope to see everyone there!

## Water Usage in the Dry Season



Talent receives its drinking water from the Medford Water Commission. This source is extremely reliable and provides high quality water. Rain has been in short supply for the past several months. Many are saying this is the driest spring they can remember. Some are asking how will this affect the supply of drinking water this summer? While all indications are that the Medford Water Commission will be able to meet all of its customers needs, its always a good idea to conserve.

Big Butte Springs provides water to the system year round. In the summer, this source is supplemented with treated water from the Rogue River. As dry as things have been this water will probably be needed a little earlier than usual. To keep your bills as low as possible and help conserve you should:

**1. Check for leaks and fix any found. Toilet fixtures are often water wasters. Call Public Works at 535-3828 if you suspect leaks but are not sure how to go about locating them.**

2. Use sprinklers early in the morning when evaporation is minimized.
3. Try not to let water run down the drain without putting it to use first.

If this spring and summer continue to be dry, some stricter conservation measures may become necessary. For now, a common sense approach to water use is encouraged.

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## OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS REVIEWED



Keeping track of when, where and how city residents can complete controlled burning activities can be confusing. Listed below are guidelines to help:

- 1) Burn Permit – You must have a current burn permit from Fire District 5. Burn permits are free. Stop by the fire station at 5811 South Pacific Highway to get one.
- 2) No burning is allowed from November 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup> (Jackson County air quality requirements.)
- 3) During burning season (March 1<sup>st</sup> until Fire Season is declared) the ventilation index must be above 400 or you cannot burn. Call 776-7007 for up-to-date information.
- 4) Make sure you are burning only combustible material (no rubber, plastic, wet garbage, petroleum products, demolition debris or any materials generated by a commercial enterprise or construction operation.)
- 5) Burning is allowed during daylight hours only.
- 6) Burning must be conducted under the constant supervision of a person capable of taking corrective action.

Please stop in for a burn permit. The permit provides in depth information regarding burn piles and burn barrels. The permit must be available at the burn site.

If you have additional questions or concerns please call 535-4222.



From your friends at Fire District 5:

“We Still Make House Calls!”

## I-5 Construction Detours



The latest information we have on detours is that sometime in April, detours will begin and will last for 32 days. The traffic will include any vehicles choosing to drive on Hwy 99 due to the traffic on the freeway, RV's, and trucks with loads wider than 12 feet. ODOT estimated that the truck traffic could be up to 20 vehicles per day. These will mostly be during the day, as large truckloads are not always allowed to travel at night. The first part of the detour will be all north-bound traffic. When north-bound traffic can get back on I-5, southbound traffic will be detoured—all within 32 days. The detour is strictly due to bridge repairs on I-5. One lane of traffic will be allowed at the bridge locations at all times, but the width will be limited to 12-feet in the one lane. Construction is supposed to happen at night as well, to decrease the detour time. Be prepared for these disruptions while traveling I-5.



### *Dates changed for* City of Talent Sealed Bid

The City of Talent Public Works Department and Police Department will be accepting sealed bids for many items the second week of April. Some of the items that will be sold include:

- 1998 Ford Crown Victoria (\$400 min. bid)** ←new opening bid
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- 1996 Ford Taurus (\$400 min. bid)** ←new opening bid
- 1988 Case Backhoe (\$10,000 min. bid)**
- Kawasaki Motorcycle (\$2,000 min. bid)**
- 30 KW Diesel X-military Generator (\$7,000 min. bid)**
- Computer Components (Sold as a lot)**
- Various air packs**
- Snapper Diesel Riding Lawn Mower , 61” cutting width (\$2,500 min. bid)**
- Typewriter, adding machine, shredder**
- Sound System**
- Desk**
- File Cabinets (metal)**

All items are sold AS IS, WITH NO WARRANTY EITHER WRITTEN OR IMPLIED. Arrangements for Trip Permits and removal of items purchased should be made by April 22, 2005. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

*\*Bids may be submitted from 8:30 a.m., April 11, 2005 until 3:00 p.m., April 20, 2005* at City Hall, 204 East Main or the Public Works Office, 200 Suncrest Road. Please call 535-3828 if you wish to view items. \*Bid sheets are available at City Hall or at the Public Works Office.



## COP TALK By Officer Shane Wilson



### Ways to Prevent Identity Theft

Identity Theft is becoming more common and a greater threat to individuals. To prevent it you should burn or shred with a cross shredder, any mail or financial papers with your personal information on it. Never recycle them.

