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

City of Talent

COMMITTEE VACANCIES



There are four City Committees that could use your help in the coming months. If you have time to give, it would be most welcome. Applications can be found on the website or by stopping by City Hall from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Home Street Design - This street design committee will require a limited amount of time in July and August of this year. The Committee will work with an engineer to redesign the street since its configuration will change with the development of the new library and the Commons area.

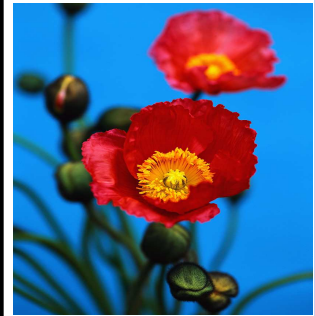
Wagner Street Design - This is an exciting project to upgrade Wagner from Front Street to Wagner Creek Road (Talent Elementary). Projects will include a new storm drain system, sidewalk and bike lanes.

Economic Development Committee - This committee meets once a month and is currently developing a survey for businesses. Their role is to assist in improving the economic well being of the City. A citizen representative is needed on this committee.

Enhancement Committee - This committee had a successful Clean up in May and would like to plan for holiday decorations and other improvements to the City. There are a number of openings for those interested in serving.

HWY 99 Construction

The Oregon Department of Transportation has awarded the bid for the construction project on Highway 99 from Colver to Rapp Road to Johnny Cat, Inc. This long awaited project will begin in the next month and will take over a year to complete. The project includes a realignment of Colver/Talent Avenue/Suncrest; traffic signals at both Colver and at Rapp Road; storm water installation; sidewalks and medians at various points along the project area. In addition the City will be replacing a 6” water line with a 12”. Please expect lots of disruption during construction and a much improved, safer roadway when the project is complete.



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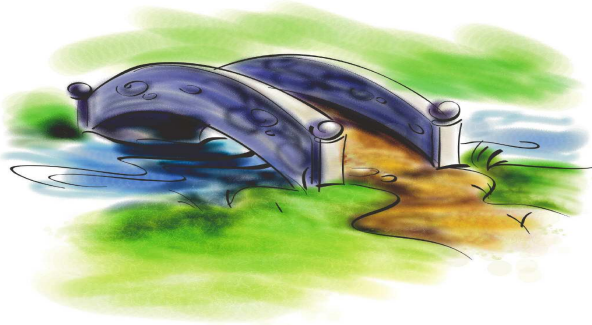
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West Valley View Bridge Replacement



Jackson County has awarded a bid to Ross Bros. & Company, Inc. of Salem, Oregon to replace the bridge on West Valley View Road where it crosses Bear Creek in Talent. This project is scheduled to begin in July and will have a significant impact on all City residents for the next year and a half. The current bridge has structural problems and lacks sidewalks to provide access to Lynn Newbry Park and the Bear Creek Greenway. The existing bridge will be removed and a new bridge built at the same location. Traffic will be maintained during construction but it is anticipated that there will be delays.

Due to the close proximity of the bridge to the Park and Greenway, access off of West Valley View to the Park and Greenway will be closed. Those wishing to use the Greenway and park can access it further south at the access points to the Greenway off of Highway 99, you will not be able to exit to West Valley View and should plan ahead to return the way that you entered the park. Those wishing to use the Greenway

and head north to Medford will have to access the Greenway from Suncrest Road. While appreciating the disruption that this will cause to many, particularly users of the park and Greenway, it is for your personal safety that these access closures are necessary. Once the bridge is complete in the fall of 2006, significant improvements are planned for the Park.

City Councilor Vacancy

Due to time commitments Councilor Bill Smart has resigned from the City Council. The City Council will appoint a citizen interested in serving for the next year and a half of his term. The City Charter allows the City Council to fill a vacant seat on the council until the next general election, which would be November 2006. Anyone interested in applying can stop by City Hall to pick up an application and information about the position, or you can find all the information on the City's website www.cityoftalent.org. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on July 20, 2005. At the council meeting on the 20th of July the candidates will be interviewed and an appointment will be made.



COP TALK By Officer Shane Wilson

This month answers to commonly asked questions -

I would like to address some of the questions we receive on a daily basis at the TPD. First, if you are a victim of a crime and would like a copy of the report, there is no charge. Any other persons requesting copies of the crime reports will be charged a fee of \$5.00 for the first page and \$1.00 for each additional page.

