



# THE FLASH

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

# City of Talent

## TALENT AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

An important project started a number of years ago will come closer to being completed in the next two years. The City has received notification that Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds have been approved for sidewalks and bike lanes on Talent Avenue. This project will begin where the previous work stopped at the Police Station in 2003, and will extend to Creel Road. Providing this connection from the housing areas in the southern part of the City to the downtown will provide a walkable link to the downtown. The grant is for \$663,000 and the local match is \$75,000. The City competes with all the other cities in the state for these federal dollars and was very fortunate to have this project approved by the state. Any citizen who would like to be involved in the

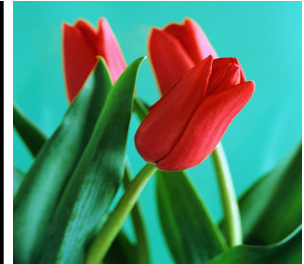
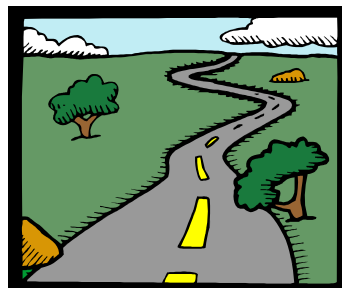
planning for this project should contact the City Manager. There will be an advisory committee to work with the design consultants on the project.

### Rehab/Façade Improvement Grant Program

To date, twelve downtown property owners have received on-site consultations for exterior improvements to their commercial or historic buildings, and several are in the process of preparing applications for the grant program. So far, two applications have been received and approved: Talent Lube for façade improvements and the historic Talent Bible Chapel for restoration of its stained glass windows. For more information on the program, contact Marla Cates, Executive Director, 535-6170.

## Street Network Concept for West Valley View Area

In February and April, property owners met with the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors to discuss the concept of a street network in the West Valley View area, between New Street and the Gangnes subdivision. Property owners who attended these meetings were receptive to the concept. As a result, the Agency has decided to hire a planning consultant to design a proposed network, taking into consideration property owners' interests, future traffic needs, historic sites, and funding options. A series of public meetings and design charettes will be scheduled as part of the process, with an anticipated completion date of late fall.



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# CITY COUNCIL GOALS



The City Council has set Goals for 2005-2007 with the input from other Commissions and City residents. These goals will set the focus of attention of the Council and City staff in the next couple of years and time and resources will be directed to these five priorities. Citizens should expect to hear more on these five goals and how the City intends to achieve these goals. The goals are listed in order of priority set by council.

- Ø **City Spaces** – Resolve City space needs. This includes the need for a new City Hall and renovations of the Police Department.
- Ø **Beautification** - Enhance visual aesthetics of Talent. This will include the hiring of a full time Code Enforcement Officer and a general clean up of the community.
- Ø **Parks and Open Spaces** – Obtain and develop appropriate spaces for the enjoyment of recreation activities by Talent citizens of all ages.
- Ø **Affordable Housing** – Develop a coordinated plan for more affordable housing. This will include review and revision of City Ordinances, collaborating with cities in the valley to clearly identify the issue and work for regional solutions.
- Ø **Bicycle and Pedestrian Access** -Provide safe transportation options that foster a pedestrian-friendly, bike-friendly community.

You can find more details on the plan of action for implementing these goals on the city website [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) or requesting a copy of the plan at City Hall.

## BUDGET HEARINGS FOR 2005-06 FISCAL YEAR

Three important meetings taking place in May and June will be the Budget Committees deliberation of the proposed budget for this coming fiscal year.



On **May 5<sup>th</sup>** the City Manager will present the proposed budget to the Committee, and on **May 12<sup>th</sup>** the Committee will take public comment on the proposed budget and after a thorough review will make a recommendation to City Council. Copies of the budget will be available for review at City Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.

The City Council's public hearing on the budget is scheduled for **June 1, 2005**. These are opportunities for the citizens to provide input and help the Budget Committee and the City Council adopt a budget that is accepted by all the citizens. The budget defines how the City will spend its money in the coming year.



