



# THE FLASH

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

# City of Talent

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## PEACE POLE CEREMONY

Please join the community in the planting and dedicating of a Peace Pole in Depot Park on September 21st at 11:00 a.m. The Peace Pole is a square pole with "may peace prevail on earth" written on each of the sides in different languages. The languages selected for the pole are English, Spanish, Takelman and German. We invite you to participate in the ceremony. Please contact Lynn Perkins at 512-1549 or email [lynn@peacewalkers.org](mailto:lynn@peacewalkers.org)

## Meeting Schedule for the West Valley View Master Plan

A schedule of public meetings is currently being developed for the proposed street network plan. At this time, dates are not firm but an announcement is expected in a few weeks. Citizens interested in receiving meeting announcements via mail or e-mail may contact Executive Director Marla Cates at 535-6170 or [uratalent@charterinternet.com](mailto:uratalent@charterinternet.com)

## Police Station Expansion

The Talent City Council has approved the placement of a bond measure (#15-71) on the November ballot to authorized the construction and improvement to the Police Station located on Talent Avenue. The amount of the bond is \$800,000. That figure includes the costs of construction as well as the cost of selling the bond. The City would pay back the bond over a 15-year period. The project includes the renovation of the existing building to bring it into compliance with federal and state regulations as well the addition of 2100 sq. ft. to provide office space, an interrogation meeting area, additional space for the proper storage of evidence, arms storage and a training area for the police officers.

You can calculate the cost to you by taking the assessed value of your property dividing it by \$1000 and multiplying this amount by \$.16. As an example:

a \$200,000 house would be approximately \$31 per year for the next 15 years. If there are any questions related to this bond measure please feel free to contact the City Manager at 535-1566.

## Problems at the Skate Park

Malicious vandalism has been escalating all summer long at the skate park on East Main Street. In an attempt to take back the park recommendations will be presented to the City Council at their September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to tighten considerably the ordinance regulating the use of the park. A security camera will be installed together with improved lighting. The City cannot afford to continue to pay for all the damage that is occurring on a weekly basis. For the interim the bathrooms will be closed at 3:30 p.m. during the week and closed entirely on weekends. Should there be vandalism in the skate bowl, the park will be closed at a minimum, two days, or until the City can clean it up. Those who

are interested in the responsible use of this park are encouraged to attend this council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

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## Talent 3rd Place in State Fastpitch Softball



Phoenix-Talent 11-12 year olds took 3rd place at the State Fastpitch Softball Tournament in Prineville this July. Lana Engle, Phoenix High softball coach and Coach Darrin Welburn of Fire District 5 along with John Murphy team manager were instrumental in this victory! Congratulations!

### Upcoming Meetings

Meetings of interest coming up are:

**September 7, 2006** – Regional Problem Solving Public Presentation at 6:30 p.m., Talent Middle School.

**September 20, 2006**— Talent Chamber of Commerce at 8:30 a.m., hosted by Middleway Medicine at Camelot Theatre.

**October 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** – Open House at Talent Police Department 1-4 p.m.

**October 19, 2006** - Talent Candidates' Forum, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Community Center

### New City Staff Member —

Denise Woodman



It is a rare opportunity to live and work in a great little city like

Talent. I am excited to join the City of Talent as Finance Director. My husband and I made Talent our home in 1988. We have two children. Sarah is 19 and attends Southern Oregon University. Walker, age 10, is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Talent Elementary. I enjoy swimming, fishing, camping and just spending time with my family.

I graduated from Southern Oregon University and have pursued a career in government finance. As a long time Talent resident, I am excited to be able to serve the community in which I live.

## 2nd Annual Picnic A Success

Many thanks to the incredible effort of a lot of people to make the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Talent Picnic such a great success. Over 200 people attended the event where food was provided by Sysco Foods compliments of the Windmill Inn, and live entertainment was provided thanks to donations of Tark's Market, Rod Hodgdon, Creative Arts, Bradley's Excavation, Alliance Concrete Enclosures, Sunday Afternoons and Mica Cardillo. Wal Mart contributed the paper products and Fire District #5 barbecued. The raffle was a success thanks to the donations of Mt Ashland Ski Area, Windmill Inn, Rogue Hair Design, INTI and Bangkok's Benny.

## 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. 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.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### West Valley View Bridge:

The bridge work is currently anticipated by the county to be completed by the end of this year. The old bridge has been removed. The contractor is currently doing the in-stream foundation work because the only time of the year they are allowed to work in the stream is during the summer months until September 15. Paving should occur late in the year.

### New Pedestrian Crossing on Wagner Street:

The ODOT Pedestrian Safety Program is planning on funding an improved crossing on Wagner Street between the Patio Village area and Tarks Market. The city will be receiving about \$5000 from this program to install pedestrian refuges or bulbouts and to better define the crosswalk. Pedestrians should be better protected from vehicular traffic once the improvements are made.



## COP TALK

By Officer Shane Wilson

This month we at Talent

PD would like to honor past Chief of Police and longtime public servant Chuck Roberts. Chuck has served the City of Talent for over 40 years and for that last 9 years Chuck has served the police department as a courier. Each Monday through Friday, Chuck has shown up at the police department at about 7:00 am to gather and deliver paperwork to the various agencies and departments that receive the work that we do. Chuck has made his rounds faithfully,

hardly ever missing a day. Chuck has been dedicated to serving the City of Talent since 1962 when he was hired onto the police department where he served as Chief of Police for 22 years. Chuck also served on the Talent City Council for 8 years, two of those years as Council President. Chuck's latest "retirement" leaves a big hole in our staff and we are going to miss his dedicated public service. It has been an honor to work with Chuck. Our thanks and best wishes go out to him and his family.

