

# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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

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## *Detour Planned for Main Street*

Construction of a new modern rail crossing on Main Street will begin on Friday, May 9th and continue throughout the weekend. Main Street at the rail crossing will be closed to traffic the entire weekend, so please plan an alternative route. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## *Down By the Riverside Clean-Up*

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual *Down By the Riverside* clean up at Lynn Newbry Park is scheduled (rain or shine) for Saturday, May 17, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The

City of Talent's Community Development Department has once again teamed up with SOLV (Stop Oregon and Litter and Vandalism), to help beautify this heavily used park.

Volunteers will meet at the picnic shelter at 9 a.m. and be supplied with gloves, trash bags, etc. The day's activities include mulching trees, and removing blackberries and litter. There will also be public information available about the value of the Bear and Wagner Creek Greenways in Talent. Caffé Café and Tark's Market have generously donated refreshments for this event.

Lynn Newbry Park is located on the south side of Valley View Road just off Interstate 5 at the Talent Exit. Plenty of parking is available. If you are interested in volunteering time or donating materials for this event, please contact Kevin Cronin, City Planner at 535-7401 or e-mail [kevin@cityoftalent.org](mailto:kevin@cityoftalent.org) for more information.

## **Help Design Talent's New Civic Center**

The City of Talent is planning a new civic center for the future. The public is invited to attend the opening session on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Talent's Community Center. At this meeting, the City will update the citizens on what has been done since the project began in July 2002, how much space is needed for a new civic center, and what the "charrette" or public design workshop will accomplish. Then, with the help of a facilitator from Rural Development Initiatives, an architect and a landscape architect, citizens will be asked help design the layout for a new city complex. Subsequently, a consultant and City staff will refine these designs and return on Thursday, May 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to present conceptual drawings to the community. The conceptual drawings are visual ideas that provide a framework for what should be built, what it might look like, and where it should be built.

Public comments and suggestions are very important to determine the daily and long-term needs of residents, businesses, and anyone that uses the spaces and services of City Hall, Police, Municipal Court, Planning and Building, Community Center, and the Jackson County Talent Library. A new Civic Center is possible, but it depends on your participation.

The City of Talent organized a Civic Center Committee made up of various members of the community that serves as an advisory group to the planning of a new city hall complex. So far, the Committee has held monthly meetings to discuss a variety of issues, held an open house with community stakeholders to brainstorm ideas on types of services and spaces needed, and hired an architect to conduct a "space needs assessment" to inventory how much space the City has, what it currently needs, and determine the long-term space needs based on projected increases in population in the next 30 years.

If you would like more information on the Civic Center planning process, please visit the City's web site at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org), or contact Betty Wheeler at 535-1566 or [betty@cityoftalent.org](mailto:betty@cityoftalent.org).

## **Money for Low-Income Homeowners**

The Housing Authority of Jackson County is currently taking applications from low-income homeowners in Talent to complete home repairs.

If you meet the criteria listed below for low-income, you could qualify for a 0% interest

## **Planning Department News**

### **Applications Approved**

**Lot Line Adjustment** (File #: LLA 03-03): Leslie Parsons and Brain Whitmore of Ashland received approval

deferred payment loan that would be due on the sale of your home. Again you must be low-income and your gross income must be less than:

1 person household = \$27,700

2 person household = \$31,700

3 person household = \$35,650

4 person household = \$39,600

The funds come from a Community Development Block Grant to help low-income homeowners complete needed repairs to their homes. If you meet the criteria listed above, you can call the Rehabilitation Department of the Jackson County Housing Authority at 779-5785.

## **Cop Talk**

### **By Officer Shane Wilson**

I have recently been asked by a motorist, "What do I do when I get pulled over?" It's a legitimate question for those who have never been stopped by the police, so this month I'd like to talk about the protocol for getting pulled over. First of all, if you see a police officer behind you with his emergency lights on, you are required to pull over at the closest safest place. It may be that the officer is responding to a call and not actually stopping you, but in any case, you need to pull to the side of the road. In most cases, police officers will try to wait until it is safe for both vehicles before initiating the stop. When the officer approaches your window, he/she will likely ask for your driver's license, registration, and insurance. After you give the officer your documents, he/she will explain the reason for the stop and may

return to their patrol vehicle. Please remain in your vehicle unless the officer directs otherwise.

The officer will then return to your vehicle and may or may not have issued you a citation. Your documents would then be returned and the officer will advise you that you are free to leave. **Always** be careful when pulling back out onto the roadway. I know it's not fun seeing red and blue lights flashing behind you, but hopefully this has cleared a few things up and you'll know what to expect should this ever happen to you. Your safety as well as ours is extremely important to us.