Please be aware that the Chief of Police has discretion as to which copies of the report are to be made available.

The TPD no longer does fingerprinting. However, we do have a list available of other agencies that provide fingerprinting service.

Finally, if you have received a citation and would like to pay on that citation or have any questions regarding Municipal Court, please

contact the Court Clerk at City Hall, 535-9371.

Lastly, regarding “fix it” tickets, they can be signed off by bringing your fixed vehicle and the “fix it” ticket to the TPD. You will need to have it signed off prior to the court date listed at the bottom of the citation. Once the ticket is signed off, bring it to the Court Clerk at City Hall, otherwise you will be responsible for a regular fine with a specified bail amount.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Regional Problem Solving

The last chance to identify lands for eventual inclusion in the urban growth boundary (UGB) is coming up at the end of August. The City Council and the Planning Commission will hold a Public meeting on July 12 at 6:00 in the Community Center to discuss additional lands.

There are two focus areas: a few properties north of Colver Road as well as the Fire District No. 5 property, and some properties with County “Suburban Residential” zoning along Rapp Lane.

It is important to understand that this is part of a long-range, valley-wide planning effort. The result of including lands as “future growth areas” (FGAs) will *not* be their immediate

inclusion in the UGB. Rather, identifying these FGAs is valuable to regional land-use and transportation planning. The burden of proof for inclusion in the UGB will eventually fall to the property owners (and/or the City if it perceives a vital need, such as for traffic improvements, or more industrial land), and will involve primarily a finding—satisfactory to the State—that there is a *substantial need* for such property to come into the City’s growth boundary.

On July 14 the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the inclusion of more lands as future growth areas. This will follow the hearing on PUD 05-05 (see below), so if you are planning on attending, figure on the RPS hearing starting probably sometime after 7:30 PM.

Items of interest

On July 14 the Planning Commission will review the *concept plan* for “Lithia View, Phase 2,” a Planned Unit Development (file no. PUD 05-05) in the vacant parcel in the 1600 Block of Lithia Way at the south end of town. The proposal is for 15 single-family lots adjacent to a wetland. The property is zoned R1-6 and comprises 3.33 acres. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM in the Community Center at 206 East Main Street.

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.

URBAN RENEWAL NEWS

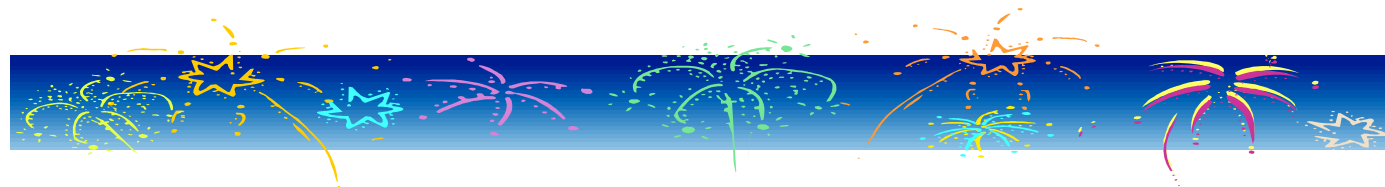
Front Street Irrigation: Installation of landscaping is now complete, with native and/or drought tolerant hedgerow, trees, and meadow areas. However, several citizens have been concerned by what appears to be over watering. This is due to: newly seeded areas that need watering to become established, unpredictable weather patterns, occasional vandalism to sprayer heads, and an irrigation system that is in the process of being fine-tuned over the next few weeks. In some areas of the pathway, citizens should expect some overspray. However, if vandalism is noticed, please report it to the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) office at 535-6170.

Civic Center "Commons": Plans for a park-like "Commons" between I Street and Home Street include the

reconfiguration of Library Park to accommodate a new library being built by Jackson County, and will include open space, play areas, a bandstand, parking lot, and new public restrooms.

The Commons is one phase of the City's long-term, citizen-designed Civic Center Master Plan which also includes a future, new City Hall. Although the Commons won't be constructed until next year, the URA has begun preparing the site by removing two long-abandoned houses to improve safety for citizens. In the meantime, Jackson County has done some demolition work of its own, removing the former vacant fire station which will be the site of its new library. A conceptual design for the Commons was unveiled on June 16 at a public meeting at the Community Center. Copies of the design may be viewed at City Hall.

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