**Thanks Chuck!**

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Zoning & Subdivision Codes

Keep an eye out for reformatted Zoning and Subdivision Codes in the next couple of months. There will be no change to the substance of the either Code, just the imposition of a new organizational structure. This will make it easier to navigate for the public as well as staff. A newer, more user-friendly web version will be available at about the same time.

### Regional Problem Solving

The City will be hosting a public forum at the middle school on Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 PM. This will be open to all and

will be your opportunity to hear from policy makers on the progress of the RPS process. RPS is the long-term, multi-city plan for eventual expansions of Urban Growth Boundaries. Talent is anticipating the addition of approximately 280 acres of commercial, industrial, open space and residential lands to the UGB within the next 20–50 years. If you haven't seen or heard of the RPS plan, here's your opportunity to learn about it. You may also find information on Rogue Valley Council of Governments' website at: [www.rvcog.org](http://www.rvcog.org). Just click on the "NOWx2" logo on the homepage.

## Talent Mayor Receives Leadership Award

On July 29th at the Oregon Mayors Association Conference in Newport, the fourteenth annual Mayor's Leadership Award was presented to Talent Mayor Marian Telerski, representing small cities.

Mayor Telerski, serving her 8th year in office, is recognized as honest, fair-minded, progressive and straight forward. The city's first female mayor, has had one mayoral goal: "the betterment of the community".

Through a 16 year commitment of time and effort, serving on the parks commission, the city council and finally as mayor, Mayor Telerski has accomplished much:

- ◆ Worked to stabilize and professionalize the city staff;
- ◆ Moved the city from a volunteer fire department to part of the Regional Fire District #5 with 24/7 response;
- ◆ Worked toward the development and completion of the TAP project which provides high-quality drinking water to the city as well as neighboring cities;
- ◆ One of the founding members of the Talent Urban Renewal District to revitalize the downtown area.

**Congratulations to our Mayor!**



# HARVEST FESTIVAL

## Saturday, September 9, 2006

### Old Town Park (connected to the Skate Park)

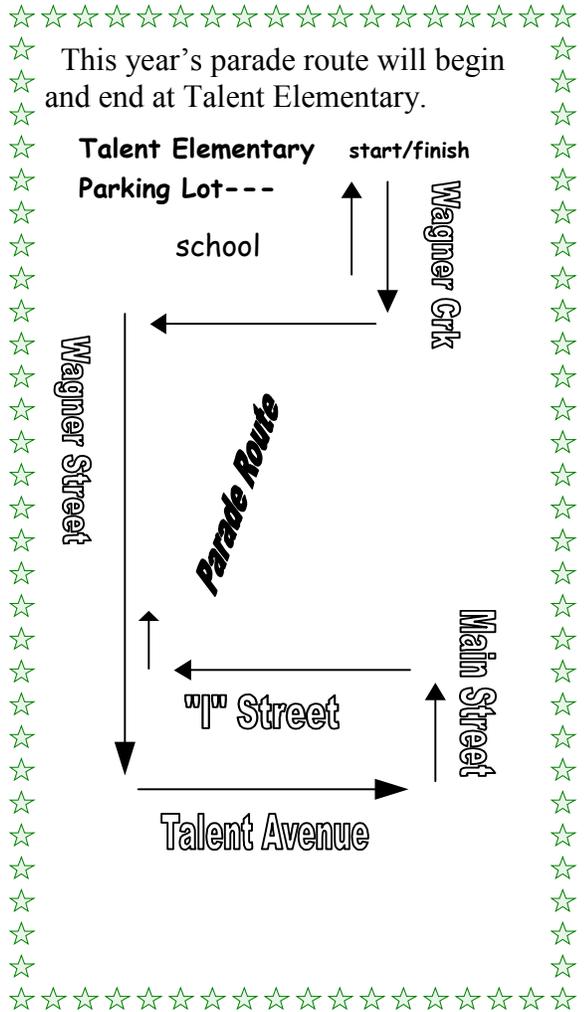
The day will start with the Lion's pancake breakfast at 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Community Center. The 5k & 10k race begins at 8:00 a.m., with packet pick up and late registrations between 7:00-7:45 a.m. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Artists/Crafters/Commercial vendors and food booths will line Main and John Streets and will be operational after the parade until 4:00 p.m.

Live stage performance line up is as follows:

<b>Science Works—"Zapped"</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
<b>Jill Fjeldheim-Clowning</b>	<b>11:20 am</b>
<b>Ballet Folklorica Ritmo Alegre</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>
<b>Jes' Groove</b>	<b>12:25 pm</b>
<b>Craig Wright w/Inger Jorgensen</b>	<b>1:45 pm</b>
<b>Rogue Suspects</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>

#### Bring lawn chairs and blankets for music in the park !

Lots to do for the kids! —Games, pony rides, face painting, clowns and balloons throughout the day. Sure to be a good time for all at the Festival! Come join in the fun!



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	3	4 Labor Day  (city offices closed)	5	6 City Council 6:30 pm Comm. Hall	7 Harv Fest 3:30 pm Comm. Hall RPS-Public Forum 6:30 pm Middle School	8	9 Harvest Festival 10 am-4 pm Old Town Park
	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 Traffic 3:00 pm Public Wks	15	16
	17	18	19 Urban Renewal 6:00 pm Comm. Hall	20 Chamber 8:30 am Middleway Med @ Camelot Safety: 3:00 pm C.H City Council 6:30 pm C.H	21	22	23 Arch Review Walk 9:00am
	24	25 Municipal Court 6:00 pm Comm. Hall	26	27	28 Planning 6:30 pm Comm. Hall "Flash" Distribution	29	30