



THE FLASH

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

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Green-Up & Clean-Up

The City of Talent would like to thank Greg Goebelt and his Enhancement Committee for their great green-up and clean-up efforts on May 13th. The effort put forth by our citizens and business owners in the community shows us that there is a genuine interest in cleaning up the trash in this city. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Ashland Sanitary and Disposal for their support and efforts involved in providing and staffing the lumber brush boxes at the Talent Depot. Many of our citizens took advantage of this worthwhile service that they provided. Five, 23 yard boxes were filled, which comprised 9,200 lbs of debris. This material will be used in the electrical generation.



Weed Abatement Program

Fire Season has officially begun and it is time to enforce the City's Weed Abatement Ordinance. The Oregon Department of Forestry has declared fire season effective as of May 24th. Generally this season extends through October, depending on the actual weather conditions. The intent of the program is to abate fire hazards. It is not intended to regulate neighbor disputes. If you believe there is a fire hazard, please call Cheryl at City Hall 535-1566 to begin the process. Complaints will be recorded and first sent to the Code Enforcement Officer. If it is determined that a hazard does exist then there is a well defined process in the City Ordinance that is followed. (see the City Web site, City Ordinances link and refer to Ordinance No. 02-716 or contact City Hall). If compliance is not met within the prescribed period of time, the ordinance does allow the City to intervene and correct the problem at the expense of the property owner.

City Budget

The Budget Committee has recommended the adoption of the 2006/07 City Budget at an overall total of \$8,629,260. This represents a 3% increase over the current year's budget. Over \$1 million of these dollars will go towards construction projects this year. Several of these construction projects are made possible through state grants and money earned from System Development Charges and do not come from property tax revenues. The City Council will consider the final adoption of the budget at their June 7, 2006 meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

PARKS PICNIC POSTPONED

The annual Parks Commission Picnic originally scheduled for **June 17, 2006** has been postponed. Watch for an announcement re-scheduling to a date later this summer.



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Construction Updates:

- Both Rapp Road and Wagner Street reconstruction projects will begin in June. While the intent is to always keep traffic open to residents who live on the street, traffic may be closed periodically to through traffic. Finding alternate routes may be advisable.
- The bids have just been opened for Creel Road and are within the budgets set by the City. Construction will likely not take place until September.
- The Jackson County Talent Library will begin construction in the next month. Adroit Construction is the contractor on this project.
- Highway 99 project will likely not be complete before August and the West Valley View Bridge is scheduled for completion in late fall.

The City would like to thank all of the residents for adapting to the traffic delays and care while in the construction zones. The safety of the workers is extremely important to us.

“PFP” - Pennies For Parks - Cents that Add Up

Committee Vacancies

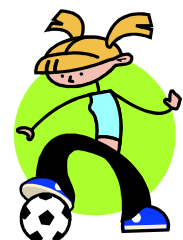
The City is looking for (2) two new members for the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the terms of individuals who resigned due to relocation. The Commission is working on the Parks Master Plan, Recreation Programs and fund raising to offset program costs. The regular meeting of the Commission is the 2nd Wednesday of the month. At the next meeting on June 7th the draft Parks Master Plan will be presented to the Committee at 6:00 p.m. at Community Hall. Application for positions are on the City’s website or at City Hall.

Parks and Recreation Tentative Schedule

Parks and Recreation Programs – The City of Talent is pleased to announce it will be offering recreation programs for the summer of 2006. Each year, as we expand our programs to include activities for all ages, new recreation opportunities will be added. Many thanks to the volunteers who have offered to help with these programs.

The following schedule is tentative. We hope to have final dates and times ready for publication by the end of May. At that time we will include information about the sign-up process with dates and times:

- Skateboarding Lessons
- Basketball Camp
- Soccer Camp
- Drop-off Kickball, Soccer and Basketball
- Golf
- Pottery
- Chess
- Beginners Tennis
- CPR and First Aid (full certification)
- Babysitting Workshop
- Swimming Lessons
- Kickboxing/Wrestling
- Kid Yoga





COP TALK By Guest Contributor Chief Rector

Help! Your police department (and your community) needs help! We're looking for a few volunteers to help us serve the good people of Talent. We can't pay you, but if you are the kind of person that finds reward in serving your community, we have important community needs to fill that we just can't get to, and your help would be greatly appreciated. If you can spare a few hours please give us a call (535-1253). The things we need help with are:

Volunteer Coordinator. This person would help fill a leadership and liaison role, assisting the Chief of Police, by coordinating the different functions performed by police department volunteers.

