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

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WEST STREET DESIGN COMMITTEE

Residents who live on West, Third and Fourth Street are needed to serve on the Street Design Committee to help plan for major street improvements. The members of the Design Committee work with the consulting engineer and City staff to develop a plan for these street improvements. The plans include 50% street reconstruction, a new storm drain system and new water line.

City Policy has established a process for making major street improvements that includes input from the residents who live on the street as well as representation from those who travel the particular streets on a regular basis. Citizens provide special insights since they deal with the problems on a daily basis. The commitment is to have several meetings in March and April to work with the engineers. Anyone interested in representing the

neighborhood on this committee please contact the City Manager at City Hall or by email at betty@cityoftalent.org.

PARKS & RECREATION



COMMISSION FUND RAISER

Please set aside Saturday, March 31st and plan to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission major fundraiser - "Vacation for Recreation". Great refreshments will be served and an auction of selected gift packages will be held to benefit the Recreation Summer Youth Programs in Talent. Providing positive summer activities for City youth is a high priority to the City. Set the date aside with more information to follow.

NEW TALENT BRANCH LIBRARY TO OPEN

The Talent Branch Library will be CLOSED Monday, February 12 through Sunday, February 25 while we move! We will open at our new location, 101 Home Street, on Monday, February 26. Everyone is invited to the Opening Celebration on Sunday, February 25th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be entertainment, speakers, a children's activity, and a book brigade to bring the last books from the old library to the new!



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RESPECT FOR WATER METERS

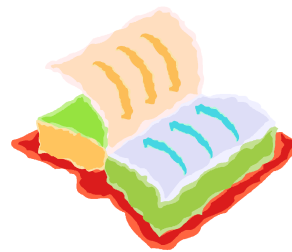


Every so often it is important to remind residents of the importance to the City Public Works staff that they have access to facilities (water meters) related to the water system installed on private property.

While it is on your property, the City Water Ordinance states that it remains the property of the City and the City has to be able to maintain, repair, or replace the equipment without consent or interference of the owner. Owners are also required to use reasonable care in the protection of such facilities. Access means not fencing off the meter, or not covering over or abusing the meter installation. Recently there have been instances of fencing off the meter and in another case using gravel to cover over the meter, or damage to meters by cars. In addition to a financial obligation of the owner where intentional damage is proven, the City also has the authority to discontinue the water service for non-compliance with the Ordinance. This is a serious action but emphasizes the importance of respecting City property. Being able to access the meters is paramount to being able to obtain proper readings and accurate billing. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

COUNTY LIBRARY CLOSURE

As the media has reported, the Jackson County libraries will close as of April 7th. With the loss of federal money and the failure of the Library ballot measure in November, the County Commissioners have decided to close all the libraries. This includes the new library in Talent, which will have been opened for about five weeks before it closes. In addition to libraries there have been other significant cuts in county services in Roads, Parks, Sheriff Department and Community

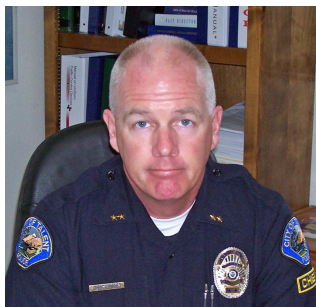


Justice. While these cuts will not be as immediately visible to you as is the library closure, you will begin to notice that services have been lost.

The Talent City Council has submitted a letter to the Commissioners supporting the continuance of a single countywide library system as the most efficient and cost effective. They have committed to working with the County and other cities to find a long-term solution. It is not felt that an effective solution for the region is for individual cities to take and operate their own libraries. Any solutions will still require significant additional revenues from residents.

The Council readily understands the value of a public library to a community and this issue will be at the top of their list until a solution can be found.





