



THE FLASH

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

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PICNIC IN THE PARK-CHUCK ROBERTS

On Saturday, August 12, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring a free "Picnic in the Park" with food being provided compliments of Sysco Foods and Windmill Inn's & Suites of Ashland. Live entertainment will include Dan Tillman playing Mississippi Blues and Craig Wright playing Louisiana Blue Grass. There will also be a raffle of donations from local businesses with the proceeds going towards helping to pay for the musical entertainment. Several nice contributions have already been received for the musicians from Talent Chamber of Commerce members and local businesses, but more is needed. Come, bring your blankets or chairs, and plan to have an enjoyable evening with your neighbors at Chuck Roberts Park on Talent Avenue.

City Hall Ground Breaking

A special invitation is extended to the citizens of Talent for the Ground Breaking Ceremony on Sunday, August 20, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Talent Depot, 100 E. Main Street. Please join the City and Urban Renewal Agency for refreshments and a ceremonial ground breaking for the new City Hall. A tour of the planned future civic center campus will follow immediately after the ceremony.

After many years of wishing and finally planning for a new Civic Center to include a new City Hall and Commons area, work will finally begin in August. The architect for the project is Pivot Architecture from Eugene, Oregon and the contractor is Adroit Construction Company from Ashland, Oregon. The City Hall will include 7500 square

feet of office space for City staff. Due to cost constraints the City Council will continue to hold Council meetings at the Community Center. The Commons area will connect through a park area and interconnecting sidewalks the new City Hall to the new County Library, parking area for the Library and the Community Center.

Elections in November

There is still time for anyone interested in running for Mayor or a City Council seat in the November elections. Petitions can be picked up at City Hall and would have to be returned to the City Manager no later than August 18th. If you have an interest please contact the City Manager.



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Sidewalks Around Tark's Market

Some sections of concrete along Wagner, John, and "I" Street are being taken out because they are creating a tripping hazard. In place of concrete the City is going to replace the sidewalks with asphalt. Asphalt is more flexible than concrete and the trees in the vicinity of the sidewalk will not cause the new asphalt sections to rise, as was the case with concrete. The asphalt will be stamped and colored with an acrylic coating to improve the appearance of the area. This concept is being presented to the Talent Public Arts Advisory Committee for ideas on the specific colors and treatments.

WEED ABATEMENT REMINDER:

Remember to keep weeds mowed so that the risk of fire is eliminated. The City has an ordinance to enforce violations.

New City Staff Member

Jane Booker

I am excited to be a member of the City of Talent staff as Water Clerk and a returning resident of Oregon.

I relocated from Phoenix Arizona where I attended the University of Phoenix and worked in the software engineering and finance industries as business analyst, software developer and corporate department manager. My daughter Kate, her husband Jason and my grandchildren John, David and Sarah have lived in Southern Oregon for many years. My interests are spending time with my family, art, music and archery. I look forward to serving and becoming an active member of the community. It is especially exciting to be here during a time of new growth and development and to be part of the challenges, opportunities and creative potential that growth will bring to Talent and its residents.



Use of Community Center

The City Council is currently reviewing an Ordinance and Resolution to allow for the expanded use of the Community Center by the public. While wanting to make the building more available to the public, particularly on weekends, controls will be put in place to manage the uses so that they do not become increased maintenance problems to the City. Fee schedules are being developed to reflect the true cost of the usage to the City in terms of maintenance and staff time. The City is faced with some large costs to maintain the building (painting and gutters) and there needs to be some source of revenue to help in these expenses. The building, built in 1899, does require special care to preserve its historical integrity. You can review the ordinance and Operating Rules on the City's website at www.cityoftalent.org.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Highway 99: ODOT representatives report that the new signals at Rapp Road and at Colver/Suncrest should be turned on and functioning by August 8. The rest of the project, including the islands and the sidewalks, should be completed by the end of August. The landscaping work will be completed during the cooler weather in September.

Rapp Road: For at least the third summer in a row Rapp Road between the railroad tracks and Highway 99 is undergoing construction activity. The good news is that the current construction activity will result in a completely new street, with curb, gutter and sidewalk. The old drainage ditch will be a thing of the past, as will the bumps in the street. The construction will be completed during the month of September.

Wagner Street: The improvements on Wagner Street between the railroad tracks and W. Main Street will be completed by September 1. The street will receive new curb, sidewalk and drainage features. It is being widened for safer bicycling. The City's goal is to have all of the work completed prior to the start of the new school year.



