



THE FLASH

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

City of Talent

THE 33RD ANNUAL TALENT HARVEST FESTIVAL



It's been 33 years since the very first Talent Harvest Festival and that's something to celebrate! The Harvest Festival Committee is already in the planning stages for this year's event to be held on Saturday, September 10th, in the downtown area of Talent. The day's festivities will start with the Southern Oregon Sizzlers 5-K & 10K Run/Walk, meeting at Talent Old Town

Park/Skate Park – race begins at 8:30 a.m.. Also the Lions Club pancake breakfast at 7 a.m.,



followed by a parade at 10 a.m.

We'll have vendor, craft and food booths, face-painting, balloons by Garry, pony rides, games for the kids, and live entertainment in Library Park beginning at 11 a.m. This year promises to be a year you don't want to miss so mark your calendars and plan on bringing the whole family.

If you would like to be in the parade, are a vendor and would like a booth, need information on signing up for the race, or would like to volunteer to help,

contact Cheryl at City Hall, 535-1566, or email at cheryl@cityoftalent.org.

We'd love to see you in September!

A taste of our live entertainment line-up is as follows:

- **Science Works** — *Bubbles*
- **Jill Fjeldheim** — *Clowning*
- **Jes' Groove**— *Jazz/Blues Band*
- **Zion Train**—*Pop Rock Reggae Band*

Stop by or call City Hall "early" to get your Raffle Tickets for Great Prizes - (Need not be present to win!)

- * **Micro Train-Train Set**
- * **Fabricated Glass — Beveled Mirror**
- * **Sun-Day Afternoons—Apparel**

City Councilor Vacancy Filled

Brian Roberts was re-appointed to fill Council Seat No.2. Roberts term will become effective immediately and will extend to December 2006.



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RECREATION PROGRAMS IN TALENT



The first venture into offering Recreation Programs in Talent is off to a good start with a successful program, offering skateboard lessons to inexperienced skaters on how to navigate the skate park safely.

Southern Oregon Fuego held a Soccer Camp for boys and girls the week of July 25-29, and the 1st Annual Community Picnic sponsored by Parks and Recreation took place at Chuck Roberts Park on the 29th of July.

Thursday evening drop-in soccer and basketball at Chuck Roberts Park will begin on August 4, 2005 and go from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Equipment will be available and there will be a park supervisor to organize the play. An admission fee of \$1/session (each Thursday) will be charged.

Tennis lessons will be offered as soon as the tennis courts are complete. Difficult soil conditions have caused the City to find alternatives that have resulted in delays and higher costs. It is expected that lessons will be in early August. All those who have called to date will be contacted with more details. If others would like to be added to the list, please contact City Hall at 535-1566.



SUMMER WATER USAGE

With summer comes an increase use of water for both gardens and recreational purposes. It is also a time when people go away on vacations and the possibilities that undetected water leaks can last longer. The cost of water is high and leaks can go undetected for longer periods of time. This will result in a higher water bill. Be sure to check to make sure all faucets are secured, any leaky toilets have been fixed and, if you have a sprinkler system, it is property programmed.

CONSTRUCTION IN TALENT

In addition to the housing construction that is ongoing in Talent, there are three major construction projects underway as well. The I-5 project will continue through August. The Highway 99 project (Colver to Rapp Road) is just beginning and is scheduled to continue through September of 2006. The bridge replacement on West Valley View will be extensive and last at least a year and a half. There are three different contractors involved for each of the projects and the oversight of these projects is provided by the state for Highway 99 and Jackson County for the bridge. All of the projects will continue to provide for traffic, but you can expect delays and diversions at some points. While we regret the inconvenience, it is not possible to make these important improvements without some disruption.

New City Employee's

- ◆ New Police Officer's, David Lorenz and Ryan Dale have joined the Talent Police Department.
- ◆ New Maintenance Technician, Steve Olsen joins the City of Talent's Public Works Department.

WELCOME!

What's All the Hoop-la?



In the past few months, the City of Talent has received several complaints about basketball hoops on city sidewalks and in city right-of-ways. For this reason, we are asking citizens to remove basketball hoops and other sports-related equipment from city sidewalks and streets. The city has a responsibility to ensure the public's safety and protect the public right-of-way. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



COP TALK By Officer Shane Wilson

This month I would like to talk about speeding and other dangerous driving behaviors in our neighborhoods. Specifically, I'd like to invite community members to report this kind of conduct to police when they see it. Recently we've had an increase in complaints about people driving dangerously and speeding on Schoolhouse Rd. and on Lithia Way. Of course these

are not the only two places in Talent that people are speeding, but we have been getting complaints on those streets. Dangerous driving, speeding and other careless or reckless driving behaviors have no place in our neighborhoods. If you witness an incident please report that to us. Please DO NOT make contact with the person, but instead record their license plate, date, time, location and then call it in to us. Once an officer

has this information, we can use it to find the owner's of the vehicle as well as the registered address. We then can contact that person and proceed from there by speaking with the driver and addressing the issue. We've found in the past that this approach works well to adjust driving behaviors, and we can't do it without your help. You may contact us anytime at our dispatch center at 776-7206.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Call for Commissioners

The Planning Commission can always use interested citizens to help on the Advisory Board. With the addition of staff to the Planning Department, we hope to have more time to coordinate subcommittee activities and improve citizen involvement.

