



# THE FLASH

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

# City of Talent

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## I-5 Bridge Repair

Motorists using Interstate-5 will need to plan ahead for their travel beginning the week after Labor Day. The Exit 21 (Talent access off of I-5) bridge deck over I-5 will be replaced. To complete this work the bridge will be closed at all times until approximately October 26, 2007. Northbound motorist coming to Talent from the south will need to take Highway 99 or if using I-5 must exit at Exit 19 and come into Talent via Highway 99. Southbound traffic will be able to access Talent at exit 21. This is a State Transportation Agency project.

## RPS Public Meeting

The Regional Problem Solving Policy Committee will be conducting public hearings to accept testimony regarding the draft Regional Problem Solving Plan. The proposed plan includes measures to protect resource lands and identifies areas to accommodate long-term urban growth beyond the present urban growth boundaries.

Public Hearing Dates and Locations:

- Monday, September 24, 2007, Jackson County Public Works Auditorium, 200 Antelope Road, White City, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 10, 2007, Talent Community Center, 206 E. Main Street, 5:30 p.m.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL RUN

**Saturday,  
September 8th**

The Parks and Recreation Commission together with the Southern Oregon Sizzlers will host a 10-K Run & 5-K Run/Walk to kick off the Talent Harvest Festival celebration on Saturday, September 8, 2007. Register in advance at Talent City Hall or late registrations will be allowed the day of the race starting at 7:00 a.m.

Pre-registration is due by August 30<sup>th</sup> for a fee of \$10 (no T-shirt) or \$20 with T-shirt. Late registration is \$14. Packet pickup and late registration will be between 7:00-7:45 a.m. with race beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Meet at the Skate Park.

**REMINDER: Bring your Sunflowers to the Harvest Festival Garden Club Booth for the Sunflower Growing Contest!**

## FLOATS IN THE PARADE

Four years ago 1st Street families and friends entered a neighborhood float in the Harvest Festival parade. Our banner said "First Street Families Growing Together" and we had children of all ages on board including young at heart

Merton Post who was 100 years of age at the time and is still going strong. This is our 5th year entering a float and we would again like to challenge other neighborhoods or just anyone to join in the fun.

Your parade entry can be as simple as a walking skit or carrying a street banner or a float. It's a fun way to get to know your neighbors and to help build a Talent tradition. Double the fun and have a neighborhood potluck that evening. Call Carol or Nancy for more information at 512-1789 or 535-1031.

**See you on the 8th of September at the Festival!**



**Smokey at the Harvest Festival 2006**

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## NEW CITY HALL

City staff is enjoying their spacious new home at 110 East Main Street. It has been a tremendous team effort to make this move go well with the help of all city staff including city hall, public works and the police department. Office hours remain the same and the biggest change for the residents is the installation of the white “Drop-off” Box on the park side in front of the building. You should be able to drive up and drop off utility bill payments without leaving your car. A new traffic flow pattern has been developed for the area around City Hall, so that we can avoid any conflicts of traffic with city uses and that of the businesses that use the Depot Building. Please observe the signs and street/curb markings that identify parking and limited parking areas. There are many people to thank for this new home and we are very grateful to all of them.

## Talent’s Commitment to Preventing Underage Drinking

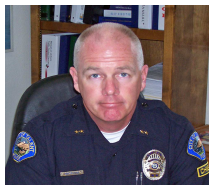
Talent has affirmed its commitment to preventing underage access to alcohol in a proclamation signed by businesses, community groups, and individuals including the City Council and the Talent Chamber of Commerce Board. The proclamation acknowledges that alcohol is the number one drug used by youth in Talent, Jackson County, and Oregon. It goes on to state that those endorsing the document support zero tolerance policy regarding the illegal access, possession, and consumption of alcohol by underage youth and that all laws involving youth access, possession, and consumption of alcohol should be enforced. It does call for the enforcement of all laws related to furnishing alcohol to minors.

Chief of Police, Bob Rector, said, “We want people to know that we care about the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially our young people. That means we have to invest in creating a healthier environment when it comes to alcohol access in Talent.” He went on to say, “This means that we will hold everyone accountable for their actions – whether it’s a merchant who sells to a minor, parents and others who host underage drinking parties, or the young people themselves who purchase or consume alcohol. We also want to commend and support young people and adults alike who uphold the law.”