COP TALK

By Officer Shane Wilson

I would like to address a dangerous issue that has been occurring over the last couple weeks in the City. We have been receiving reports of juveniles playing on the train tracks, waiting for trains, and then jumping out of the way at the last minute. These trains are obviously large, carry a lot of weight, and cannot stop in a short distance. This activity is not only

extremely dangerous, but is also a crime. The Police Department will be taking an active role in identifying the people involved. Criminal charges can include Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Trespass. The railroad is owned and operated by Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. The railroad tracks are private property, not a public way.

We would like your help in identifying the people engaging in these activities. Parents,

please speak with your children about the dangers of playing on the railroad.

If you see someone on railroad property, please contact the Police immediately.

CAUTION !



PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Parking and Garages

The Planning Commission is considering increasing the off-street parking requirement for single-family homes from one space to two spaces, or base required parking on the number of bedrooms. Over half the homes in Talent have two or more vehicles. While most City streets provide on-street parking, the supply is not unlimited, and several parts of town are experiencing significant parking problems. The new requirements would not apply retroactively, so no one need worry that City staff will be knocking on your door telling you to add a parking space. Parking spaces are permanently maintained areas measuring 8.5 ft. by 18 ft. with proper access and intended to be used for the

parking of standard-sized automobiles. Garages count as parking spaces, provided they meet or exceed the minimum dimensions.

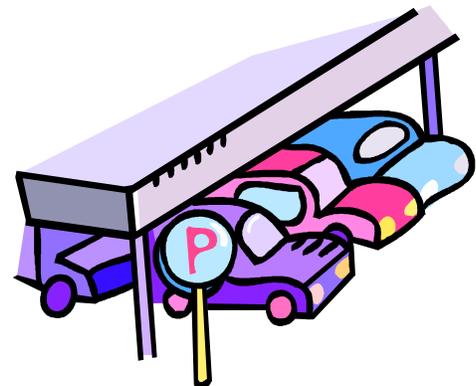
The Commission began deliberations on 27 July, but it is likely the debate will continue into August and perhaps September. The City Council will also hold at least one public hearing after the Commission has made a recommendation, so there will be opportunities for interested citizens to participate.

Planning Commission

A position has opened up on the Commission, so if you are interested in learning how communities grow and having a hand in guiding that growth, please stop by City Hall to pick up a Commission/Committee Application

or you can find it on the City's website at www.cityoftalent.org.

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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL—Saturday, September 9, 2006 Old Town Park

The Talent Harvest Festival will be held in Old Town Park. The day will start with a Lion's pancake breakfast at 7 a.m., the 5k-10k race begins at 8 a.m., with packet pick up and late registrations between 7-7:45 a.m. There will be a parade at 10 a.m., food, craft and artists booths will line Main and John Streets, and will be operational after the parade until 4 p.m. Live stage performances for the kids beginning at 11 a.m. includes Science Works, Jill Fjeldheim-clowning and the Snow Mountain Dancers, also pony rides, face painting, clowns and balloons throughout the day. Come enjoy music in the park beginning at 12:30 p.m., with live musical performances by Craig Wright w/special guest Inger Jorgensen, Jes' Groove and the Rogue Suspects. Sure to be a good time for all! There's still booth space available for Crafters, Artists and Food vendors. For information on how to obtain vendor booth space or participate in the run or the parade, contact Cheryl at 535-1566.

1st Street families are putting together a parade entry for the Harvest Festival parade, and would like to challenge other neighborhoods to create their own entry. They are happy to offer their support and ideas to help your neighborhood as this is their 4th year. Please call Carol Malcolm at 512-1789 or Nancy Rush-Yates at 535-1031 for ideas. Hope to see you all at the Festival!

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> City Council 6:30pm Comm Hall (recycle)	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Municipal Court 3:00pm Comm Hall Candidate Filing Date	<i>8</i> Arch. Review 7:00pm Comm Hall	<i>9</i> Parks 6:00pm Comm Hall	<i>10</i> Harv. Fest. 3:30 pm TBD Planning 6:30pm Comm Hall	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Urban Renewal 6:00pm Comm Hall	<i>16</i> Chamber 8:30am TBD Safety 1:30pm C H City Council 6:30pm C H	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Arch Review Walk 9:00am TBD
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Municipal Court 3:00pm Comm Hall	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Harv. Fest. 3:30pm	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> (recycle)	<i>31</i> The "Flash" Dis- tributed Planning 6:30pm Comm Hall	Harvest Festival Saturday Sept. 9th	