



# THE FLASH

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

# City of Talent

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## Exit 21 / I-5 CONSTRUCTION WORK

The OR Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be contracting out the work to replace the bridge over Interstate 5 at exit 21. They will begin this work after Labor Day and it will take between 6-8 weeks to complete. During this construction the bridge will be closed to all traffic. Motorist coming to Talent from the south will need to take alternate measures. These visitors will have to exit either at Exit 19/ Ashland and come into Talent via Highway 99, or take Exit 24/ Phoenix, get back on I-5 south and exit at Exit 21/Talent. You will be able to access Talent heading south on I-5 at exit 21 or either north or south on Highway 99. Due to the nature of the work they will not be able to keep either of the bridge lanes open during construction.

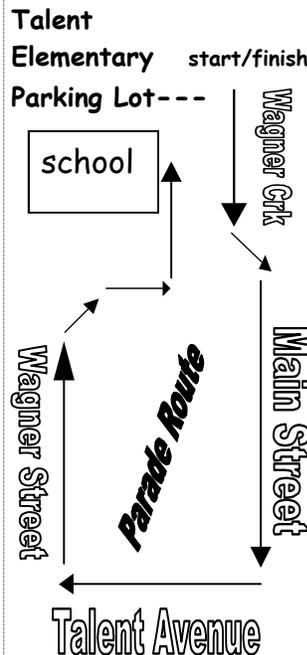
## 35th Annual Harvest Festival

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 8th. Everyone's invited to our new Civic Center and Commons for an afternoon of fun for the whole family.

The day begins at 6:00 am with a pancake breakfast in the Community Center to benefit the Lions Club. The Parks & Recreation 5-K/10-K Run/Walk begins registration at 7:00 am. Contact Felicia at 535-3406 for more information. The Main Street Parade begins at 10:00 am, followed by live stage performances at 11:00 am for the kids and live music by **Rogue Suspects, Hog Wild and Jes' Groove** until 4:30 p.m. Kids- you won't want to miss the games in the Kid Zone and the Safety Trailer brought to you by Fire Dist. #5.

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

**SEE MAP  
BELOW.**



**Don't miss the many Artists/Crafters and Food booths. Along with balloons by Garry, face painting and pony rides for the little ones and much more.....**

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



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## SUMMER RECREATION OPENINGS

There are still some openings in some of the summer recreation programs that will begin in August. If you would like to register your children please stop by City Hall. There are still openings in: Beginning Tennis, Flag Football, Yoga, Red Cross Certified CPR, Babysitter's Training, Acting & Improvisation, and Healthy Eats.

## ADVANCED TENNIS AND SKATEBOARDING

The City is offering advanced courses in Skate Boarding and in Tennis in August. These two programs were not included in the Recreation Brochure. Advanced Skate Boarding - from August 27-31, 2007 with a \$12 per person registration fee. Advanced Tennis from August 6-10, 2007 with a \$25 per person registration fee. Choices of time of class for Tennis are: 9-10 a.m. or 10-11 a.m. on those dates. Anyone who has taken the beginning courses in either sport or has some training in the sport can register for the advanced.

## Sprinkler Systems Can Result in High Water Bills

It is important to maintain your sprinkler system to prevent leaks that will result in high water bills. No sprinkler system will work its best without occasional maintenance. Watch each zone operating when you activate it in the spring and occasionally thereafter. Leaks can develop and sprinklers may need to be adjusted, moved or replaced. Also trim any plants that are obstructing spray patterns. To operate the system most efficiently it is best to water in the early morning when evaporation is at its lowest and there are no winds.

## CITY HALL DEDICATION – AUGUST 26, 2007

All City residents are invited to the dedication and open house of the new City Hall on August 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a brief dedication with special recognition to those who have been instrumental in making this day happen. After the dedication the City Hall doors will be open to allow all those who attend to tour the entire facility. This day has been long in coming and the City Council and staff want to share this special day with all of you.

## CITY HALL OPENS AT 110 E. Main

Please note that as of July 30<sup>th</sup> City Hall staff will no longer be at the old address. For those of you use to dropping off your water payments in the mail slot on the door at 204 E. Main, we would ask that you use the new drop off box that will be located on the curve of the park in front of the new City Hall at 110 E. Main Street. It is a white drop off box, marked for this purpose, and is designed specifically for Utility Payments. This will be a more secure point to drop off payments and ensure that payments are credited to your account. The old mail slot will be sealed off, since the Police Department is not in a position to accept your utility bill payments. Thank you for your cooperation.



