



# THE FLASH

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

# City of Talent

## UPDATE ON HIGHWAY 99 PROJECT

While the water line replacement and the Wagner Creek Bridge improvements are nearing completion, there are a number of other elements to the Highway 99 modernization project yet to be done. The next phase will be the storm drain system, which extends the entire length of the project area (Colver to Rapp Road). While the storm line itself is outside the traveled portion of the highway, it is likely that a travel lane will be closed to protect the workers and allow them to maneuver their equipment. At the same time as the storm drain installation is taking place the work on Suncrest, Colver and Gibson will also be underway. Only after these major elements are complete will the paving, medians, sidewalks and landscaping be installed as well as the new traffic signals at Rapp and Colver. There is much left to be done and the scheduled completion date is not until June/July of 2006. From time to time it will be necessary to close off Rapp and Colver and the contractor will give as much advanced notice through signs and notices to the media to keep residents informed. Please try to leave early and use alternate routes whenever possible to avoid the frustration of being caught in the traffic holdups.

## New Payment Option

Beginning in December, City Hall will have another option for accepting payments on water bills and traffic tickets. The Finance Department is gearing up to accept debit and credit card transactions for these two types of payments.



Initially this service will be limited to over-the-counter payments only. As we gain experience with the system, we may be able to expand to internet service. Remember, this service is for water bills and traffic tickets only.



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## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The City Council continues to look for volunteers to serve on several of the standing committees. Listed below are the committees in need of additional members at this time:

**Creel Road Design Committee** – This Committee will be of short duration but will assist the engineer in developing a design for significant improvements to Creel from Highway 99 to Talent Avenue. The City would like to have a citizen who actually lives on Creel and then another person who uses the road on a fairly regular basis but does not necessarily live on the road.

**Economic Development** - Two seats open for business representatives.

**Enhancement** - Open to anyone who would like to see improvements to the City's appearance.

**Park and Recreation Commission Advisory Board** – Individuals interested in helping to plan for recreation programming and updating the Parks Master Plan

**Planning Commission Advisory Board** - Good opportunity to learn about what the Planning Commission does and to serve as a backup in the absence of a regular member. Many of the decisions now being made by the Planning Commission will affect the City into the future.

**Ad Hoc Public Arts Committee** - This is a proposed new committee to work towards fostering the use of public art in many locations throughout the City.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT

It is against City Ordinances to post personal signs announcing yard sales, lost pets or business advertising on City traffic signs. It is against state law to post any signs on power poles owned by the power company. When observed these signs will be removed. When legally posting notices regarding yard sales, please remove them as soon as the event is over to prevent littering.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

City Council, Fire District #5 and City Staff are continuing to meet to review and update the City's Emergency Management Plan. One of the most important things for residents to keep in mind is that, depending on the severity of a disaster, during the first couple of days of an event you will likely be entirely on your own to take care of yourself and your family. The Jackson County Emergency Management Office has a great deal of information on their website [www.co.jackson.or.us](http://www.co.jackson.or.us) that can assist residents in understanding how to prepare themselves for a disaster and also the warning procedures. It would also be useful to review the "Jackson County Emergency Preparedness Plan for Families". There is a chapter in this publication on "Disaster Supplies Kit-A Checklist". For those who do not have access to the Internet the City has made copies of this particular chapter and they are available at City Hall. The recommendation for a family includes:

- ◆ **Water –2 gallons/person per day**
- ◆ **Food – 3 day supply of non-perishable food for each person**
- ◆ **Non-Prescription medications**
- ◆ **First Aid Kit**
- ◆ **Tools & Supplies – flashlights and battery operated radio**
- ◆ **Sanitation supplies**
- ◆ **Clothing & Bedding**
- ◆ **Special items for adults, babies, pets**
- ◆ **Entertainment – games for children**
- ◆ **Copies of important Family documents**



