



# THE FLASH

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

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## City of Talent

### Register to Vote – November Election

It is important that every City resident be registered, and vote in the November election. There are a number of statewide issues that should concern City residents as well as all Oregonians, but also the local City election will have 3 candidates vying for the mayoral position and 5 positions on City Council to be filled. In addition, there will be the City bond measure #15-71 for the Police Department Expansion that will also be on the ballot.

If you have moved to Talent since the last election and have not notified the Jackson County Election Office of the change of address, you will **not** receive a Talent Ballot. Although a registered Oregon voter can change their address at

any time up to the day of the election, after October 17<sup>th</sup> you will need to go into the County Election office to get a Talent Ballot. In Oregon, ballots are mailed to all registered voters. These ballots are mailed out on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

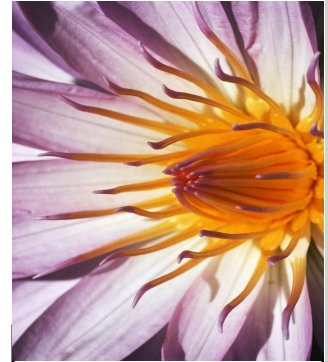
For first time voters you will have up to 21 days prior to the November election to register in order to vote in this election. Your registration form must be in the County Election office no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>. You can obtain the proper voter registration form at Talent City Hall or at the Jackson County Election office at 1101 W. Main in Medford.

Don Steyskal, Gloria Thorpe and Steve Traisman.

There are also five individuals running for the five council seat vacancies. These candidates are: Bob Wilson, Brian Roberts, Lynn Perkins, William Cecil and E.J. McManus.

There will be a candidates' forum held on October 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center facilitated by the League of Women Voters. This is an opportunity for you to come, meet the candidates, and ask questions.

There will also be a presentation of the Police Station Expansion Plans for your information as well. It should be noted that there was an error in the formula to calculate the estimated tax for an individual property in the last Flash. That is corrected to say that it is \$.16/ 1000 of assessed value.



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## HARVEST FESTIVAL THANK YOU'S

I would like to thank the Talent Harvest Festival Committee (Fire Chief Dan Marshall, Division Chief-Darrin Welburn, Police Chief Bob Rector, Mayor-Marian Telerski, City Councilor Dawn Watson, Citizen Volunteers Joe Dunbar, Jesse Hodgdon, Lynn Perkins, Chuck Nagel, Brett Marshall, Cara Gombiski and Darryl Nicolay for their dedication to the planning, organizing and implementing of this year's festival. The day of the actual event puts our coordinating to the test, but I am always so impressed with the outcome. I have many people to thank for making this happen: the Talent Police Department, Sergeant Freeman, Police Clerk Anita Great and the Talent Police Reserves, Talent Public Works, City Manager Betty Wheeler, and Jackson County Fire District No. 5. What a team! A special thank you to those local and surrounding community businesses that generously donated their time and/or money to help make this year even better than last year!

I would also like to thank all those who attended this year's festival— it is my hope you had a good time.

### **Harvest Festival Race—**

Among many of the successful events at the Harvest Festival was the Harvest Festival Run. All proceeds netted go to the Parks and Recreation Programs. With the help of the Southern Oregon Sizzlers and Race Coordinator Felicia Hazel, 5K and 10K events were held the morning of the Festival. Winners of the 10K were Darcy Kleinman (women's) and Todd Ragsdale (men's). Susan Ray won the 5K women's and John Leuthold won the men's 5K. Local businesses contributed to the success by their donations. Thanks to Ron Ridgeway of Tark's Market, Chuck Whitely, Talent Lube, Mt. Ashland, Best Tel and Harry and David.

### **Reminder:**

City of Talent residents are required to recycle and Ashland Sanitary and Recycling does offer curbside collection to meet that requirement or you can take recyclables to the Recycling Center on Water Street in Ashland. Arrangements can be made for this service by contacting Ashland Sanitary at 482-1471.

## Skate Park Ordinance Amendments

The City Council has adopted an ordinance to more tightly regulate some of the activity at the Skate Park. This ordinance is intended to control the loitering and other unacceptable behavior that is now taking place at the park. Several residents who testified at the public hearing were in favor of the stronger regulations and supported action taken by the city to restore order and equity in the use of the park. These regulations will allow the Police Department to remove offenders from the park and to prohibit some of the unwelcome behavior that has caused many to avoid the park. City parks are not intended for any one user and all residents should be able to feel free to use any city park without fear of harassment. Parents of users of the park should expect that if their children and young adults do not meet the tighter standard set in this new law the violators will be removed from the park and be restricted in their future use.

