

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Santa Sighting in Talent

At the beginning of each holiday season, Talent's Court Clerk Coleen Bradley locates families for the City to adopt for Christmas. This year she found **fi ve** families in need of some holiday cheer. Once the families had been identified, Santa and his helpers (Jackson County Fire District No. 5, Talent residents, City staff, Police Officers and Reserves) got busy making a list and checking it twice!

Since the reindeer were resting in anticipation of Christmas Eve, Santa's helpers at Fire District No. 5 stepped in to help Santa deliver his goodies to all the girls and boys on the City's list. It was another cold day in December when Santa made his rounds, but warm wishes for a happy holiday soon filled the air.

We would like to send huge thanks to Coleen for organizing and coordinating this annual event. We would also like to thank Santa and his helpers for making Christmas wishes come true.

Christmas Tree Recycle Day

Scout Troop 535 will be assisting in the pick-up of Christmas trees in Talent. The trees will be chipped and the chipped material will then be used on park trails and as mulch for plants. Troop 535 asks Talent residents to set out their trees near the curb on Friday, January 10th to be picked up on Saturday, January 11th beginning at 9 a.m. Please note that trees placed curbside **after** 9 a.m. will **not** be picked up.

Donations for this community service activity will be accepted and are greatly appreciated. If you would like more information, please contact Gary Galligan at 535-7581.

Volunteers Needed for Bike Path Patrol

The Talent Police Department is currently seeking interested individuals to help patrol the Bear Creek Greenway and Lynn Newbry Park. Patrols will be conducted either on foot or bicycle. You must be 18 years of age or older and submit to a background check.

If you are interested in becoming a patrol volunteer, please contact Community Service Officer Frank Falsarella at the Talent Police Department, 535-1253.

Planning Department News

Approved Applications:

Hanson-Dilling Building (PUD 02-03): The Planning Commission reviewed and approved a detailed development plan for a planned unit development on "I" Street after a public hearing on December 19, 2002. A new mixed-use building with an

Cop Talk

By Officer Shane Wilson

Let's talk safety belts. The Talent Police Department recently received an overtime grant from the State to enforce seatbelt regulations. This means that officers will be working overtime to enforce the safety belt law. You may or may not have heard the statistics about wearing your seatbelt in an accident. The fact is, you are much more likely to survive an accident if you

office and residence on the first floor and two residential units on the second floor features parking in the back with alley access.

Final plat approval prior to an application for building permits is required.

Minor Partition (MP 02-05):
Larry Farmer received approval of an application for a minor partition at 207 N. Front Street. The parent lot will be divided into two lots. The subject property is located in a Low Density Residential Zone (R 1-6), which has a 6,000 square foot minimum lot size. This is a Type 2 Administrative Review decision made by the City Planner on December 9, 2002.

Applications Under Review: These applications are pending before the City Planner and/or the Planning Commission, and City Council:

Lithia View (SUB 02-02):
Gregg Adams of Adams Group, LLC appealed an affirmative decision reached by the Planning Commission on July 25, 2002 to the City Council on November 6, 2002. The City Council upheld the decision. On December 4, 2002, new evidence was submitted in the record so another hearing is scheduled for January 2, 2003 to consider testimony from those with standing to appeal. The City Council may deliberate after the testimony.

Policies Under Review or Adopted:

The City Council adopted amendments to the Planned Unit Development Ordinance (Article 21 of the Talent Zoning Ordinance) on December 4, 2002.

The Citizens Advisory Committee, which is responsible for reviewing the zoning districts, will hold its fifth meeting on January 7, 2003. The meeting will be held at 6 pm at the Community Center.

The Planning Commission will consider amendments to the Old Town Design Standards during a public hearing on January 23, 2003.

are wearing a seatbelt. ORS 811.210 is the statute that refers to safety belt usage and violators of this statute could face a fine of \$77.00.

This is a friendly advisory that the overtime grant is now in effect and officers will be looking for people not wearing seatbelts. With winter upon us and road conditions getting worse, it is for your safety that you and your passengers buckle up.

If you have any questions, or have a suggestion for my next "Cop Talk" article, please call me at 535-1253 or write to me,

Officer Wilson, c/o Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, or wilsontpd@hotmail.com.

Council Wants to Hear From You

The Talent City Council will be meeting in the month of January for their annual goal-setting session. Before their meeting, they would like to hear from *you*. This is your chance to express what goals you feel should be of importance to Talent City Councilors.

Please take time to list your top three goals or concerns for the City of Talent. You can pick up a form at City Hall, 204 East Main Street, or e-mail your comments to City Manager Betty Wheeler at betty@cityoftalent.org.

We ask that you please make your submittal by **January 15, 2003**. Thank you in advance for your time – your comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated.