



# THE FLASH

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

# City of Talent

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## GOOD TIME TO GET IN- VOLVED

Each year in January citizens are appointed to various Commissions and Committees. The City is always looking for new names to add to the list of active participants. Currently there is an opening on the Planning Commission and several on the Budget Committee. The Planning Commission meets fairly regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. The Budget Committee has a rather short life with work done primarily in April and May of each year. State law requires that the City have a balance of elected and appointed representatives to this very important committee. There are also openings on the Parks Advisory. If you are interested in serving you can apply by obtaining a volunteer application from the City's website or stopping by City Hall.

## West Valley View Bridge

County officials have indicated that it will likely be 3 more months before the West Valley View Bridge will finally be complete. Although much progress has been made this month there are some important elements to be completed including a separated pedestrian sidewalk, utility installations and lights on the bridge. Once it is complete the City will make improvements to Lynn Newbry Park and also pave a section of West Valley View road to the Talent Truck Stop.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> to assure pickup.

## Call for Planning Commission- ers 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.



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## Farewells and Welcome

Many of you joined us in bidding farewell to Mayor Marian Telerski on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. With tree lighting, songs to sing and good food the Mayor was thanked for her 16 years of service in City Government. Among her accomplishments were leading the community in establishing a good water source, reconstruction of Highway 99, other major road improvements and the construction of a new City Hall/Civic Center. Planning for the future was also a highlight of her career.

In addition to the Mayor's farewell, Councilor Dawn Watson was thanked for her 3 years of dedicated service to the Council. Lester Naught, Superintendent of Public Works, was also honored for his 26 years of service to the City. Coming up through the ranks, Lester is a valuable resource to the City with his knowledge of the City's streets and water systems.

On January 3rd the new mayor, Don Steyskal, will be sworn into office together with the other recently elected City Council members. Don comes with a number of years of service on the City Council as well as on the Parks Commission.

The City welcomes two new councilors, Bill Cecil and Lynn Perkins. Bill has served a number of years on the Planning Commission and Lynn has spent time on the Planning Commission and also the Chamber of Commerce.

## Managing Pets – Important for Good



## Neighbor Relations

As the City becomes more urban and less rural it becomes more important that laws and rules established by the City Council are followed, particularly where they affect the rights and responsibilities of others. Recently citizens have complained about dog owners who when walking their dogs make no attempt to clean up after them. The City Ordinance #749 states that owners are not permitted to allow their dogs to run at large. This means that when walking a dog it must be on a leash.

In addition, dog owners are also required to clean up after their animals and not allow animal waste to be deposited on public or private property other than your own. Whether the City has provided an installation that provides bags for clean up and a place to dispose of animal waste, it is still the dog owners responsibility to clean up after their pets. Where there are these installations, please use them. If none are present, please bring a plastic bag from home when you start out on the walk. This subject continues to be brought before the Council by unhappy residents in a number of areas within the City limits. Everyone is asked to please respect the rights of your neighbors.



2006 has passed with some noteworthy public

safety accomplishments around the City, and I'd like to use this month's Flash to provide some approximate numbers and make a few observations.

There were 80 traffic accidents and 130 traffic hazards in the City in 2006, but thankfully no fatalities, and most of the accidents in fact were relatively minor. We survived a multitude of construction projects and the end result is a safer Highway 99, safer side streets, and more sidewalks for pedestrians. Improvements at both Colver and

signalization have solved many safety issues and should reduce the number of traffic accidents at those locations.

The Police Department's workload increased in 2006 with over 4,500 cases assigned, which included: 140 domestic disturbances, 50 disorderly conduct incidents, 15 burglaries, 30 intoxicated driver arrests, 25 illegal drug cases, 35 assaults, 65 warrant arrests, 130 theft cases, and 85 cases of vandalism. In addition there were: 420 code enforcement violations, 315 suspicious circumstances, 57 welfare checks, 45 runaways, 65 harassment cases, 55 juvenile problems, 75 lost/found properties, 115 responses to 911 in error calls, 60 responses to alarms, 115 animal complaints, 105 civil

complaints, 220 noise complaints, 400 assists to citizens, and 800 assists to other agencies (agencies consisting of law enforcement, fire, medical, social services, etc.).

Training is important and the department has completed 678 hours of training during the year. The Department consists of 10 full time, one part time and 4 volunteers. While few in number the department works very hard to serve this community! On behalf of all of us at Talent PD, I thank the voters of Talent for supporting the ballot measure that will remodel and enlarge the police facility. Please call or come down and see us at 604 Talent Avenue if you have any questions or concerns. Here's to a great 2007!

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

### A Review of 2006 and a Preview of 2007

Development slowed significantly in 2006 compared with the previous three years. The City approved one eight-lot subdivision at the end of Joy Drive, a 10-unit townhouse development on Talent Avenue across from Chuck Roberts Park, and a small handful of minor partitions. In 2005 the City granted development approval for about 140 lots and/or dwelling units.

The breather gave staff time to make some minor corrections and to reorganize the development codes. Staff has also been working on updates to our *Transportation System Plan*, a part of the Comprehensive Plan that catalogs street conditions and traffic counts, lists future street & pedestrian projects, and details street & right-of-way standards. There have been enough changes to City streets

to warrant updating numbers, conditions and maps so we can evaluate development proposals with a better view of the future,

In 2007 the City will be improving our planned unit development (PUD) regulations (based on lessons learned) and the requirements for annexations. The City is on track to gain approval for all its proposed "future growth areas" via the Regional Problem Solving process. Once the regional plan is finalized, the City may begin the process of amending its urban growth boundary (UGB) for the first time since it was established in 1974. UGB amendments typically take two or more years because of the work involved in demonstrating land needs and negotiating with the County for the conversion of rural lands to urbanizable lands. We also intend to improve our methods for annexation to ensure that the land is necessary to

the City and accessible for services, and not merely contiguous to the existing city limits.

### EZ Code

The City's website [[www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org)] is a work in progress, but sometimes notable strides are made. In conjunction with the reorganization of the Zoning and Subdivision Codes, Planning Technician Colin May has improved on-line access to them. Under "City Departments" (beneath the photo banner at the top of the main page) you can link to "Planning." From there you can link to "Zoning & Subdivision Code" where you'll find PDFs of these development codes and a link to EZ (*Electronic Zoning*) Code, a branching version suited for on-line viewing.

# DOWNTOWN PLAN FOR WEST VALLEY VIEW

The City Council did amend the City's Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the West Valley View Downtown Plan on December 6, 2006. This plan has been developed through a great deal of public involvement over the past year. There are a number of studies that will be completed by Urban Renewal in the upcoming months to ensure that all of the questions raised have been addressed. Once these studies are complete then a more detailed plan can be established. What this conceptual plan provides now is a good roadmap for the property owners living in the affected area so they have a good idea of what the City would like to see in any proposals that might be submitted for any type of development in this area. If you would like to take a look at what was adopted copies are available at City Hall or through the Talent Urban Renewal Agency.

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14	15 <i>Martin Luther King - Day - (city offices closed)</i>	16 <b>Urban Renewal 6:00pm Comm Ctr.</b>	17 <b>Safety 1:30pm Comm Ctr. City Council 6:30pm Comm Ctr.</b>	18	19	20 <i>Arch Review Walk</i>
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