With the limited resources of the Police Department it is often difficult to devote as much time that is needed to change the behavior at the Skate Park, a citizen committee is forming to assist the Department. Citizens interested in participating are encouraged to contact Chief Rector at the Talent Police Department at 535-1253 extension 303.

*To view this ordinance, visit our website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) and click on Ordinances, then Parks.*

# COP TALK

By Guest Contributor Chief Rector



This month I want to invite

all Talent residents to visit your police department during the two Open House events that we have planned in October.

Talent Police Department will host open houses on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm, and again on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm. The purpose of the open house is to invite citizens inside our facility to see the inner workings of your police department, to get a feel for the police department's

existing work spaces, and to review the proposed plans for expansion and renovation of the police department. We hope that citizens would take advantage of these opportunities to come and look for themselves at our existing facility, and study the proposal to expand/renovate the facility. The City's intent is that citizens will use that information to make an informed voting choice this November on ballot measure 15-71, which, if passed by Talent residents, would approve an \$800,000 bond measure to enlarge and renovate the existing facility. The improved facility is expected to meet Talent's police needs for

the next 20-25 years. The bond would be repaid over fifteen years, and would annually add 16 cents per thousand of assessed property value to Talent property tax bills. For example, a property with an assessed value of \$200,000 would see a yearly property tax increase of \$32, or \$2.67 per month. Properties with higher assessed values would pay more, those with lower assessed values would pay less. Please come check us out on October 8<sup>th</sup> and/or 15<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you!

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Political Signs

With the elections coming, many people will be posting signs advertising candidates or ballot measures. The Zoning Code permits signs as long as they are no more than 16 square feet in area (8 square feet per side for two-sided signs). Please be sure to remove them within 10 days after the general election.

### I Street

Have you ever been confused by I Street? Gotten it mixed up with 1st Street? Apparently, it happens all the time, which is why the City has been working toward a name change. Why there is a single-letter street in a town that has no other single-letter street names is anyone's guess, but on October

4th the City Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendation on whether or not to change the name. If you have any suggestions, send them to the planning office before the Council meeting.

### Do Your Part for City Planning

Once again the City needs commissioners. If you like what you see happening in Talent, apply for the Planning Commission and be a part of the change. If you don't like what you see, apply to the Commission and help make things better. Serving on the Commission is your chance to influence development in our small corner of Oregon. It can

sometimes be a substantial time commitment (typically two evening meetings a month—second and fourth Thursdays), but the City cannot function without the help of its citizens. Contact John Adam at 535-7401 for more information. Application forms are available at City Hall, 204 E. Main Street, or on the web at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).



# Urban Renewal News

## West Valley View -- Master Plan Update Meeting

**Monday, October 9, 2006, 6:30 p.m., Talent Community Center**

Please join us for an update on the proposed West Valley View Master Plan regarding a new street/alley network adjacent to downtown Talent. This is an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed Master Plan, prior to the Plan being submitted for study by the City Council, Planning Commission and Urban Renewal Board of Directors. For the last several months, project consultants have evaluated and tested the Preferred Alternative design developed with public input. The results of their work is available for viewing at Talent City Hall, Talent Library and the Agency's office at 102 Home Street. It is also available via the web at [cityoftalent.org](http://cityoftalent.org) (click on the link at the bottom of the home page). Other dates associated with the project:

Nov 2 -- City Council joint study session

Nov 9 -- Planning Commission review

Nov 15 - City Council public hearing

## City Hall & Commons

Construction has begun! Underground utilities have been laid, and the storm drain system is presently under construction. Demolition of the old park restrooms and foundation work for the new restrooms and City Hall will follow.

Note: Most board meetings are now being held at the Agency's new office at 102 Home Street, located behind the new library construction. On certain occasions, however, meetings may be moved to the Community Center so please refer to the monthly agenda posted at City Hall for the exact location.

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

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15	16 Wagner Creek Greenway 7:00pm Com. Hall	17 Urban Renewal 6:00pm Com. Hall	18 Chamber 8:30am Remax, Ashland Safety 1:30pm CH City Council 6:30pm CommCtr	19 Candidate Forum 6:30pm Com. Hall	20	21 Arch Review Walk 9:00 am
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