Those endorsing the proclamation include: City Council and Talent Police Department, Talent Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Jackson County Fire District #5, Talent Lion’s Club, Boys and Girls Club, Talent Shell Station, Tark’s Market, Talent Hardware & Liquor, Gary McGarity’s Barber Shop, Picasso’s Pantry, The Grotto Pizzeria, Southern Oregon Drug Awareness (SODA), Carol Cox, Judy Casad, Sandy Calta, Ginger Rilling, Cheri’ Browne- Paradise in Bloom, Jimmie Smith- Edward Jones Investments, and Paul Finch- State Farm Insurance.

For more information about the Program please contact Anne Kraft, Oregon Research Institute, at [annek@ori.org](mailto:annek@ori.org) or (541) 484-2123.

## COP TALK By Chief Rector



Talent PD is now located at the old City Hall building, 204 E. Main Street. We completed our move to these temporary quarters on August 17<sup>th</sup>, and opened our doors for public access on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Citizens can access our administrative office by using the same front door that was used to enter old City Hall. Our administrative section (Chief, Clerks, Code Enforcement) hours of operation remain Monday thru Friday from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm, excepting holidays. There are police officers on duty at all hours to respond to your needs. Our phone numbers have not changed. For an emergency call 911. During our administrative hours call 535-1253, and after hours (or at any time) call the Dispatching center at 776-7206 and ask for a Talent Police Officer to contact you. The dispatcher will contact our duty officer and the officer will get back to you as soon as they are able, considering all other priority calls as well. We really appreciate everyone’s patience during our move. We expect to remain at this location for the next 8-12 months while our 604 Talent Avenue facility is being remodeled and expanded. Please call if you have any questions about your police department, or any need for police service.

## Information about Flood Insurance

**NFIP:** The City of Talent participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available for all buildings, whether they are in a floodplain or not. Flood insurance covers direct losses caused by surface flooding, including a river flowing over its banks, a lake or ocean storm, and local drainage problems. The NFIP insures buildings, including mobile homes, with two types of coverage: structural and contents. Structural coverage is for the walls, floors, insulation, furnace, and other items permanently attached to the structure. Contents coverage may be purchased separately provided the contents are in an insurable building.

**Mandatory Purchase Requirement:** The mandatory purchase requirement applies to all forms of federal or federally related financial assistance for buildings located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). This requirement affects loans and grants for the purchase, construction, repair, or improvement of any publicly or privately owned building in the SFHA, including machinery, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings contained in such buildings. Financial assistance programs affected include loans and grants from agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Housing Administration, Small Business Administration, and Federal Emergency Management Agency. The requirement also applies to secured mortgage loans from financial institutions, such as commercial lenders, savings and loan associations, savings banks, and credit unions that are regulated, supervised or insured by Federal agencies such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of Thrift Supervision. It also applies to all mortgage loans purchased by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac in the secondary mortgage market.

**How it Works:** Before a person can receive a loan or other financial assistance from one of the affected agencies or lenders, there must be a check to see if the building is in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The SFHA is the base (100-year) floodplain mapped on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). It is shown as one or more zones that begin with the letter "A" or "V." Copies of the FIRM are available for review in the City's Planning Office. Many lenders and insurance agents also have copies. It is the agency's or the lender's responsibility to check the FIRM to determine if the building is in an SFHA, although the City will provide assistance. If the building is in an SFHA, the agency or lender is required by law to require the recipient to purchase a flood insurance policy on the building. The requirement is for structural coverage equal to the amount of the loan (or other financial assistance) or the maximum amount available, whichever is less. The maximum amount available for a single-family house is 250 thousand dollars. The mandatory purchase requirement does not affect loans or financial assistance for items that are not covered by a flood insurance policy, such as vehicles, business expenses, landscaping, and vacant lots. It does not affect loans for buildings that are not in the SFHA, even though a portion of the lot may be flood prone. While not mandated by law, a lender may require a flood insurance policy as a condition of a loan for a property in any zone on a Flood Insurance Rate Map. If you would like to know more about the City's history with floods, you can pick up a brochure in the City offices called "The Flood Report," or access an on-line version at <[www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org)> and follow the "City Departments", "Planning" link to "Flood Information."

