



THE FLASH

An update from City Administration,
Planning, Public Works
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Farewell Party/Tree Lighting December 12, 2006 6:00 p.m.

Please join us on December 12th at the Community Center to bid farewell to Mayor Marian Telerski and to watch the annual tree lighting in conjunction with the Ashland Community Hospital Lights for Life. This annual holiday event will be more special this year with refreshments, entertainment and a night of goodbyes. This event is being planned for the whole family so please plan to come and bring your children as well. Mayor Telerski has served the City for over 12 years with time spent on the Parks

Commission, City Council and for the last 8 years as Mayor. Many changes have taken place under her rein and this evening will be a time to express the community's appreciation for all that she has done. We will also be bidding goodbye to Councilor Dawn Watson who is stepping down after 4 years.

REMINDER BOY SCOUT



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Talent Scout Troop 535 will be picking up discarded Christmas trees on January 6, 2007 for all City residents. Please place the trees at the curbside by 9:00 a.m. the morning of the 6th to assure pickup.

Call for Planning Commissioners and Architectural Review Committee Members

The Planning Commission still needs people to fill the empty chairs. Currently we have one seat available, so please do your part for City government and fill out an application form. Architectural Review Committee needs two members. Call the planning office at 535-7401 for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

December 5—Wagner Creek Trail Plan—
Open House 5:30-7:00 p.m.

December 6—Council Meeting, Public Hearing on West Valley View Downtown Plan 6:30 p.m.

December 12—Farewell to Mayor & Tree Lighting 6:00—8:00 p.m.



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SEASON FOR GIVING THANKS

Over this past year the City has many reasons to be grateful to the citizens of the community who have taken the time to get involved and worked to make the city a better place to live. The Mayor and City Council, members of the Talent Urban Renewal Agency, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation, Civic Center Planning, Architectural Review, Traffic Safety, Public Art, and the Harvest Festival have all contributed many hours of their time to the City. City employees have worked as well to make this a better place.

The citizens in general have tolerated the disruption from all the construction that took place with several of those projects now complete. You have come out and gotten involved in planning sessions for West Valley View downtown plan, Parks Master Plan, candidate's forum, Parks Picnic, Harvest Festival and other events the City or Urban Renewal have sponsored this last year. For all of this involvement we thank you. This is what it is all about when you set out to build a community.

Organizations such as the Talent Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, Fire District #5, and a number of businesses in Talent have worked closely with the City to provide resources and support to City events. The City is a better place for all of these efforts.

In 2007 we can look forward to the new Civic Center/City Hall and the Jackson County Library being completed. Renovation/addition to the Police Station will also begin thanks to citizen support at the polls.

Our small City of 6415 has a lot to be grateful for and everyone who has helped to make this happen. Thank you!

TREES PLANTED THROUGH VOLUNTEER EFFORT

The City is very grateful to the successfully coordinated volunteer project that added 11 nice looking trees at Chuck Roberts Park. The City purchased the trees and Laurie Sager, Ken Cairn Sager Landscape Architects, Inc., coordinated the volunteer effort that provided personnel, equipment, and supplies donated by Carols Colors in Phoenix and JM Construction. Special thanks to Rich, Pedro and Ben from Carols Colors and Jay from JM Construction for the actual planting in October. From this effort the City has added to the landscape at the Park with the help of professionals volunteering their time to make it happen.



COP TALK

By Chief Rector



Some residents may not be aware that Talent City

Council recently approved changes to the Parks Ordinance (Ord. #286), specifically that part of the ordinance that deals with the skate park. The purpose of this article is to review highlights of the new ordinance language.

Skating and biking inside the City skate park is, by nature, a dangerous activity that requires concentration and as few distractions as possible. For the safety of those using the park for its intended purpose, it is now unlawful for people to loiter inside the fenced area of the skate park. This is a major change from the previous ordinance language, which failed to restrict facility users to only those skating, bicycling, etc.

The new ordinance language also covers general behavior. There will be no negligent or reckless behavior allowed at the park. Prohibited activities include pushing, horseplay, bullying, profanity, or any other unsafe acts. Tobacco products are prohibited at the skate park and glass or other easily breakable containers are not allowed inside the fenced area.

Additionally, the ordinance also makes it unlawful to refuse to identify oneself to a police officer that is in the performance of his/her duties, or to flee from any officer's approach or presence.