## COP TALK By Officer Shane Wilson

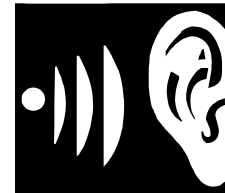
This month I would like to address noise complaints. This is a common call we receive on a regular basis at the Talent Police Department. We receive a variety of noise complaints, with the most being an animal (barking dog) or loud music (party). There seems to be a misconception of the Ordinance pertaining to noise complaints. Many times we hear that noise is permissible until 10:00 pm. That is not the case. Unreasonable noise is not permitted at any time. Talent Ordinance #749, Section 16 ad-

resses noise complaints in the city. The Ordinance says, "No person shall create, assist in creating, permit, continue or permit the continuance of any loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise." The Ordinance goes on to give some examples, of which I will address the most common:

1. Keeping an animal that, by loud and frequent or continued noise, disturbs the comfort and repose of a person in the vicinity.
2. Using or operating an automatic or electric piano, phonograph, loudspeaker or sound amplifying device so

loudly that it disturbs persons in its vicinity, or in a manner that makes it a public nuisance. However, on application to the council, permits may be granted to broadcast music, news, speeches or general entertainment.

The Ordinance prohibits any noise that is unreasonable. The time of day (7am-10pm) does not apply except to construction. A copy of the Ordinance is available online at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) or at City Hall.



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Code Amendments

The Planning Commission will soon consider an amendment to the planned unit development (PUD) regulations. PUDs are like subdivisions or site development plans, but they allow flexibility in site layout and setbacks. It is supposed to be a tool for innovative design on difficult properties, but the result that staff and the Commission often see is little more than a standard subdivision with reductions in side setbacks. We believe it can be more than that.

### Items of interest

On October 13 the Planning Commission approved the *detailed plan* for Schmelzer's Place and Camus Court, two small subdivisions off Talent Avenue near Anderson Vista Apartments. Together they contain 32 detached and attached single-family homes.

### Call for Advisory Board Members

The Planning Commission needs volunteers. Be a part of the planning process in Talent and help shape the future. What's an advisory

board member do?

The board is a good place to get your feet wet in city government.

You would also have the chance to fill a vacant seat on the Commission when there's a lack of quorum.

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](mailto:john@cityoftalent.org).



# URBAN RENEWAL NEWS

## West Valley View Street Network:

The Agency recently selected a consultant to provide planning services for the Downtown Master Plan, which includes a proposed street network for the downtown area on either side of West Valley View Road, between New Street and the Gangnes subdivision. Last year, the Agency held public meetings with property owners and others to propose the concept and, after receiving favorable response, elected to hire a planning consultant to work on the project. A series of public design meetings are in the process of being scheduled, and will be announced soon.

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

# SKATE PARK UPDATE

Discussions continue on how to manage the Skate Park so that everyone who wishes to use the park will feel comfortable there and not overwhelmed by some of the behavior. The City's insurance carrier strongly discourages placing a person there to monitor the behavior due to liability issues. Therefore we'll have to find another way and we look to the parents to help the City to influence the behavior in the park. The vandalism continues in the park and the Police Department will be devoting extra time to finding who is responsible. In the meantime the City cannot afford to replace the damaged picnic tables and benches until there is some assurance that the new equipment will not be immediately damaged as well. Anyone who has information regarding the vandalism is encouraged to contact the Talent Police Department at 535-1253.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 City Council 6:30pm Comm. Hall	3 Civic Center 5:45pm Comm. Hall	4	5
6	7 Municipal Court 3:00pm Comm. Hall	8 Arch. Review &:00pm Comm. Hall	9 Parks 6:00pm Comm. Hall	10Traffic3:00pm <u>Public Works</u> City Council 6:30pm Comm. Hall	11 <i>Veteran's Day (City Hall Closed)</i>	12
13	14	15 Urban Renewal 6:00pm TBD	16 Safety 1:30pm <u>Comm. Hall</u> City Council 6:30pm <u>Comm. Hall</u> Talent Chamber 8:30am <u>Edward Jones Office</u>	17 Econmic Dev. 4:30 pm <u>Comm. Hall</u> Planning 6:30pm Comm. Hall	18	19 <i>Arch Review Walk 9:00am</i>
20	21 Municipal Court 6:00pm Comm. Hall	22	23 <i>The Flash Distributed</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>  <b>(City Hall Closed)</b>	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>  <b>(City Hall Closed)</b>	26
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