



THE FLASH

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

City of Talent

How to Report Street Light Outage



Street light maintenance should be simple – and it is with the helpful online forms provided by Pacific Power that allow you to be able to report an outage. If you notice a street-light is out of power, you can visit their Web site and fill out a simple form to let them know. www.pacificpower.net/streetlights or call 888/221-7070. Their Web site also includes helpful safety tips and other useful information.

Green-Up & Clean-Up

The City of Talent would like to thank Greg Goebelt and his Enhancement Committee for their great green-up and clean-up efforts on May 14th. The effort put forth by our citizens and business owners in the community shows us that there is a genuine interest in cleaning up the trash in this city. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Ashland Sanitary and Disposal for their support and efforts involved in providing and staffing the lumber brush boxes at the Talent Depot. Many of our citizens took advantage of this worthwhile service that they provided. Eight, 23 yard boxes were filled, which comprised 15,000 lbs of debris. This material went to bio-mass and will be used in the electrical generation.



Tennis Court Update

The Tennis courts at Chuck Roberts Park will be reconstructed in June and July. The paving is scheduled for completion by June 15. This work has been delayed by the very wet weather this spring.

Bids are being received by the City Engineer for installing the fence and nets and for applying the color coating to the courts. If there are no more weather delays, the fence should be completed by June 30th and the color coating by July 15th.



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Parks and Recreation Tentative Schedule

Parks and Recreation Programs - The City of Talent is pleased to announce it will be offering a limited schedule of recreation programs for the summer of 2005. This is the Parks and Recreation Commission's initial offering of programs. Each year, as we expand our programs to include activities for all ages, it is our goal to continue to add new recreation opportunities. As the community grows, and we are able to add new facilities, we will strive to provide a quality, diverse slate of recreation programs.

The following schedule is tentative. We hope to have final dates and times ready for publication by the middle of June. At that time we will include information about the sign-up process.



Skateboarding Lessons
(Ages 7-12)
July-August (1 week sessions)

Basketball Camp (Ages 7-12)
July-August (2 week sessions)

Soccer Camp (Ages 7-12)
July-September (2 week sessions)

Adult Soccer (Drop In Games)

Adult Basketball (Drop In Games)

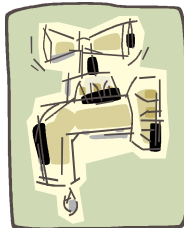
Tennis Lessons (**Pending completion of new tennis courts**)

We hope to kick off our summer schedule with a City Picnic/BBQ at Chuck Roberts Park.

Thank you for your support.

Water Consumption Awareness

We are now coming into the season when more water is consumed due to gardens and outdoor activities. Citizens are reminded to be conscious of water usage since the amount you use determines the size of the bill. Just a small drip from a faucet or leaky toilet can result in a large water bill.

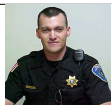


Weed Abatement Program



Revisions have been made to the implementation of the City's Weed Abatement program due to limitations on City Staff and FD #5 time. The intent of the program is to abate fire hazards. It is not intended to regulate neighbor disputes.

The program goes into effect when Fire Season is declared by the Oregon Department of Forestry and they notify the Fire Marshall. Generally this season extends from June through October, depending on actual weather conditions. If you believe there is a fire hazard, please call Cheryl at City Hall 535-1566 to begin the process. The process includes the involvement of Fire District 5 and City staff. If it is determined that a hazard does exist then there is a well defined process that is observed. (see the City Web site, City Ordinances link or contact City Hall) If compliance is not met within the prescribed period of time, the ordinance does allow the City to intervene and correct the problem at the expense of the property owner. Other complaints received that are not fire hazards may get referred to the Code Enforcement Officer.



COP TALK By Officer Shane Wilson

It seems like everywhere we look, there is some type of construction going on. With spring here, construction will continue out on our highways. The construction that I would like to talk about is road construction. It has already been in progress on Interstate 5 and will soon be taking place on Highway 99 in Talent. With construction, comes more safety precautions. Sometimes there are flagman directing traffic, and other times slower speed signs are posted, or a combination of both. This is for your safety as well as the construction workers. ORS 811.232 talks about refusing to obey a flagman. If you intentionally or unreasonably disobey a lawful order of a flagman, you could be subject to a fine of \$421.00, as this

is a class A traffic violation. If the speed is reduced in a specific area due to construction and you are exceeding the speed limit, the fine will be increased since you are in a construction zone. Remember, the flagman and reduced speed are for everyone's safety. Please allow extra time to get to work or school when construction is in progress. Please be attentive and follow the directions of flagman and/or detour signs. We will be patrolling these construction zones to ensure safety and compliance with laws. Please take it slow.