If park laws are not adhered to, the City reserves the right to eject from the park and bar from use those persons violating the law. Repeat violations could result in a person's future skate park privileges being taken away. And as always, any person operating a skateboard, bicycle, etc. within the fenced skate park

must use protective headgear. It is recommended that other protective gear also be worn, such as knee, elbow, and wrist pads.

In the near future the city will be installing a video surveillance system to monitor activities at the skate park.

Unfortunately, Talent's Skate Park has gained a reputation for problem behaviors that has caused many parents to keep their children away. Additionally, the City has been the repeated victim of vandalism at the park, totaling thousands of dollars in damage/repair costs. Hopefully the stronger ordinance language and the installation of security cameras will help to create an environment at the park where all persons who desire to can recreate safely.

Parks Ordinance #286 can be viewed online at www.cityoftalent.org.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

I Street = "Market Street"

Don't know I Street? That's not surprising; many people mistake it for 1st Street, which is why the City Council approved a recommendation to change the name. Effective on the first day of December, I Street will become Market Street. There has been a lineage of markets on the corner of I and Wagner Streets, from Wolters to the present-day Tark's, and the new name is suitable for a downtown business district.

Open House: Greenway Connection Plan

City staff and a small advisory committee have been examining the possible connection of the central town area to the Bear Creek Greenway via a Wagner Creek trail. Come to the open house on Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30 to view the opportunities and the obstacles that the consultant has identified, as well as the preferred alternative. The Open House will be open until 7:00 p.m., so feel free to drop in any time and share your thoughts.

Reorganized Zoning and Subdivision Codes

The City recently adopted reorganized Zoning and Subdivision Codes. There were no changes to setbacks, density, development requirements, or permitted uses—essentially, there were no substantive changes to the codes. However, the big difference is the designations of the zones:

<u>Old designations</u>	<u>New designations</u>	<u>Comments</u>
R1-8	RS-5	Residential, single-family; five units per acre (roughly)
R1-6	RS-7	seven units per acre (roughly)
MH	RS-MH	Residential, Manufactured Home
R2.....	RM-22.....	Residential, multiple-family, 22 units per acre (roughly)
C1.....	CN	Neighborhood Commercial
C2-Downtown.....	CBD	Central Business District
C2-Hwy.....	CBH	Highway Central Business District
C3.....	CH	Highway Commercial
C4.....	CI.....	Interchange Commercial

Urban Renewal News

Urban Renewal Project Updates

West Valley View Master Plan:

On Wednesday, December 6, the City Council will hold a public hearing to receive final public input on the proposed Master Plan and consider adopting the Plan in concept as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission held a public hearing in November and recommended its adoption. The Plan is a conceptual document that would guide future public infrastructure improvements as well as private property development in the area adjacent to downtown. Once adopted, additional studies will take place to provide additional levels of detailed analysis and/or design regarding traffic flow, parking, pedestrian open space, and key intersections.

City Hall/Commons:

By the end of November, foundations should be nearing completion for the new City Hall and new public restrooms near the existing library. Paving of Home Street and the new library parking lot should be finished, as well. An old, underground fuel storage site, encountered in the vicinity of the new city hall, has been excavated and addressed. While this will add to the overall project cost, it is not expected to significantly delay progress on City Hall construction.

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

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E	3 Lions Breakfast 7:00am	4 Municipal Court 3:00pm Comm Hall	5 Wagner Creek Trail Plan 5:30pm Comm Hall	6 City Council 6:30pm Comm Hall RE: West Valley View Public Hearing	7 Public Arts 6:30pm Comm Hall	8	9
C	10	11	12 Tree Light & Mayor's Farewell 6:00pm C. H. Arch Review 7:00pm City Hall	13 Parks 6:00pm Comm Hall (Recycle)	14 Planning 6:30pm Comm Hall	15	16
E	17	18 Municipal Court 6:00pm Comm Hall	19 Urban Renewal 6:00pm Comm Hall	20 Safety 12:30pm C Hall City Council 6:30pm Comm Hall	21	22	23
M	24	25 Christmas Day (City Offices Closed)	26	27 (Recycle)	28 Planning 6:30pm Comm Hall The "Flash" Distributed	29	30
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