

THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works, and Police Departments.
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Chief Rector Welcomes New Talent Officer

Talent's newest police officer, Darrin George (pictured shaking hands with Chief Rector), was sworn in at a small ceremony at City Hall in early February. Although he is new to his position, he is no stranger to the police department. Officer George has been a police reserve officer for Talent for over 4 years and has logged over **2,000** volunteer hours with Talent Police!

Officer George was born and raised in the Rogue Valley. He is the proud father of an 18 month old son and enjoys riding dirt bikes, snowboarding, wakeboarding, and sky diving. In March he will be entering a 10-week training program at the Police Academy in Monmouth, Oregon.

Chief Rector commented, "Officer George has been our most highly advanced reserve officer. He has an excellent work ethic, calm demeanor, etc. He is a guy that has worked very hard over an extended period of time to prove himself as someone who really wants to be a Talent police officer, and who has earned the position. We welcome Officer George to our department and congratulate him on his new position with the City of Talent."

Talent Police Recruiting for Greenway Volunteers

By Chief Rector

Hi, this Chief Bob Rector of Talent PD and I'm writing to ask for your help. Talent PD is looking for a few good folks to lend a hand as volunteers. We're looking for people who would like to serve Talent in the role of Community Service Officer (CSO) to help patrol our park areas. We've seen an increasing need for an official presence in City parks and on the Bear Creek Greenway, and our CSOs are being tasked to provide much of that presence.

Patrol of the Bear Creek Greenway is designed to deter criminal conduct and offensive behavior, help educate Greenway users about greenway rules, and help enforce violations of the Greenway ordinance (dogs not on leashes, for example). This patrol can be done on foot, by bicycle, or by vehicle. CSO personnel would provide a uniformed presence, be given training, uniforms and some equipment, and supervision to carry out their duties. Volunteers are needed for various times throughout the daylight hours.

Anyone interested in serving our community in the capacity of a CSO, please contact me at the police department by calling 535-1253, or stop by at 604 Talent Avenue.

News from Talent Enhancement Committee

The Talent Enhancement Committee had their first meeting on February 17th and planned a few activities Talent residents can get excited over. First on their agenda is a series of enhancement workshops, starting in March with Plant Propagation—the Simple and Natural Way of Reproducing Plants. The talk will be given by former nursery owner Peter Brown on Saturday, March 20th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Community Center (206 East Main Street). Feel free to bring your own perennials!

The month of May will be full of activities to celebrate Talent Enhancement. Starting on May 8th, the town can look forward to a plant swap and the annual citywide yard sale. Maps of Talent will be available along with a

Planning Department News

Applications Pending:

Suzy Stotler-deRuyter has applied for a Site Plan Review to establish an Accessory Dwelling Unit at 319 S. Front Street. The property is zoned R1-6. The Planning Commission will review the application at the public hearing on February 26th. Decisions are based on the approval criteria found in Article 23, "Site Plan Review" and Article 28, "Accessory Dwelling Units" in the Zoning Ordinance.

Lauren Bell has applied for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a daycare at 105 W. Main Street.

list of addresses participating in the yard sale. The cost is \$3 to have your address included on the list and you can contact Allison at City Hall for more information.

On May 15th, the Talent Enhancement Committee will host a Green-Up and Clean-Up Day in which they encourage all Talent residents to get involved in the clean-up of trash in this community. Ashland Sanitary and Recycling will be providing a brush and lumber box located at the old fire hall (behind City Hall) for residents to drop off their brush or lumber free of charge.

And that's not all! The Talent Enhancement Committee is busy working on other ideas to promote enhancement in the community year round. By working with businesses, the schools, and local residents the committee hopes to raise awareness of Talent Enhancement and improve the overall appearance of the City.

For information on how you can get involved, please contact the Committee Chair Greg Goebelt at 840-5966.

The property is zoned R1-6. The Planning Commission will review the application at a March 11th public hearing. Decisions are based on the approval criteria for conditional uses found in Article 24 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Commission Decisions:

At their meeting on January 22nd, the Commission approved a variance from the sign ordinance (Ord. No. 720) permitting a sign slightly larger than is typically allowed in a residential zone. The applicant was Phoenix-Talent School District. The Commission found that the elementary school is a unique, civic use that warrants a larger sign.

For more information, please contact City Planner John Adam at 535-7401, or e-mail john@cityoftalent.org.

Improvements for Chuck Roberts Park

Recently a landscape plan has been developed for Chuck Roberts Park. Construction of an irrigation system is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of March (weather permitting). Also in March, the restroom facilities should be open and ready for use.

The City will be installing pathways to the facilities at the eastern end of the park to access the tennis courts, etc. The tennis courts and basketball courts will be developed in the next few months with money from a grant the City received from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). In addition, Dan Bish of Plant Oregon has donated some trees that will be planted in spring. Park users can look forward to improvements being done by September or October.

Talent Harvest Festival

Join us as we celebrate the **31st Annual Talent Harvest Festival** on Saturday, September 11th, in the downtown area of Talent. The Harvest Festival Committee will be meeting soon to start planning this year's event. The day's festivities usually start with a pancake breakfast (hosted by the Talent Lions), followed by a parade at 10 a.m.

We'll have vendor, craft and food booths, face-painting, pony rides, games for the kids, and **live** entertainment. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss the fun!

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.

Talent Parks Benefit Auction

The Talent Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting its first annual auction benefiting City parks. The event will be held on Saturday, March 13th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Paschal Winery (1122 Suncrest Road) in Talent. Support the parks in this community while enjoying Paschal wines, hors d'oeuvres, and live music.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Talent City Council will be considering the renewal of the franchise agreement with Charter Communications at their next meeting on March 3, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in Talent's Community Center (206 East Main Street). Officials from Charter will be

Tickets are \$25 each or two for \$40. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please contact Allison at City Hall at 535-1566 or stop by 204 East Main Street. Please make checks payable to the City of Talent, P.O. Box 445, Talent, OR 97540.

Space is limited so purchase your tickets today!

present to answer any questions or address concerns about their service. The public is welcome to attend.

Vacancies on Committees and Commissions

The City of Talent has vacancies on the following committees and commissions:

Parks and Recreation Commission, Advisory Board to the Parks Commission, Advisory Board to the Planning Commission, and the Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission.

If you are interested in filling one or more of these vacancies, please pick up an application at City Hall, 204 East Main Street. Or, download one from our website - [click here](#).