



THE FLASH

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

City of Talent

TENNIS AT THE PARK



Tennis enthusiasts have quickly found use of the newly completed tennis courts at Chuck Roberts Park. After a number of years of disrepair the City, with the help of a state/federal grant, has been able to have the courts totally reconstructed. The basketball courts at the park are also refurbished.

The City has had a week of successful tennis lessons taught by a tennis pro at the courts and is considering offering lessons in September as well.

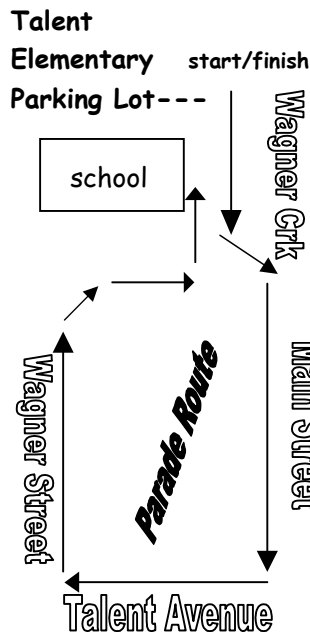
33rd Annual Harvest Festival

This year's festival is just around the corner. Did you know that the Harvest Festival is always the second Saturday in September, this year falling on the 10th. Everyone's invited to Library Park for an afternoon of fun for the whole family.

The day begins at 7:00 am with a pancake breakfast in the Community Hall to benefit the Lions Club. The So. Oregon Sizzlers 5-K/10-K Run/Walk is at 8:30 am. Contact Felicia Hazel at 535-3406 for more information. The parade begins at 10:00 am, followed at 11:00 am by live entertainment for the kids and live music by Zion Train and Jes' Groove. Kids-you won't want to miss the organized kid zone games with prizes, balloons by Garry and the Safety Trailer brought to you by Fire Dist. #5.

This year's parade route will begin and end at Talent Elementary.

**SEE MAP
BELOW.**



Don't miss the many Artists/Crafters/ Commercial vendors and food booths. Along with the dunk tank, face painting, pony rides for the little ones and much more.....

For more information, please contact Cheryl at 535-1566.



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More Harvest Festival.....

Two years ago 1st St. families entered a neighborhood float in the Harvest Festival parade. Our banner said "First St.Families Growing Together" with all ages on board including the 100 years young, Merton Post. It was a lot of fun. Now we would like to challenge other neighborhoods to join the fun. Your parade entry can be as simple as walking, carrying a banner or a float. It is a fun way to get to know your neighbors and help to build a Talent tradition. Call Carol Malcom at 512-1789 or Nancy Rush-Yates at 535-1031 for more information and ideas.

REMINDERS

- ◆ With the high temperatures this summer more water is being consumed. All efforts to conserve water are strongly encouraged.
- ◆ Ashland Sanitary and Recycling offer services for curbside collection of recyclables in Talent. Arrangements can be made for this service by contacting them at 482-1471 or visiting their booth at the Harvest Festival.
- ◆ Motorists are asked to **Please Slow Down** in Talent particularly along Highway 99 and Valley View Road in the construction zones. Remember that traffic violations that occur in a construction zone can result in a doubling of fines.
- ◆ Need a Permit? It is always safer to check with the City if you are planning any type of home improvement project on your property as to whether a City zoning or building permit will be required. Contact the Community Development Department for answers to these questions at 535-7401.
- ◆ With the increase in the cost of gasoline motorists may want to consider using the RVTD bus. All along Talent Avenue there are a number of bus stops. You can check with RVTD at 779-2877 or on their website at www.rvtd.org for information about this service.
- ◆ Committee openings. There are openings on the Economic Development Committee (business), the Planning Commission (both as a commission member and in advisory capacity), and the Enhancement Committee.

GREENWAY USER SAFETY

All the Bear Creek Greenway users are reminded that the entrance area off of West Valley View in Talent has become a construction zone and the signs posted should be observed. The construction of a new bridge to replace the existing bridge has begun and for your own safety you are asked to observe the signs.

For those using the Greenway coming from Ashland or south of the City of Talent please be careful on the path since there are a number of areas where tree roots have disturbed the asphalt and there is potential for accidents if the walkers and bikers do not observe this. The Talent section of the Greenway was one of the first built in the Valley, which was over 20 years ago, and construction methods have changed such that these problems have been avoided in other areas of the path. The County has marked these areas where there are problems and is attempting to correct some of the more severe problems.

The County, through an extensive citizen involvement process, has developed an ongoing maintenance plan for the Greenway and have begun discussions with cities along the route as to potential funding sources to implement the plan.