Call 1-888-5OPTOUT and ask to stop credit card companies from sending pre-approved credit card applications to your house.

Beginning December 2004 in the USA everyone is entitled to

one free credit report each year. Get it and review it carefully. To request your credit report :  
Equifax 800-525-6285  
Experian 800-397-3741  
Trans Union 800-680-7289

Question companies that ask for personal information, such as your phone number at a check-out line. Hang up on telemarketers, especially ones fishing for personal information. It's impossible to tell what's real and fake online. Delete any e-mail that asks for personal information

Limit the number of credit cards you hold and carefully review your financial statements each month. Most of the time you can prevent an ID theft incident from occurring, by staying alert and organized.

If you become a victim of Identity Theft, file a report with the police, close any accounts effected and contact the fraud department of each credit card company to file a report.

Alert Social Security if your number has been used.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Development in Talent

Anyone looking around Talent is aware that there's a lot of building going on. On the heels of a five-year building moratorium it must seem as if someone has opened the floodgates and let pent-up demand come washing over the city. We know this has been alarming and upsetting to many who believe Talent should not grow too large and lose its small-town appeal. Others lament the loss of open fields in the midst of town. It is not unusual for City staff and officials to hear "you need to put a stop to growth." This is not a simple task to put on the brakes: by state law if property within the city limits has adequate access to transportation and urban services, or can extend such services, it

is eligible for consideration for development. We can manage growth but we cannot stop it.

Neither the Planning Commission nor staff can deny an application solely on the basis of objections to growth. However, neighbors' input helps the Commission and staff to attach reasonable conditions to development approvals to try and resolve some of the concerns.

State law requires cities to provide land for residential, commercial and industrial development—enough to accommodate 20 years of growth—within our Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Our choice is either to push out into agricultural land *or* to build at higher densities that keep growth



contained. (This topic will continue in the next issue of the *Flash*.)

### Looking for Interested Citizens

The Talent Architectural Review Committee meets once a month to review plans for new construction and remodels in the Old Town District. The Committee is advisory to the Planner and the Planning Commission. We need two new members to fill the open positions. You can pick up a Committee & Commission application at City Hall or print it off the web at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org). If you have interest or competence in, or knowledge about historic preservation, architecture, and/or local history, the ARC needs your help. If you have a specific request or need more information, please feel free to contact Planning at 535-7401 or via e-mail at [john@cityoftalent.org](mailto:john@cityoftalent.org).

## ARBOR DAY

On Monday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m. a tree will be planted at the Old Town Park to celebrate Arbor Day in Talent. Please join us!



## VACANCIES STILL EXIST ON BUDGET COMMITTEE

Budget Committee – Assist in reviewing the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. Primary meetings will take place in May.

## RECYCLING TELEPHONE BOOKS

Remind Talent residents have two opportunities to recycle their old telephone books once the new directories are delivered in mid April. Bring your old phone books to Talent Elementary School for the “Phone Book Collection Competition.” during April. Ashland Sanitary, will provide a cash reward to the school that collects the most telephone books.

As another option, residents can place those used phone books with your other recyclables. If you are not recycling now, you can make arrangements for the recycling curbside collection program by contacting Ashland Sanitary and Recycling Service at 482-1471.

**Everyone wins when we all recycle!**

## COUNCIL GOAL SETTING

The council would like to thank all those citizens who sent in feedback for goal setting. At goal setting the council decided that they wanted to try to respond to all feedback, suggestions, criticisms and compliments it receives, but unfortunately some letters were sent in anonymously. We look forward to hearing and talking with you.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>A</b>						1	2
<b>P</b>	3	4 Enhancement Comm. 3:45 pm Fire Dist. #5	5	6 City Council 6:30 pm Comm. Hall	7 Harvest Festival Mtg. 1:30 pm Fire Dist. 5	8	9
<b>R</b>	10	11 Municipal Court 3:00 pm Comm. Hall	12 Arch. Review 7:00 pm Comm. Hall	13 Parks 6:00 pm Comm. Hall	14 Planning 6:30 p.m. Comm. Hall	15	16 Arch.Review Walk- TBD
<b>I</b>	17	18	19 Urban Renewal 6:00 pm Comm. Hall	20 Safety 1:30 pm Comm. Hall City Council 6:30 p.m. Comm. Hall	21	22	23
<b>L</b>	24	25 Municipal Court 6:00 pm Comm. Hall	26	27 Economic Dev. Committee 3:30 p.m. Comm. Hall	28 Planning 6:30 pm Comm. Hall	29 The Flash Distributed	30