As a side note from May 23 through June 5 the "Click it or Ticket" campaign begins. Officers throughout the state will work overtime to enforce seatbelt and child safety seat violations. If you are caught not

wearing your seatbelt you will be subject to a fine of \$94.00. Please buckle up and ensure that your children are properly seated in the correct child restraint system.

NEW TALENT POLICE OFFICER'S

My name is Matthew Potts and I have been a Police Officer for just shy of four years. I grew up in the Rogue Valley and after being gone for almost eight years I am excited to be back and serving the City of Talent. I look forward to spending some time with the citizens of this growing city.



David Lorenz will graduate on June 17th from the academy and will be on patrol soon afterward.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Development in Talent—Part Three

In the last couple of issues we've looked at growth in Talent since 2002. While there has been a lot, it is not surprising given the high demand for housing and the amount of developable land scattered through Talent. Although this development upsets many residents, there are a couple of benefits to be had.

First, development generates *systems development charges* (SDCs), which means there will be more money available for citywide infrastructure improvements to storm sewers, parks, and streets, including resurfacing and adding curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Development also raises the tax base, putting more money into the general fund so the City may

continue to improve its services to the community.

Without development we would not have the revenue to make real improvements—only patches here and there, or whenever we obtained state grants. Change is neither wholly bad nor wholly good, so the planning department will keep working to make growth better integrate within the community.

Items of interest

On May 17 the Planning Commission approved the *concept plan* for "Clearview," a Planned Unit Development in the vacant parcel on Highway 99 between Anjou Club and Goodnight Inn. The proposal is for 20,980 square feet in commercial space (in six buildings) along the highway, six

residential-commercial units, and 58 detached and attached houses on the rear two thirds of the property up to Suncrest Road. The Commission had a number of concerns that they directed the applicants to address in their *detailed development plan* submittal, which is the next step in the process.

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.



URBAN RENEWAL NEWS

Historic Wagner Creek Bridge Improvements: The Wagner Creek Bridge on Talent Avenue, built in 1914 and an important historic resource, will soon be having restoration work done as well as safety and aesthetic improvements. Designed by a bridge engineer in consultation with a historic preservation consultant, the improvements will include repairing cosmetic damage and adding concrete "extensions" to the bridge ends for added safety. On the pedestrian bridges, outer railings will be powdered coated to eliminate rust, walkways will be widened, and the inner railings removed entirely to allow the bridge to stand out as a gateway to downtown. In addition, an interpretive display will provide information about the bridge's history and the pristine riparian area in the creek below. For more information, contact Marla Cates, Executive Director, 535-6170.

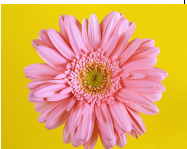


Street Sweeping on Thursdays

Street Sweeping in Talent takes place every Thursday. All streets that have curbs and gutters will be swept and cleaned *early* Thursday morning. As usual, The City is asking for your cooperation in keeping vehicles off the roadway during this time. Thank you in advance for helping to keep our streets clean.

Reminders – When walking your dog, please carry the tools necessary to clean up after them. Dispensers have been provided in some locations within the City. City Ordinance # 03-749 Section 3 Article #6 prohibits dogs not on leashes, in City Parks.

This Ordinance and other useful information can be found on our website at www.cityoftalent.org

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
J				1 City Council 6:30 pm Comm. Hall	2 Library (Public Mtg.) 6:00 pm Comm. Hall	3	4
U	5	6	7	8 Parks 6:00 pm Comm. Hall	9 Harvest Fest. 3:45 pm Fire Dist. 5 Planning 6:30	10	11
N	12	13 Municipal Court 3:00 pm CH	14 Arch. Review 7:00 pm Comm. Hall	15 Safety 1:30 pm CH City Council 6:30 pm CH	16 Library (Public Mtg.) 6:00 pm CH	17	18 Arch Review Walk
E	19	20	21 Urban Renew 6:00 pm Lib. Or CH	22 Economic 3:30 pm Comm. Hall	23 Planning 6:30 pm Comm. Hall	24	25
	26	27 Municipal Court 6:00 pm CH	28	29	30 The "Flash" Distributed		