



THE FLASH

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



City of Talent

New Bridge for Talent



On behalf of the City of Talent, Jackson County submitted a grant application to the Oregon Department of Transportation for grant funds to reconstruct the Valley View Bridge. The County was successful in receiving that grant and has hired the engineering firm of OBEC to develop the designs. The design has been completed and was presented to the public on October 20th in Talent. The plans include a "protected" pedestrian/bike path that will make it possible for citizens and visitors to go to and from the Lynn Newbry Park on foot or by bike safely. Also the City will be able

to attach a sewer line to the new bridge that will then allow for the installation of permanent restroom facilities at the park. It is important to the City that this bridge be rebuilt since there are several structural cracks in the bridge girders. While it is safe to continue to use this bridge, the cracks are a warning sign that cannot be ignored. The City was fortunate to benefit from monies approved during the last legislative session. There will be significant challenges during the construction of this bridge since it is important to maintain the public's use of this bridge. While traffic will continue during construction, at different times there will be problems in access and

egress to Lynn Newbry Park and the Bear Creek Greenway. Due to the fact that the access to the Park is so close to the bridge, there may be times that it will have to be closed off.

The plan now is to place the project out to bid in March and expect construction to begin in late spring. The engineers are planning a two-year construction period since there are time limitations set by the state, as to when there can be work in the streambed. As it gets closer to the time when the construction will begin, the City will provide more information so that all City residents know what to expect.

If you are interested in seeing the current plans for the project please stop by City Hall.

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Front Street Landscaping

Front Street landscaping is scheduled for Spring 2005. With the roadway now finished, the Urban Renewal Agency can plan for landscaping along Front Street. During winter, a cover crop will be planted to control erosion. In spring, irrigation, trees, shrubs, and meadow areas will be in-

stalled. There is a partial wire fence that has been installed to help separate pedestrians from the railroad tracks. In the spring this fence will be planted with a hedgerow of field roses, currant, ceanothus, and other native flowering shrubs which will provide year



round interest and bird habitat.



Street Light Retrofits

The Urban Renewal Agency has decided to retrofit all remaining street lights in the downtown area and along Talent Avenue to Wagner Creek Bridge. These retrofits will feature the new roof optic lighting system which reduces glare and light pollution, and features a lower wattage bulb. The conversion will take place over the next several months.



Parks Public Survey

The City of Talent Parks and Recreation Commission will be sending out a public survey in November through the schools. The survey responses will be used to help in the planning for setting up recreation programs that will be offered by the City next year. Parents are encouraged to look for the survey, fill it out and return it either to the school or to City Hall.



Community Volunteers Needed

Jackson County will begin the design planning for the new library in Talent at the beginning of the year. While there will be City officials and Friends of the Library on the **Talent Advisory Committee**, they are looking for a

citizen at large to serve as well. The City is also looking for volunteers to serve on the **Economic Development Committee the Artichitectural Review Committee and the Enhancement Committee**. These committees need

citizens input and the only requirement is that you care about the City.



COP TALK

By Officer Shane Wilson



This month I would like to address a problem that I have addressed in the past, which is a reminder to protect your property. We've had a rash of car break-ins generally occurring at night at various locations around Talent. Often when speaking with victims, we're finding out that the vehicle was left unlocked, or that valuable items were left in plain view. Here are some tips for protecting your property:

- Lock your vehicle after leaving it.
- Park in a well lit area
- Roll up windows.
- Remove expensive items (CD's, money, purses, face plates, cameras, etc.)
- Activate your alarm if you have one.
- If out of town, have someone watch your property, or notify your local neighborhood watch leaders.
- Report ANY suspicious activity/people immediately.

Many times we hear that someone in a neighborhood saw a suspicious person or heard a noise but didn't report it. Please report suspicious activity when it is occurring. Your call may provide the information that results in apprehension of the persons doing these crimes. At the very least it will ensure that police are checking the area. We work for you, but we'd also like to work with you. If we work as a team, we can make Talent safer and more secure!

Planning Department News

On November 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review an application for annexation of property at the corner of Lithia Way and Alpine Way (file no. ANX 04-01). The Commission will also hold a public hearing to review recommended changes to the Zoning Ordinance, Articles 1, 16 and 21 and to Section 13 of the Land Divisions Ordinance (file no. DCA 04-02).

General Information

The Planning Department often receives questions regarding fences. Ordinance No. 371, "Fences, Walls, Hedges and Screen Plantings," describes height limitations.



Here are the basics:

§ Along front property lines and within the first twenty feet of the front yard, fences and hedges may only be four feet in height.

§ Along side lot lines the general rule is that fences and hedges may be up to six feet in height—with the following two exceptions:

1. Measuring twenty feet back from the front property line, fences and hedges may be only four feet high.

2. On corner lots, fences and hedges along any street-facing side may be only four feet high

§ Along rear lot lines fences and hedges may be up to six feet in height.

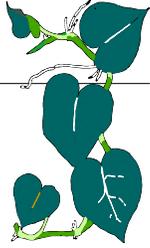
Staff realizes there are several properties in town that violate one or more of the rules, especially on corner lots, but correcting them all would take a lot of dedicated effort and time that staff does not have. We can only respond on a complaint basis.

If you have a specific request or need more information, please feel free to contact Planning at 535-7401 or via e-mail at john@cityoftalent.org.

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A community growing together!



There will be no FLASH published for November. Next FLASH will be December!





TULIPS IN TALENT



The Enhancement Committee along with Volunteers from the Boys & Girls Club will plant over 4,000 tulips in various locations around the City. The goal is to have 100,000 planted in five years. If you are interested in buying any bulbs or want more information, please contact Greg Goebelt at 840-5966 .

Thank you to all of those that donated their purchased bulbs to be planted!



November Calendar of Events

- 2nd Election Day
- 3rd City Council Mtg.
- 9th *Ashland Sanitary “Leaf Recycling”
- 11th Veterans Day—City Hall Closed
- 17th City Council Mtg.
- 23rd *Ashland Sanitary “Leaf Recycling”
- 25th & 26th Thanksgiving—City Hall Closed

* 9am—5pm on the corner of Water and Van Ness Street in Ashland.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Municipal Court 3:00pm Comm. Hall	2 Election Day	3 City Council 6:30pm Comm. Hall	4 Traffic 3:00pm Pub. Works	5	6
7	8	9 Arch. Review 7:00pm Comm. Hall	10 Parks 6:00pm Comm. Hall	11 Veteran’s Day (closed)	12	13
14	15 Municipal Court 6:00pm Comm. Hall	16 Urban Renewal 6:00pm TBD	17 Safety 1:30pm Comm. Hall City Council 6:30pm	18 Planning 6:00pm Comm. Hall	19	20 Architectural Review Walk 9:00am TBD
21	22	23	24	25 Thanks Holiday	26 Giving (closed)	27
28	29	30 No “Flash” This month		<i>Building Plan Review Monday—Friday</i> 8:30am—9:00am & 4:00pm—5:00pm		

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