On a side note, the Talent Police Department is still recruiting Explorers/Cadets. If you're

between the ages of 16 and 20 and have thought about a career in law enforcement, please contact

of a lot line adjustment at 208 Bain Street. The lot line adjustment was needed for three lots created by the reestablishment of the original platted lots of 1889 to comply with zoning standards. Plans will be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for two single-family units that conform to the "Old Town" architectural design standards. An existing house on the corner of Bain and Second Street will be preserved.

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

**Minor Partition** (File #: MP 03-02): Mike Graham of Medford has applied for a minor partition to split one lot into two lots at 208 North First Street. A flag lot is proposed to access the proposed lot. The City Planner will render a staff report and decision on May 5, 2003.

**Site Plan Review** (File # SP 03-02): Clark Blowers of Granite Bay, California, is proposing 28 units of multi-family apartments and open space off Suncrest Road, adjacent to the Jackson House. David Fisse of Northwest Design in Medford is the agent. The City Planner will render a staff report and decision on June 2, 2003.

**Site Plan Review** (File # SPR 03-03): Rick Allen of Talent submitted a site plan for the addition of 22 mini-storage units and nine RV parking spaces. The property is zoned Light Industrial at 100 East Rapp Road. The City Planner will render a staff report and decision on June 9, 2003.

#### **Policies Under Review or Adopted:**

The City Council will consider recommendations from staff concerning annexation policies. The current Annexation Ordinance No. 421 was adopted in 1980 and needs an update to comply with current state law and reflect changing needs in the community. The City Council may consider the issue on May 21, 2003.

The Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) will present the latest findings of the Regional Problem Solving process to City Council on May 7, 2003. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed future growth areas outside the existing UGB, endorsed three areas, and forwarded the recommendation to the City Council for their review. A public hearing is scheduled for May 21, 2003.

#### **Miscellaneous**

me (Officer Wilson) for details. I can be reached at 535-1253 ext. 380 or wilsontpd@hotmail.com.

If you have suggestions for my next Cop Talk article, please contact me as well.

## Good News for Wagner Creek Residents

A new pump station was recently installed on the corner of Rapp Road and Wagner Creek. This new pump station pressurizes the water line and allows residents along Wagner Creek Road to be served by water from the Medford Water Commission. Since the pump station has been operational, the City has been able to abandon the Wagner Creek Treatment Plant. For all purposes, the treatment plant is closed and all City water customers are receiving their water from the Medford Water Commission.

## *The Big 3-0 for the Talent Harvest Festival*

It's been 30 years since the very first Talent Harvest Festival and, by gosh, that's something to celebrate! The Harvest Festival Committee is already in the planning stages for this year's event to be held on Saturday, September 13th, in the downtown area of Talent. The day's festivities will start with a pancake breakfast, followed by a parade at 10 a.m. We'll have vendor, craft and food booths, face-painting, pony rides and games for the kids, and **live** entertainment in Library Park. This year promises to be a year you don't want to miss so mark your calendars and plan on bringing the whole family.

If you would like to be in the parade, are a vendor and would like a booth, or would like to assist in the coordinating of the Harvest Festival, please contact Allison at City Hall, 535-1566, or e-mail [allison@cityoftalent.org](mailto:allison@cityoftalent.org). We'd love to see you in September!

## Construction Underway for Depot Project

By summer (July or August) 2003, the park-and-ride and depot building will be complete. When all is said and done, there will be a place for people to *park* and *ride* the bus and there will be a depot building with public restrooms, a waiting room and office space, all surrounded by an

**Mountain Park Estates - Phase 3** (22 SFR lots) was auctioned on April 18, 2003, in Los Angeles and Mountain Park Development (Doug Neuman) retained ownership. Cota Homes, LLC is a partner and will build the homes. The Planning Commission granted an extension request to submit the final plat for Phase 3 by September 27, 2003. The developer must finish the public improvements or otherwise guarantee the improvements prior to the expiration of the extension period.

### **Lithia View Subdivision** (SUB 02-02)

The City Engineer approved the engineering plans for twenty single-family units off Lithia Way. Once the public improvements are completed or guaranteed, a final plat will be submitted for administrative approval.

If you have a specific request or need more information, please contact Kevin Cronin, City Planner at 535-7401 or e-mail: [kevin@cityoftalent.org](mailto:kevin@cityoftalent.org).

## **What's All the Hoop-la?**

In the past few months, the City of Talent has received several complaints about basketball hoops on city sidewalks and in city right-of-ways. For this reason, we are asking citizens to remove basketball hoops and other sports-related equipment from city sidewalks and streets. The city has a responsibility to ensure the public's safety and protect the public right-of-way. Your

old-fashioned landscaped park with benches, trees, drinking fountain, and walk-through arbor.

This project is being funded by grants from the Oregon Department of Transportation through RVTB (Rogue Valley Transportation District) and funds from the Oregon Housing and Community Services Incentive Fund. Plans for this project are available for review at City Hall.

assistance is greatly appreciated.