

# THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.  
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## Welcome Robert Rector — Talent's New Chief of Police

The City of Talent would like to welcome Robert Rector in his new position as Chief of Police for the Talent Police Department. Chief Rector came to Talent from Gold Beach where he worked for the Gold Beach Police Department for 7 years, with 5 of those serving as Chief. Prior to that, he served in the US Army Military Police for 20 years.

Chief Rector started working for the City of Talent on July 21, 2003. With a little over a week in his new position, he was asked how he liked his new job. He replied enthusiastically, "Love it, love it, love it! This is a wonderful community and everybody has been great in welcoming me. The people and staff have been so gracious and I'm really enjoying getting to know everyone. I can honestly say I look forward to coming to work everyday."

## Talent's 30th Annual Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will 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. There will be vendor, craft and food booths, face-painting, pony rides, games for the kids, science demonstrations, and *live* entertainment in Library Park.

It's not too late to participate! If you would like to be in the parade or would like to have a booth in at the Harvest Festival, please contact Allison at City Hall, 535-1566, or e-mail [allison@cityoftalent.org](mailto:allison@cityoftalent.org). Also, check out next month's issue of the FLASH for a complete list of activities and a map of this year's parade route which will likely change due to construction on Main Street.

## East Main Construction Update

Preliminary excavation for East Main Street improvements began on July 14th. During excavation, existing gas and phone lines were found to be buried less deeply than anticipated.

Construction has been delayed a few days while utility companies have a chance to reposition their lines. When that work is completed, trenching and road excavation will begin.

This means that Main Street will be fairly dusty and in a graveled state for the rest of the summer. All businesses will remain open, and will appreciate your continued patronage.

For more information, contact Marla Cates, Urban Renewal Executive Director, at 535-6170.

## Help Design Front Street

Front Street residents and the general public are invited to provide input on a proposed design concept for Front Street at the Talent Urban Renewal Agency's next meeting on Tuesday,

August 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. A presentation will be made outlining the proposed concept, which focuses on maintaining the rural/residential nature of the site, and will be followed by public input and a field trip.

For more information, contact Urban Renewal Executive Director Marla Cates at 535-6170.

## Cop Talk By Officer Shane Wilson

This month, I'd like to talk about heat and the dangers of leaving children and/or animals in vehicles with the windows rolled up. Although it is never a good idea to leave children or animals alone in a vehicle for *any* length of time, it is especially dangerous in the heat. Today, as I write this article, outside temperatures are supposed to reach 104 degrees.

Locking a vehicle in these temperatures with the windows up can increase the inside temperature significantly and in a short period of time. The American Humane Society reports that on a 90 degree day, temperatures inside of a parked car could reach **160 degrees** in a matter of minutes—on a day like today, that would equate to **190 degrees** in a parked car! Leaving a child or animal in a vehicle under these extreme conditions can cause heat exhaustion or even death. Child neglect and animal neglect are two crimes punishable by jail time, a fine, or both.

Please think before leaving children or animals unattended, especially in this heat. Don't let an innocent trip to the grocery store turn fatal.

## Talent Hires New City Planner

The City is pleased to announce that John Adam has been hired as Talent's new City Planner. John will be coming to the City of Talent from Iowa City, Iowa where he served as Associate City Planner. He has a bachelor degree in English and a master degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa.

John will start work on August 11th. We are pleased to announce his appointment and look forward to his arrival.

## Sergeant Freeman Returns to Work

Sergeant Jennifer Freeman has returned to work after an all-terrain vehicle

accident in May left her hospitalized for over four weeks. She is not fully recovered, but has returned to light-duty status at the Police Department.

Sergeant Freeman would like to thank all her well-wishers for

## Planning Department News

The Planning Office has been extremely busy in the last several weeks with a number of large development proposals in various stages of review as well as a number of single lot and accessory use applications.

**Applications Approved:** Subdivision (SUB 03-01) Buntin Construction, LC was approved to develop a 40 lot single-family subdivision at 356 Suncrest Road in the R1-6 zone

### Applications Under Review:

Plan Review (SPR 03-03): Rick Allen is proposing to add 22 mini-storage units and nine recreational vehicle spaces to an existing mini-storage business at 100 East Rapp Road. Property is located in the LI (Light Industrial) zone. Planning review on August 14, 2003.

Annexation (ANX 03-01): Melvin and Virginia James have submitted a proposal to annex a 1.21-acre parcel at 6528 Colver Road into the city limits. The property is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary and is intended for R-1-6 Zoning.

The Planning Commission will review on August 28, 2003.

Planned Unit Development (PUD 03-02): Suncrest Home, LLC is proposing a 32-lot subdivision or a mixed-use project of single-family homes, townhouses, and commercial and/or residential units. The property is located at 320 Talent Avenue and is zoned R-2. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this request on August 14, 2003.

Planned Unit Development (PUD 03-01): DBH, LLC and Rainy Day Holdings, LLC, are proposing a 53 lots of mixed use and mixed residential neighborhood with commercial spaces located on Talent Avenue. Development is referred to as Wagner Creekside, and is located at 307 Talent Avenue. The Planning Commission final hearing is tentatively scheduled for August 28, 2003.

Planned Development (PA 03-05): Rutledge

### *Going on Vacation?*

Just a friendly reminder that the Talent Police Department can perform a courtesy check on your home while you are on vacation. This is a daily inspection that will take place during your absence. All you have to do is register your vacation plans with the police department by stopping by 604 Talent Avenue or by calling 535-1253.

Construction Inc. is proposing to develop Phase II of the Oak Valley Development, which consists of a 29 lot subdivision located on a 7.11 acre parcel located off of West Valley View Road. The Planning Commission public hearing is tentatively scheduled for August 28, 2003.