

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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**Regional Problem Solving  
Open House**

For the past couple of years, the City of Talent has been involved in the Regional Problem Solving process. This process, commonly referred to as RPS, was established as a way for local governments to solve regional problems pertaining to future growth. This is a collaborative effort involving the following agencies: the cities of Medford, Ashland, Phoenix, Central Point, Jacksonville, and Eagle Point, Jackson County, State of Oregon, and the Rogue Valley Council of Governments.

Talent will host a RPS open house to receive public comment and to discuss project results for our city. If you would like to know where Talent will grow in the next fifty years, mark your calendars for Monday, March 11th and plan to attend our open house from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Talent's Community Center, 206 East Main Street. Refreshments will be served.

*Vacancies on Architectural Review  
Committee*

There are two positions open on Talent's Architectural Review Committee: one position is for the full committee and the other is for an alternate. Primary responsibilities of the Architectural Review Committee are to provide exterior design review of new construction and remodeling projects in the Old Town area of Talent, and to act as an advisor to the City Planner and the Planning Commission on all historic preservation matters. Required qualifications include an interest, competence, or knowledge about historic preservation, architecture, and/or local history.

The Architectural Review Committee meets regularly on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. On-site consultations with property owners are conducted on the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information, contact Marla Cates at 535-7061.

## Planning Department News

**Approved Applications:** The City Planner and/or the Planning Commission approved the following applications:

Minor Partition at 320 Talent Avenue to divide one lot into two lots, Suncrest Homes

Lot Line Adjustment for multiple properties at Oak Valley Retirement Community

Minor Partition at 1108 Talent Avenue to divide one lot into two lots, Chris McIntosh

Zone Clearance for two single-family units on two lots on Blackberry Court, Steve MacLennan and Vince Oredson

Zone Clearance for a single-family detached unit, 141 Autumn Ridge, Big Sky Homes

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

Subdivision at 413 Creel Road, 10 lots proposed, Suncrest Homes

Planned Unit Development at 320 Talent Avenue, 30 lots proposed with dedicated open space, Suncrest Homes

Planned Unit Development at 1737 Lithia Way, 26 lots proposed with dedicated open space, Gregg Adams

Four manufactured units on four lots at 597 Rapp Road

New workshop and office for Southern Cascade Structures at 618 S. Pacific Hwy

Conversion of workshop to single family unit at 1108 Talent Avenue

**Adopted Policies** The City Council adopted the following in February:

Annexation of Rapp Road property within the UGB to be rezoned Light Industrial

### **Policies Under Review:**

In addition to processing new applications, the City Planner is reviewing the sign ordinance and preparing an "Introduction" and "Citizen Involvement" section to the recently adopted elements to the Comprehensive Plan.

### **Building Department News**

The Building Department has issued six building permits in February for single-family detached units.

## New Water Rates

In accordance with Ordinance No. 02-715-O, the City of Talent has increased its water rates. The [new water rates](#) will be in addition to Transportation and Storm Drain Utility fees.

## **"Cop Talk"**

By Officer Shane Wilson

The Talent Police Department has joined with the Boy Scouts of America to create an Explorer/Cadet program. Similar programs have been used by many police agencies with great success. We are hoping to achieve that same success here in Talent.

Currently, we are seeking interested individuals to join our team. Explorers/Cadets will receive a variety of training related to the field of Law Enforcement. They will also have an opportunity to see first-hand police functions in the department as well as in the field.

Explorers/Cadets are required to be between the ages of 16 and 20, able to obtain an Oregon driver's license, submit to a background check, and have a minimum 2.5 G.P.A. in school.

If you meet the above requirements, stop by the Talent Police Department, 604 Talent Avenue, to request an application. I am also available to answer any questions. Whether you are an applicant or parent of an applicant, feel free to call me at 535-1253 ext. 380.

If you have a suggestion for the next Cop Talk article, please write or send me an e-mail. My address is Officer Wilson, c/o Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, [wilsontpd@hotmail.com](mailto:wilsontpd@hotmail.com).

## **A Rose by Any Other Name... would be Jim Johnson!**

Have you ever driven by Talent's Police Department and noticed the beautiful roses that surround their building? It's not just water and sunshine that give them their sparkle. It's the attention and care given to them year-round by Talent resident, Jim Johnson. Born and raised in Southern Oregon, this gentleman knows his roses. He has volunteered for the past several years to care for and maintain the rose garden at the police station. Those who have seen the garden in full bloom know how much attention those roses have been given!

Police Chief Elmer Kammel says, "It's not an easy job and yet he continues to volunteer his time to make our grounds look extra special. We all appreciate his hard work and dedication."