Advisory Board members have as much of a time commitment as the Commissioners, and may be called upon to fill a quorum at public hearings.

Attend a meeting and find out what's happening in your world.

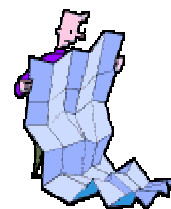
Items of interest

On July 14 the Planning Commission approved the *concept plan* for "Lithia View, Phase 2" in the 1600 Block of Lithia Way at the south end of town. The proposal is for 15 single-family lots adjacent to a wetland. The property is zoned R1-6 and comprises 3.33 acres.

Also that night the Commission approved the *detailed plan* for B&D Business Park on Highway 99 adjacent to Wagner Creek, a mixed-use development containing six apartments, retail/office space, and the new headquarters for SOS Plumbing.

On August 11 the Commission will look at the *detailed plan* for Clearview, a mixed-use development on 10 acres next to Anjou Club containing 55 homes, live-work buildings, and six retail/office buildings comprising nearly 21,000 square feet. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM in the Community Center at 206 East Main Street.

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.



WATER BILLS



You may notice a difference in your water bill this month. The City has changed software and the appearance and color of the bill will be different. We would also like to remind customers that when a property is sold it is important that both the seller and buyer contact City Hall to make sure we have the latest billing information. Sellers should call to stop the water service in their name and the buyer needs to file an application to set up an account.

The water is shut off when the seller notifies the City of his/her departure date. The buyer will need to apply for service and pay a \$60 deposit before the water can be turned on. The City reads every meter each month and if usage is recorded a bill will be generated

and depending on notification, either the seller or buyer will be responsible for the bill. Proper notification will avoid misunderstandings on the proper billing.

To manage Public Work's time we do require 1 business day notification to implement the changes. The City does not connect or disconnect water service on the weekend therefore it is important to plan ahead.

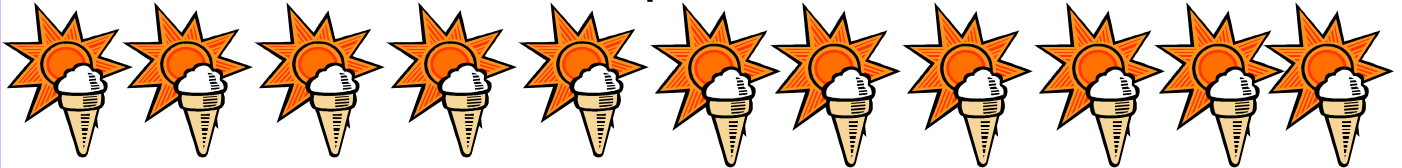
The \$60 deposit is refunded in 2 years of non-delinquent activity or when an account is closed, whichever is first. Outstanding water charges will be deducted from the deposit prior to a refund being issued.



Danger!

WAGNER CREEK

An advisory warning has been issued for Wagner Creek and residents are advised to keep children and pets out of the water.



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AUGUST		1 <i>Municipal Court</i> 3:00pm	2	3 <i>City Council</i> 6:30pm <i>Comm. Hall</i>	4	5	6
	7	8	9 <i>Enhance Comm.</i> 4:15pm <i>Fire Dist. #5 Arch. Review</i> 7:00pm <i>Comm. Hall</i>	10 <i>Parks</i> 6:00pm <i>Comm. Hall</i>	11 <i>Traffic</i> 3:00pm <i>Pub. Works Harvest Fest</i> 3:45pm <i>CH</i> <i>Planning</i> 6:30pm <i>CH</i>	12	13
	14	15 <i>Municipal Court</i> 6:00pm <i>Comm. Hall</i>	16 <i>Urban Renew.</i> 6:00pm <i>TBD</i>	17 <i>Safety</i> 1:30pm <i>Police Dept.</i> <i>City Council</i> 6:30pm <i>CH</i>	18	19	20 <i>Arch. Review</i> <i>Walk</i> <i>TBD</i>
	21	22	23 <i>Economic Dev.</i> 3:30pm <i>Comm. Hall</i>	24	25 <i>Harvest Fest</i> 3:45pm <i>Comm. Hall</i> <i>Planning</i> 6:30pm <i>Comm. Hall</i> <i>The "Flash"</i>	26	27
	28	29	30	31			