COP TALK *By Chief Rector*

This month I'd like to enlist the help of Talent

residents who might be observing criminal activity occurring around town. In the past few weeks numerous incidents of graffiti vandalism have been reported at various locations in the City. We've had rashes of this in the past and in some cases we have identified those responsible, and in some cases we haven't. Success in many criminal investigations is often the result of citizens reporting what they see, hear, or know. In this recent series of graffiti, there are concerns that the

graffiti vandalism might be "gang-tagging". While we haven't seen gang-related criminal activity accompanying this graffiti, the graffiti appears similar to "gang-tagging" and this has introduced the concerns about possible gang activity. Clearly, we at Talent Police Department want any information that the public may have to identify the persons responsible for activity. If you see this occurring, call police immediately and report what you see. If you have information about who is responsible, please call police immediately. Of course, we'd like to hear from you about any and all criminal activity occurring in Talent. The numbers to reach the Talent Police Department are:

If you have an emergency, call 911.

If you need a police officer for a non-emergency during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 7am to 4pm), call us at 535-1253, or visit us at 604 Talent Avenue.

After hours, call 776-7206 and a dispatcher will advise an officer of your call.

Necesita usétd comunicarse con le departamento de policia de Talent?

Si tiene un emergencia llame al 911.

Si usted necesita un oficial para una llamada que no sea de emergencia, durante horas de oficina que son (Lunes a Viernes de 7 de la mañana a 4 de la tarde)

llama al 535-1253, o visitenos en el 604 Talent Avenue.

Despuse de horas de trabajo llame al 776-7206 y la persona encargada le dara aviso al policia de su llamada.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Levels of Review

There are four types of land-use permits the City processes (called types I-IV). The procedures are described below. For further information, see Article 8-3L.1 of the General Ordinances.

Type-I (Ministerial) decisions are made by the City Planner without public notice and without a public hearing. The Type-I procedure is used when there are clear and objective approval criteria requiring no use of discretion. *Examples:* zoning permits; lot line adjustments.

Type-II (Administrative) decisions are made by the City Planner with public notice and an opportunity for a public hearing.

The Planning Commission hears the appeal of a Type-II decision. *Examples:* minor site development plan review; minor land partitions.

Type-III (Quasi-Judicial) decisions are made by the Planning Commission after a public hearing, with appeals reviewed by the Hearings Officer. Type-III decisions generally use discretionary approval criteria. *Examples:* subdivisions; planned unit developments; conditional use permits. Type-IV (Legislative) procedures apply to legislative matters. Legislative matters involve the creation, revision, or large-scale implementation of public policy. Type-IV matters are considered initially

by the Planning Commission with final decisions made by the City Council. *Examples:* adoption or amendment of land use regulations; rezonings; Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Planning Commission

On February 8 the Commission will consider an amendment to an earlier approval to permit the combination of three commercial/retail buildings into one in the Clearview development (*continued from January 11 meeting*). On February 22 the Commission will consider a request to rezone 0.7 acres from CBH to RM-22 in the vicinity of the rerouted Suncrest Road.

Urban Renewal News

Budget Committee Openings: Interested in learning how urban renewal works? A good place to start is by serving on the Agency's Budget Committee. This group meets usually once in April or May to review, discuss and approve the proposed budget. For details, call 535-6170.

City Hall & Commons Progress: Walls are up at the new City Hall and the roof is being constructed, all easily visible from Front Street and Main Street. In the park, the new restroom's walls and roof are completed. Sidewalk work continues. It is anticipated the new playground and restrooms could be ready for use early spring.

West Valley View project: The Agency is currently evaluating budget items and timing of next-steps for the Master Plan, to determine if special studies can be started in the next few months or if it is advisable to wait until the next fiscal year (beginning July).

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11	12 <i>Harvest Festival 3:30pm Fire Dist 5</i>	13 <i>Arch. Review 7:00pm Comm. Center</i>	14 <i>Parks 6:00pm Comm. Center</i> Recycle	15	16	17
18	19 <i>President's Day</i> (city offices closed)	20 <i>Urban Re- newal 6pm 102 Home St. Municipal Court 6pm Comm Ctr. CC Retreat</i>	21 <i>Safety 1:30pm Public Wks City Council 6:30pm Comm. Center</i>	22 <i>Planning 6:30pm Comm. Center</i>	23	24
25	26	27 <i>City Council Retreat 4:00pm Talent Elem.</i>	28 Recycle			