COLVER WATER LINE EXTENSION

A contract has been awarded to Pilot Rock for the installation of a water line on sections of Colver Road and Front Street. This line will provide much needed access to water for the Phoenix-Talent School District property located outside the City limits on Colver Road. By connecting two dead ends in the water system, a loop will be provided to the water system which will help to prevent against surges in the line as well as providing a redundancy should there be a break in any section of the line in this area. Work is expected to begin in mid October with completion in November. The school and a developer are sharing in some of the costs for this system improvement. The school will be responsible for extending the line from the City limits to their property on Colver.



COP TALK By Officer Shane Wilson

With school starting this month, I would like to remind people of some of the school laws as we go into the season.

First, with the new school zone law, it is a 20 MPH speed zone around the schools in Talent at ALL times.

Citation fines are enhanced in school zones. The next law I would like to address

is failure to stop for school bus lights.

We see this violation commonly on South Pacific Hwy. Remember, you must stop and remain stopped on both sides of the road while the school bus lights are flashing. This is very important for the safety of the children that may be crossing the road. It is also a Class "A" violation, carrying a fine of \$421.00.

Remember, there will be many kids and parents walking and there will be congestion around the schools. Please be vigilant while driving.

You may contact us anytime at our dispatch center at 776-



PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Call for Commissioners

The Planning Commission needs a new member. Be a part of the planning process in Talent and help shape the future. Coming up: changes to the planned unit development subdivision method.

New staff

On September 12 the Planning Department will add a new staff member. Colin May will join the department as a Planning Technician. He's a graduate in Geography from SOU and has been a database technician with the City of Grants Pass since 2003.

Colin will be initially charged with modernizing the City's Geographic Information Systems to improve the department's ability to track land use activities and code violations, maintain an up-to-date inventory of buildable lands, analyze zoning districts in terms of distribution and adequacy, enhance historic preservation activities, and perform transportation and parking analyses.

After that project is underway, then Colin will begin helping with application processing, citizen involvement, mapping, code enforcement, and may partici-

ate in Planning Commission meetings. We're certain Colin will be an invaluable addition to community planning.

Items of interest

On August 11 the Planning Commission reviewed 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. A deadlocked Commission deferred final decision to August 25.

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

Front Street Meadow:

Citizens may notice brown areas in the meadow portions along Front Street. This patchiness is normal, and expected. The meadow is not intended to be a green carpet of lawn year round. Rather, it is designed to grow wild over time, more like a natural meadow, to achieve a rural-looking appearance and to conserve water and future maintenance costs for the City.

Annual Report:

The Agency's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2004-05 is now on file and available for review at City Hall and Talent Library. The Report details projects accomplished in the last year, projects that are anticipated for the current year, and an explanation of how the Agency is funded.

102 Home Street:

The Agency recently purchased a small historic house at 102 Home Street. Over the next several months, it will be restored and rehabilitated for the Agency's use as an office and meeting space. (The Agency does not currently have office space at City Hall.) After several years, the Agency will sunset and ownership of the house will be transferred to the City for public, commercial, or residential use.

For more information, please contact Marla Cates, Executive Director, 535-6170

LOCAL BUSINESS SURVEY

The City of Talent Economic Development Committee has spent some time developing a "Business Retention & Expansion Survey" for all locally based businesses to fill out. The Survey will be available on the City's website www.cityoftalent.org in September. Local businesses are asked to provide information that will assist in strengthening the relationship between local businesses and the community; create a better business environment for those who wish to start a business, continue to operate or to expand their business in Talent; and, to help the City identify problems that local businesses may be experiencing. The survey is a start in helping the committee to identify issues within the business community and to determine how limited City resources can be directed towards solving some of the problems.

BBQ WAS A SUCCESS!

The Parks and Recreation Picnic BBQ and Summer Recreation kickoff held on July 29th in Chuck Roberts Park was a great success. Many thanks to all that attended and a Special thanks to all the local businesses that contributed towards making this such a special event.

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4	5 Labor Day (City Hall closed) closed)	6 Municipal Court 3:00pm Comm. Hall	7 City Council 6:30pm Comm. Hall	8 Traffic 3pm P.W. Harv. Fest. 3:45 Cm HI Planning (if needed)	9	10 Harvest Festival 7am Brkfst 8am Run 10am Parade 11-3pm Festival
11	12	13 Architec. Review 7:00pm Comm. Hall	14 Parks 6:00pm Comm. Hall	15	16	17 Arch. Review Walk 9:00am TBD
18	19 Municipal Court 6:00pm Comm. Hall	20 Urban Renewal 6:00pm Comm. Hall	21 Safety 1:30pm TBD City Council 6:30pm Comm Hall	22 Planning 6:30pm Comm. Hall	23	24
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