

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Money for Chuck Roberts Park

The City has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program to repair the tennis courts and basketball courts at Chuck Roberts Park. The grant requires a local match of \$25,000, which the City budgeted for in the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Interested in City Government?

The City is now taking applications to fill a City Council position (soon to be vacated by Councilor Lisa Shapiro) and two board positions for Talent's Urban Renewal Agency. If you have an interest in serving on the City Council or Urban Renewal, please pick up an application at City Hall, 204 E. Main, or download one from our [website](#). Interested individuals are encouraged to apply before Friday, June 13th.

Weed Abatement Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that when fire season is declared by the Oregon Department of Forestry, the City's weed abatement ordinance will be in effect. This ordinance prohibits the uncontrolled growth of grass, weeds, and other vegetation. Once fire season is declared, violations should be reported to Allison at City Hall, 535-1566.

Cop Talk

By Officer Shane Wilson

It saddens me to report that Sergeant Jennifer Freeman of the Talent Police Department was critically injured in an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) accident near Christmas Valley on Saturday, May 24th. She was air-lifted to St. Charles Hospital in Bend where she underwent emergency surgery for internal bleeding. She is currently still at St. Charles Hospital and is listed in critical, but stable condition. Her injuries stem from the accident in which the ATV she was riding rolled over the top of her. She suffered numerous broken ribs, a punctured lung, and other internal injuries.

We have had many well wishes for Sergeant Freeman come into the department. We join in with the City and the citizens of this community in wishing her a full and speedy recovery.

Talent Plans for the Future

During a three-day focused planning effort, citizens of Talent with the help of design consultants have developed a plan for a phased construction of a new Civic Center to be located in downtown Talent. From May 20 through May 22, Doug Skelton from the Medford architectural firm of Shelton, Straus & Seibert and Alan Pardee, a landscape architect from Mt. Shasta gave Talent their undivided attention and developed two alternative plans for citizens to review. Heidi Henry, from Rural Development Initiatives, facilitated the process and assisted with coordinating this effort.

Included in the Civic Center will be a new City Hall, new Library, multipurpose facility to be used for both public meetings and private events, a future recreation facility, and green spaces that would include the bandstand, picnic area and play structures. In this process, consideration was given to some of the more valuable trees on the site and the positioning of buildings acknowledged the

Planning Department News

Applications Approved:

Minor Partition (File #: MP 03-02):
Mike Graham of Medford received approval of a minor partition to split one lot into two lots at 208 North First Street. A flag drive will access the new lot. The City Planner rendered a decision on May 5, 2003.

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

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.

importance to preserve these. Buildings that will eventually be removed are the City Hall, Fire Station, and the Archives building. There would be a new library with the current facility used for some other purpose. It is proposed that the new City Hall be built to accommodate the administrative staff as well as City Council Chambers, Mayor's office, and the archives. The Historic Society would use the Community Center. It has yet to be decided whether the Police Department should be relocated to the complex, but there is room to do that depending on the alternate selected. The current Police Station does not have adequate space for today's needs and has several ADA (American with Disabilities Act) issues that need to be addressed.

There is still a long way to go from the planning stage to implementation and many more opportunities for citizen input if you missed this 3-day session. The consultants are refining the plan that they will submit to the Civic Center Committee in the next couple of weeks. The committee will meet in June to review the plans and prepare a recommendation to City Council.

The consultant will likely be asked to prepare cost estimates of what it will take to begin the construction phase. Determining the best mechanism of financing and the timing will be a decision made by City Council.

All the minutes of the Civic Center Planning Committee can be found on the City's website as well as other information about the project. It is hoped that the consultant report can be included as well once it has been received and reviewed by the committee.

The City is grateful for all the citizens who came out to work on the planning for the future of Talent's downtown with these important public facilities.

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.

Subdivision (File# SUB 03-01): Buntin Construction, LLC is proposing a 40-lot single-family subdivision at 356 Suncrest Road. The zone is R 1-6 and the property is 7.5 acres. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for June 26, 2003.

Planned Unit Development (File # PUD 03-01): DBH, LLC and Rainy Day Holdings, LLC have proposed 53 lots of mixed use and mixed residential and common open space at 307 Talent Avenue. The zone is R-2 High Density Residential and the property is 7.8 acres. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for June 26, 2003.

Policies Under Review or Adopted:

The City Council will hold a public hearing on June 4 to discuss the proposed future growth areas outside the existing UGB as part of the Regional Problem Solving process.

If you have a specific request or need more information, please feel free to contact Kevin Cronin, City Planner at 535-7401 or e-mail: kevin@cityoftalent.org.

Tennis Lessons in June

Looking for something fun to do that's close to home? How about enrolling in tennis lessons at Chuck Roberts Park? Lessons will run for a 3-week period with class meetings twice a week. The cost is \$15 per 3-week session with the first session starting June 2nd through the week of June 16th. The schedule is as follows:

- A. Ages 6 to 9 (Beginners) - 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. (MW)
- B. Ages 10 to 15 (Advanced) - 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Tu TH)
- C. Adult (Beginners) - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. (MW)
- Adult (Advanced) - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Tu TH)

Depending on enrollments, additional sessions may be added. **There must be at least 6 students enrolled in the program for class to take place.**

Down By the Riverside—A great success!

We are pleased to announce that several volunteers from around the Rogue Valley came out to support the Down By the Riverside clean-up at Lynn Newbry Park. They dedicated their Saturday to weeding, mulching, pruning, and picking up trash. Altogether, they removed 100 pounds of litter and 12 cubic yards of woody debris and weeds! The City would like to thank all those who participated in this event: Kathy Balint, Aileen Frank, Robert Frost, Bud Gettling, Katie Powers, Anne Rich, Marian Telerski, Ann Tibbot, Diane Vinlove, Chris Vogel and Darcy and Kevin Cronin.

The City of Talent would also like to extend a special thank you to Tark's Market and Caffé Café

To sign up for lessons, please stop by City Hall,
204 East Main Street, or call 535-1566 for more
information.

for donating snacks and refreshments for all the
hard working volunteers.