Radar Trailer Coordinator. This person would assist the police department by towing the speed

monitoring radar trailer to various locations within the City, setting it up for use, and returning later to retrieve it and tow it back to the police department.

Community Service Officer. This person would assist our Code Enforcement Officer with various duties related to monitoring of ordinance compliance within the City.

Skate Park Monitors. Ideally, a group of adults (parents of skate park users!) would organize their efforts (like a neighborhood watch group) to provide an adult presence at the skate park during peak use times. Adults present at the park would help ensure that the Skate Park is a safe and fun place for all those who want to use the facility. The police department would assist, and the resulting partnership could

go a long way to resolve the numerous problems that have plagued the skate park. I look forward to talking with anyone that wants to get involved in this effort. Please call either the police department at 535-1253 and ask for the Chief, or call Marion Black (a concerned Mom!) at 301-0365 for more information on how to get involved.

Reserve Police Officer. This is a uniformed (again, unpaid) sworn police officer position that requires extensive screening prior to acceptance, and extensive training prior to assuming duties. Needless to say, this position requires a much higher level of volunteer commitment to pursue, as the screening and initial training process can take more than a year to complete. If you think you are interested in one of these positions, call Sgt. Freeman at Talent PD at 535-1253, ext 379.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Trail Planning

The City has received a grant to plan a trail connection from Talent Avenue to the Bear Creek Greenway. The trailhead is at Wagner Creek next to the intersection of Creekside Way and Talent Avenue. Within the next few months the connection should be completed up to the new sidewalk on Highway 99—which should also be done in the next few months. Our goal is to plan a good, usable trail from that point on the highway all the way to Bear Creek, staying adjacent to Wagner Creek wherever feasible.

Affected property owners are being notified and asked to serve on the design committee.

Planning Commission

On June 8th the Commission will hear a request for a four-lot townhouse subdivision on Suncrest Road near the highway intersection. They will also consider the elimination of the provision in General Ordinance 8-7 that requires garages for all homes. Also at that meeting or on June 22nd they will consider a reorganization of the development codes that does not entail the addition or subtraction of any existing provisions—this is just a significant housecleaning.

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

Rehab/Facade Improvement Grants Available:

Commercial and historic residential properties within the C-2 (Downtown) Zone are eligible to apply for funding under the Agency's Rehab/Facade Improvement Grant Program. This grant program was introduced over a year ago, and to date has completed ten preliminary designs and funded five downtown projects. Funding is available via \$5,000 direct grants or up to \$10,000 in matching grants. Also included is a free on-site consultation with an architectural/historic consultant, and for those projects that qualify, up to five hours in design services. The grants are designated for exterior/facade improvements.

Wagner Creek Bridge nearing completion:

The safety and aesthetic improvements to the historic Wagner Creek Bridge on Talent Avenue, just south of downtown, are nearly complete. Included are art-like skate stoppers in an oak leaf pattern to help protect the new bridge extensions.

City Hall & Commons Project:

Adroit Construction will be receiving bids from subcontractors July 6, 2006. Ground breaking mid- to late-July is anticipated and will be announced when a date is set.

West Valley View Project:

The development of a street network design for the West Valley View area, in the downtown area between New Street and Gangnes, will be undergoing internal analysis of two proposed network designs (presented at the April 25, 2006 public meeting) and variations on those two designs. They will be studied from the point of traffic engineering, urban design, and funding capability over the next several weeks. The designs should be ready for a study session in mid-summer with the City Council, Planning Commission, and the Urban Renewal Board of Directors. When a date is set, the public will be invited to attend.

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



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