

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Urban Renewal Hard at Work

As you may have noticed, there are quite a few projects in the works for Urban Renewal. The following is an update on their current undertakings:

Main Street—The messiest part of construction (excavation and underground improvements) is just about over. By mid-October below-ground improvements and excavation should be complete. By the end of October, the roadbed should be prepared and curbs poured. Following this, asphalt and sidewalks. Improvements will also be made to portions of I Street immediately adjacent to Main Street, including some asphalt resurfacing, sidewalk work, and street trees. Your patience continues to be greatly appreciated.

Downtown Park—Landscape improvements are expected to be installed early winter, to include trees, flowers and shrubs. Benches, picnic tables, and BBQs will also be added to make the park useable by persons of all ages.

Front Street— After a thumbs-up from Front Street residents, work is now proceeding on a "rural" design concept that includes a meandering asphalt pathway for pedestrians rather than a traditional sidewalk, natural grassy areas, parking bays, and attention to drainage issues. Once surveying is completed, a preliminary design will be presented to the public later this fall.

Vacancy— Urban Renewal is seeking applications for a vacancy on the Board. Contact City Hall.

Planning Department News

Applications Approved:

Planned Unit Development (File PUD 03-02, Heritage Station). Suncrest Homes received concept plan approval for a 3.34-acre, 32-lot mixed-use subdivision in the R-2, High-Density Residential, zone at 320 Talent Avenue. The Planning Commission granted approval by a vote of 4-0 at its meeting on August 14, 2003.

Planned Unit Development (File PUD 03-01, Old Bridge Village). DBH, LLC and Rainy Day Holdings, LLC received detailed development plan approval for a 7.79-acre, 53-lot mixed-type housing subdivision in the R-2, High-Density Residential, zone at 307 Talent Avenue. The Planning Commission granted approval by a vote of 6-0 at its meeting on August 28, 2003.

Annexation (File ANX 03-01, Colver Road). Melvin and Florence James received a positive recommendation to annex 1.21 acres at 6528 Colver Road. At its meeting on August 28th, the Planning Commission voted 6-0 to send a recommendation to the Council to annex the property. Concurrent with annexation, the property will be rezoned to R-1-6, Low-Density Residential.

Applications Denied:

Site Plan Review (File SPR 03-03, Talent Mini Storage). Rick Allen was denied approval to expand his mini-storage facility in the LI, Light Industrial, zone at 100 East Rapp Road. Because mini-storage is a non-conforming use in the zone, the Planning Commission denied approval by a vote of 4-0 at its meeting on August 14, 2003.

Applications Under Review: The following applications are pending before the Planning Commission and the City Council:

Annexation (File ANX 03-02, Lithia View). C. A. Galpin, C. A. Cochrane and Gregg Adams have petitioned for the annexation of

4.13 acres on Lithia Way, east of Winters Way, to the City of Talent. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the application at its meeting on October 23, 2003 at 6:30 P.M. The Commission's recommendation will then proceed to the City Council for a final decision. The property is recommended for rezoning to R 1-6, Low-Density Single-Family Residential.

Cop Talk

By Officer Shane Wilson

This month I'd like to address two issues that have been brought forth by citizens: (1) curfew violations, and (2) discharge of weapons in City limits. City Ordinance No. 711 addresses the issue of curfews and states that "no minor shall be in or upon any street highway park alley or other public place between the hours of 12 midnight to 4 a.m." As is with every rule, there are exceptions. Exceptions to this ordinance include being accompanied by a parent or guardian or authorized person over the age of 18, lawful engagement in some type of activity (i.e. work or school function), or emancipation. Minors in violation of Ordinance No. 711 will be cited into municipal court.

The next issue I'd like to address is the discharge of weapons in City limits. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 166.220 states in part that "a person commits the crime of unlawful use of a weapon if the person...intentionally discharges a firearm, blowgun, bow and arrow, crossbow or explosive device within the city limits of any city or within residential areas within urban growth boundaries at or in the direction of any person, building, structure or vehicle within the range of the weapon without having legal authority for such discharge". City Ordinance 523 Section 17 also prohibits pellet guns, BB guns, and air guns within City limits. The statute and City Ordinance allow for exceptions for areas designated by the City as authorized shooting ranges/areas. It is important to note that violation of ORS 166.220, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, is a Class C Felony crime.

Due to overwhelming requests, we will now be incorporating police department statistics in this and future Cop Talk articles. We'll start with the month of August 2003. Last month the Talent Police Department handled 403 cases and issued 95 traffic citations (50 of the 95 were seatbelt violations). Overall,

Park Ordinance Amended

The Talent City Council has amended the City's Park Ordinance No. 286 that regulates permitted uses in the parks. The amendments include requiring the use of helmets at the skate park, no dogs in City parks, and no alcohol in City parks. It is now required that all users of the skate park must wear helmets. If an officer stops an individual who is riding either a skateboard or bike at the skate park **and** is without a helmet, the officer would have the authority to confiscate the board or bike and keep it until after the individual has appeared in Municipal Court. This is a significant step in increasing the consequences for not wearing a helmet, however, with fatalities in both Ashland and Medford, the Talent City Council felt the action was justified. In addition to the skate park regulation, dogs (even on a leash) are not permitted in any of the City's parks. This not a new addition—it has just been reinforced. Alcohol is also not permitted in any City park.

If you wish to see a copy of this Ordinance, you can stop by City Hall during normal business hours or [click here](#).

Money for Chuck Roberts Park

cases handled by the department are up 18% over this time last year.

For comments or suggestion on my next Cop Talk article, please write, phone, or e-mail. I can be reached at Talent Police Department, Attn: Officer Wilson, P.O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540, (541) 535-1253, wilsontpd@hotmail.com

The City of Talent is pleased to announce that **\$119** was raised from the raffle at the Talent Harvest Festival. The money will be used to purchase sports equipment for Chuck Roberts Park. We'd like to thank the folks at Actors Theater and Southern Oregon University for their prize donations. We'd also like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket in support of this effort.

Harvest Festival Thank You's

By Allison Zigich

I would like to thank the Talent Harvest Festival Committee (Fire Chief Dan Marshall, Lieutenant Kevin Kriz, City Councilor Wendy Siporen, and Tim Barnack, Jackson County DA) for their dedication to the planning and organizing of this year's festival. The day of the actual event always puts our coordinating to the test, but I am always so impressed with the outcome. I have many people to thank for making this happen: the Talent Police Department, Sergeant Freeman and the Talent Police Reserves, Talent Public Works, City Manager Betty Wheeler, and Jackson County Fire District No. 5. What a team!

I would also like to thank those who attended this year's festival- it is my hope you had a good time.

Talent Makes Its TV Debut

Don't miss Mayor Telerski, Councilor Don Steyskal and City Manager Betty Wheeler *live* on Rogue Valley Television, Channel 9, on Monday, October 20th at 7 p.m. Again, this will be a live telecast where City officials will discuss the Highway 99 Project and Growth in Talent. Citizens are invited to call in and ask questions. If you have a burning question, please take this opportunity to ask it. The call-in number is 552-6079.

If you miss the live telecast, you will have the opportunity to view the show in reruns but you will not be able to call in. This telecast will also appear on the City's website (www.cityoftalent.org) after the night of the program.