

## THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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### Working Around School Construction

Talent's Community Service Officers, Tony Marin, Vern Dean, and Frank Falsarella can be seen every morning at the crosswalks near Talent elementary and middle schools. These gentlemen voluntarily battle adverse weather conditions to ensure young children get to and from school safely. However, their efforts have not gone unnoticed. The kids at Talent Middle School outfitted each one of them with a hat to keep their heads warm and thermal gloves to keep their fingers from freezing. They even sent a card thanking our CSO's for their dedication to child safety. Tony, Vern, and Frank were all touched by their generosity and kind words.

With construction underway at the elementary school, our CSO's have the added responsibility of directing traffic. Talent Elementary School Principal Jeff Fagan commented on the closure of West Wagner to bus traffic only, "In order to ensure the safety of our children, we were granted permission from the City to close West Wagner, between the school and the Boys and Girls Club, when busses are present. Once construction is finished, we will have an extended parking area, which will be safer for dropping kids off and picking them up. That portion should be complete by the end of April." He stated they are also building a new gymnasium and a large covered play area that can be used during inclement weather. He expects that part of the project to be complete in August of 2002.

### Talent Hires New City Administrator

Betty Wheeler is Talent's new City Administrator. We'll profile her in next month's issue of the *FLASH*, and update you on how she is adjusting to our city.

### Planning Department Update

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

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

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

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

Conversion of workshop to single-family unit at 1108 Talent Avenue.

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

Planned Unit Development at 1737 Lithia Way, 26 lots proposed with dedicated open space, Gregg Adams; application was granted a continuance to next Planning Commission meeting on March 28, 2002.

Site Plan Review of four manufactured units on four lots for individual lease. Applicant: Doug Vargas, 597 Rapp Road, requires public hearing before Planning Commission on March 28, 2002.

Site Plan Review of new convenience store and laundry facility. Applicant: Southern Cascade Structures at 618 S. Pacific Hwy.

Site Plan Review of expansion of storage unit facility at 1106 S. Pacific Hwy. Applicant: HDK Inc.

Site Plan Review of duplex on Tulipan Way. Applicant: Jozef Slowikowski.

Site Plan Review of Bear Creek Professional Office Center. Applicant: Fred Cox Construction, Inc., 280 S. Pacific Hwy.

**Policies Under Review:** A draft version of a new sign ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission on March 28, 2002.

## **Arbor Day Celebration**

The City of Talent in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission will be celebrating Arbor Day on Thursday, April 4, 2002, at noon by planting a tree in the Downtown Park. All are welcome to attend.

For more information on this event, contact Kevin Cronin, City Planner, at 535-7401.

## **Dog Park in Talent**

The Parks and Recreation Commission will be discussing the idea of a dog park in Talent at their next meeting on Wednesday, April 10th. If you are interested in seeing a dog park in the city, mark your calendars and plan to attend. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Talent's Community Center.

## *City wide Yard Sale*

The Talent Enhancement Month Committee has announced the date of the city wide yard sale. This year, it will be held on Saturday, May 11th.

For more information, please contact Jodi Yap at 535-3105.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Talent Lion's Club will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Talent Middle School on Saturday, March 30, 2002. Activities will take place on the football field, starting at 1 p.m. Ages up to 11 are welcome.

## *New Design Standards for Old Town*

The Old Town district encompasses Talent's traditional downtown core area, including Talent Avenue from Colver Road to Rapp Road, Main Street to the elementary school, and surrounding neighborhoods. It includes over 72 historically-significant homes, commercial buildings, and sites. Recently, new design standards for Old Town have been adopted as a way to guide remodeling and new construction in a direction that complements the town's historic buildings and small town atmosphere.

It is recommended that property owners within the Old Town district familiarize themselves with the new design standards, especially if they plan to remodel, rehabilitate, or upgrade the exterior of a building. There are some materials, such as vinyl siding, metal roofing, and certain fencing types, that are no longer permitted under most circumstances.

You can access a map of the Old Town district and the new design standards on our website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org). For more information, contact Kevin Cronin, City Planner, at 535-7401.

## **Recycle Your Phonebooks—Curbside!**

Ashland Sanitary and Recycling will now be accepting all phonebooks as part of your regular curbside recycling. If you are not familiar with this service, the curbside recycling program is available to everyone within the Ashland and Talent city limits. Recycle bins are blue in color and signal drivers that you have recyclables to be taken away. Your bin must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regularly scheduled trash day. If you are a Talent resident and would like to obtain a blue bin, please stop by City Hall, 204 East Main Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Remember, curbside yard debris recycling is available to residents within the city limits. For cost and program information, or general information on *any* services offered by Ashland Sanitary and Recycling, please call 482-1471.

## **“Cop Talk”**

By Officer Shane Wilson

I want to remind citizens of a few of the programs we offer at the Talent Police Department. First, we have our Car Seat program, designed to help low-income families comply with the new law requiring kids to be in car seats. Second, we have Business and Residential Security Checks of your home or office. This is a free service, but you must make an appointment before we'll come out. Our third program is new—the Explorer/Cadet program, which is already generating lots of interest. To apply for this program, you must 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 have any questions, please contact me directly. My address is Officer Wilson, c/o Talent Police Department, P. O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, 535-1253, [wilsontpd@hotmail.com](mailto:wilsontpd@hotmail.com).

## **Talent Harvest Festival 2002**

The Talent Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, September 14th. Although planning is in its early stages, this year's event promises a good time! There will be entertainment throughout the day and well into the evening. There will be a walk/run, a parade, and activities for the young ones. The Talent Lion's Club will start the morning with a pancake breakfast and Jackson County Fire District No. 5 will end the day with a barbeque and an old-fashioned dance. This is another great year you don't want to miss!

If you would like a vendor booth or to be included in the parade, please contact Allison at City Hall, 535-1566, or send an e-mail to [allison@cityoftalent.org](mailto:allison@cityoftalent.org).