## COP TALK By Chief Rector

The topic I want to address this month is how bicyclists and motorists are supposed to share the roadway. I recently received a call from a motorist who complained that he routinely is impeded by bicyclists who ride in the travel lane and fail to stay to the right, as is generally required by Oregon law. A great reference for all citizens is the Oregon Bicyclist Manual, which can be obtained at DMV or online. The Manual gives great guidance to both bicyclists and motorists about how to safely share the road.

- ◆ One of the most important rules for bicyclists is to ride on the right, in the same direction as the traffic next to you.
- ◆ Riding on the right, however, doesn't mean hugging the curb or edge of the road, as this may not be the best place to ride. For example, if you hit the curb, you could lose your balance and fall into traffic.
- ◆ Other times when you shouldn't ride too far to the right include:
  - ◆ When avoiding parked cars or surface hazards.
  - ◆ When a lane is too narrow for a bicycle and vehicle to travel safely side by side.
  - ◆ When making a left turn.

To avoid conflicts with right-turning cars:

1. Remember to always ride in a straight line and not weave in and out of parked cars.
2. When riding side by side, remember that you and a companion may ride side by side on the road, but only if you don't impede other traffic. If traffic doesn't have enough room to pass you safely, ride single file.

When should a bicyclist occupy the traffic lane?

1. If there is no shoulder or bike lane, and the travel lane is narrow, it is necessary for a bicyclist to ride closer to the center of the lane.
  2. This will prevent motorists from passing when there isn't room.
  3. A bicyclist should also take the lane when traveling at the same speed as traffic; this will keep you out of motorists' blind spots and reduce conflicts with right-turning traffic.
- ◆ Also, remember that in Oregon, a bicycle is a vehicle by law and with a few exceptions, the rules of the road for drivers apply to bicyclists, such as stopping for stop signs, signaling turns, etc.
  - ◆ Finally, always protect yourself and wear a helmet to reduce the risk of head injury in the event of a crash. You can access the Oregon Bicyclist Manual online at:

[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/docs/bike\\_manual\\_06.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/docs/bike_manual_06.pdf)

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Land Use Permits

With the move to the new City Hall the planning department will start using new **Zoning Permit** application forms for all activities that are permitted outright, including:

- new construction
- change of use
- home occupation
- sign installation
- fence installation

“Change of use” occurs when an existing building is used for a

new purpose, such as when a house is converted into a professional office, or when retail leaves a building and an office or restaurant moves in, and vice versa. The City needs to track such activity so it can maintain accurate records of business types and use that data for economic development planning.

Fence installation permits will now be enforced. The Planning Commission will be considering a few changes to the regulations on fences, walls, and hedges in the next couple of

months. Staff's desire is to create regulations that anticipate more variables and facilitate more flexibility in design.

**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](mailto:john@cityoftalent.org).**

## More.....COP TALK

**Talent PD is asking for your help!** We're having an ongoing problem with vandalism to the restrooms at Chuck Roberts Park. The restrooms there have been purposely damaged on numerous occasions, with repeated destruction of door locks and fires started inside the restrooms. Not only does this vandalism affect the public's ability to safely use the park restrooms, but the cost in repairs and City employee time is significant. We're asking anyone having knowledge about these incidents to contact us at the Talent Police Department immediately.

### Talent Police Department is Moving!

Talent PD is moving its offices from 604 Talent Avenue to 204 E. Main Street ("Old" City Hall building) during the week of August 13-17. The purpose of our move is to relocate while the police department facility is remodeled and expanded. We will close our administrative offices at 604 Talent Avenue on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, and open the offices at 204 E. Main Street on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Our phone numbers will be the same, and will remain in operation except when physically being moved between buildings. We will continue to handle all police business during the move, but ask that our customers be patient and flexible during the move, as we juggle several tasks at once. We expect to move back to 604 Talent Avenue by Summer of 2008. To contact the Talent Police Department, call us at 535-1253; after hours call our Dispatch Center at 776-7206. For emergencies, call 911.

## August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 City Council 6:30 pm Comm. Hall	2	3	4
5	6 Municipal Court 3:00 pm Comm. Hall	7	8 Parks 6:00 pm Comm. Hall Together for Talent Committee 4:00 pm	9 Planning Committee 6:00 pm Comm. Hall H.F. Meeting 3:45 pm Comm. Ctr.	10	11
12	13	14 H.F. Meeting 3:30 pm City Hall Traffic 3:00 pm Public Works Architectural Review 6:00 pm Comm. Ctr.	15 Safety Comm. 1:30 pm TBD City Council 6:30 pm Comm. Hall	16	17	18
19	20	21 Urban Renewal 6:00 pm 102 Home St.	22 H.F. Meeting 3:45 pm Comm. Center	23 Planning 6:30 pm Comm. Hall	24	25
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