## COP TALK By Officer Shane Wilson

### Vehicles

#### Parked Illegally or Abandoned

Vehicles parked illegally or abandoned create problems for your neighbors and for the community. We all have to park our vehicles; hopefully we have driveway or other space on our property to park. If we don't we usually seek public streets to park. There are rules (city ordinances, state laws) that govern that parking. Some examples are: City Ordinance 543 states, in part, that no motor vehicle, RV, trailer, or other personal property can be stored on a City street for more than 72 hours, and that

once moved the vehicle must be moved at least 1000 feet from the original location, then again for no more than 72 hours. Ordinance 543 also states it is unlawful to display a vehicle for sale on a public street, or to repair a vehicle on the street, unless those repairs are necessitated by an emergency. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 819.100 states that any vehicle abandoned on a public street may be ticketed and impounded. Talent Police or Code Enforcement Officers will apply a red tag to the vehicle as a notice of impoundment and if the vehicle is not removed, it will be towed

and impounded. In these cases we make every attempt to locate the current owner of the vehicle and hold them responsible for abandoning the vehicle (a note for those who sell their vehicles: make sure you notify DMV that you've sold the vehicle or you may be held responsible for it if the current owner fails to register it). Owners are responsible for tow and storage fees, and fines if ticketed. Please pay heed to parking rules. Call us at TPD, 535-1253 if you have questions or wish to report illegally parked or abandoned vehicles.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Development in Talent-Part II

In the last issue we looked at the growth facing Talent since the lifting of the building moratorium in February 2002. In answer to the question "why not slow it down?" the answer is that if adequate roads and infrastructure are available or can be provided, property owners may submit applications for development.

How much building has been going on?

- According to the 2000 Census, the population of Talent was 5,589. Once a year Portland State University does population estimates for Oregon cities. The last estimate (July 2004) placed the City's population at 5,890. The growth rate from 2000 to 2004 was 1.32 percent. Population increased by 5.39 percent.

- Since 2002, the City has added 367 home lots and/or apartments (or they are in the process of being built) on 63 acres. That's a gross density of 5.82 dwelling units per acre.

At the same time the City is on the lookout for opportunities to increase parkland in town. To some degree we can cajole a little out of developers, but the City collects Systems Development Charges (SDCs) on all new construction to be used for land acquisition. Rises in land prices can stretch those SDC dollars pretty thin. SDCs do not pay for maintenance, so every new bit of parkland we acquire and improve adds up in terms of staff time and money.

To be concluded in the next issue.

### **Items of interest**

The Planning Commission has

been considering a zoning change request and application for a Planned Unit Development subdivision on the vacant parcel on Highway 99 between Anjou Club and Goodnight Inn. The proposal is for 20,980 square feet in commercial space (in six buildings) along the highway, six mixed residential/commercial units, and 58 dwelling units stretching back to Suncrest Road. Staff expects the process to continue into early summer, so watch the *Flash* or log onto the City's website ([www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org)) and follow the "Meeting & Event Information" link to view the Planning Commission's agendas. 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).

## Green-Up Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 14th

In last months Flash we told you about the Green-Up and Clean-Up of Talent neighborhoods and businesses happening on Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 to 2:00 pm. In addition, that day Ashland Sanitary will offer free brush & lumber disposal at the Train Depot parking lot (across from the



skate park from 8 am to 2 pm . The following items will be accepted:  
Tree limbs & woody brush (no grass or leaves)  
Wood scraps & lumber (nails and screws are ok, no other hardware)

## CITY WIDE YARD SALE



The month of May is full of opportunities for you to become involved with the enhancement of Talent, starting on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> with the citywide yard sale happening in both Talent

and Phoenix.

For \$3.00 you can have your yard sale address added to a list and map. A sign up sheet will be located at Talent City Hall from now until 5:00 pm, April 29<sup>th</sup>. These maps of yard sales in Talent will be available May 3rd through May 7th at the following locations —

*Talent Post Office, Tark's Market, Suds-Ur-Duds, City Hall and the Community Bulletin Board.*

In last months Flash we featured an article from the Crime Prevention Association of Oregon's newsletter in the Cop Talk section, referring readers to a phone number to receive a copy of your credit report. The number listed was incorrect. We'd like to pass on an updated number for those who were unsuccessful and are still interested. For a free credit report, call 1/877-322-8228 or visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) We apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced.

# MAY 2005

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1	2	3 Municipal Court 3:00PM <u>Comm. Hall</u> Enhancement 3:45PM Fire Dist.	4 City Council 6:00PM Comm. Hall	5 Budget 6:30PM Comm. Hall	6	7 City Wide Yard Sale
8	9	10 Arch. Review 7:00PM	11 Parks 6:00pm <u>Comm. Hall</u>	12 Traffic 3:00PM <u>Public Works</u> Harvest Festival 3:45pm Fire Dist #5	13	14 City Wide Green-Up/ Clean-Up
15	16	17 Urban Renewal 6:00PM	18 Safety 1:30PM <u>Comm Hall</u> City Council 6:30 <u>Comm Hall</u>	19 Budget (if needed)	20	21 Arch Review Walk TBD
22	23 Municipal Court 6:00PM	24	25 Economic Develop. 3:30PM Comm. Hall	26 Planning 6:30PM Comm. Hall	27	28
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