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**Urban Renewal News** - for more information contact Executive Director Marla Cates, 535-6170, [ura.talent@charterinternet.com](mailto:ura.talent@charterinternet.com)

**Civic Center Completed:** The Agency is proud to have completed the construction of the civic center complex, including the new City Hall, the Commons park, new public restrooms, parking, landscaping, and new space for the Talent Harvest Festival and other events. Our thanks to the City for asking us to build this project. Total cost for the entire project was \$3.6 million from Urban Renewal (including previous land purchases) plus approximately \$414,000 from the City and \$71,000 from Jackson County. We would like to thank PIVOT Architecture of Eugene for their sensitivity, understanding and excellence in designing a civic center of which we can be proud for many decades. Thanks also to Adroit Construction and their subcontractors for a quality construction job that was built on time and within budget. Please come and enjoy the new grounds and facilities!

**New Changes to Rehab/Facade Improvement Grant Program:** The purpose of the Rehab Grant Program is to rehabilitate and/or restore commercial, residential or governmental buildings to historically compatible exterior design, and to encourage new investment and development in downtown Talent that maintain the traditional small town character.

**Traffic & Parking Analysis Presentation, West Valley View Master Plan:** There will be a public meeting on Monday, November 5th to present the results of the Traffic and Parking Analysis for the West Valley View Master Plan. The analysis evaluates and addresses traffic load capacity, circulation patterns, signalization, and parking capacity of the Master Plan which was approved "in concept" last December 2006 by the City Council. The Traffic and Parking Analysis is the first of several "next steps" the Agency will be completing over the next year or so, including intersection studies and regulatory review, prior to beginning engineering. The meeting will be held at the Community Center, 206 E. Main. Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## NEW FACES AT CITY HALL



Hi! My name is Renee McCoy and I am the new Municipal Court Clerk/Finance Assistant. I'm excited to be here and can't wait to meet the citizens and patrons of Talent. I plan to put my years of legal and accounting experience to good use. I have lived in the Rogue Valley since 1998. I am a single mom to two wonderful boys, Evan age 7, and Skyler age 4. I enjoy karaoke, dancing, camping and spending time with my boys.



My name is Amanda Springer I was hired by the City of Talent in December 2006 as the new Utility Billing Clerk and have already come to love this small community. I am a single mother of one son Jase, age 13. We live in the Eagle Point area close to the rest of my family who are an essential part of my life. My hobbies include my love of lamp work, glass bead making, jewelry design and Search and Rescue Training with my Bloodhound puppy George. My goals are to assist new customers through their new water service application process as well assist existing customer with any water billing questions and to help all to have a better understanding of the City's Water Ordinances and billing system. I am glad to have met many of the residents already and I look forward to meeting many more. I am always available to discuss your water account or to just say Hi.



My name is Leslea Heiken and I am very excited to be the new Receptionist and Cashier with the City of Talent. I look forward to meeting the citizens of this beautiful community, and I will be here to assist you the best that I can with all of your needs. I was born and raised in the Rogue Valley, and live with my husband in Ashland. I enjoy playing volleyball, traveling, boating and spending time with friends and family.



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	2	3 Labor Day City Offices- Closed	4	5 City Council 6:30 pm <u>Comm. Hall</u> HF mtg. 3:45 pm City Hall	6	7	8 <i><u>Harvest</u></i> <i><u>Festival</u></i>
	9	10 Municipal Court 3:00 pm Comm. Hall	11 HF mtg. 3:30 <u>pm City Hall</u> Arc Review 6pm <u>Com. Hall/Traffic</u> Safety 3:pm @ PW	12 TFT 4:00 pm <u>Comm. Hall</u> Parks 6:00 pm Comm. Hall	13	14	15 Arch. Review Walk-Around 9:00 am Historic Dist.
	16	17	18 Urban Renewal 6:00 pm 102 Home St.	19 <u>Chamber</u> 8:30am Safety Comm. 1:30pm TBD City Council 6:30pm Com Hall	20	21	22
	23	24 Municipal Court 6:00 pm Comm. Hall	25	26	27 Planning 6:30pm Com Hill The "Flash" Distributed	28	29
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