



# THE FLASH

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

# City of Talent

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## FALL LEAF



## DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

With fall clean-up the problem of leaf disposal reappears. Since the City Ordinance adopted in June 2006 that banned any open-burning of leaves and other brush within the City limits, a number of alternatives have developed.

Ashland Sanitary and Recycling has two programs that are available to all Talent residents. On November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> there is free leaf drop off at the Transfer Station on Water Street in Ashland.

A second program is new this year and allows residents to

purchase (5) pre-paid bags for \$12.50 at the Ashland Sanitary & Recycling office at 170 Oak Street in Ashland. The bags are for leaves only and will be picked up at curbside only.

These bags should be set out on trash pick-up day during "Green Debris" week – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>-30 and December 10-14<sup>th</sup>, 24-28<sup>th</sup>. For more information about this program please contact Ashland Sanitary; at 482-1471.

In addition to these programs the Talent Garden Club has a program they are sponsoring to receive leaves for compost at their community garden at the Talent Elementary School. (See next article on this this page for more information)

## Talent's Great Green Garden

In a joint effort, Talent Elementary School and the Talent Garden Club are collecting leaves. This fall you may bring your leaves to the school and drop them off in the designated area (marked by flags) behind the school (drive in through the open gate near the corner of South Second Street and West Wagner). We will compost the leaves and use them to improve our soil. Leave us the leaves, any time from 3pm - 7pm Monday through Friday or from 7am - 7pm on Saturday and Sunday. Questions? Call Jordan at 535-1163. If you are a gardener who is looking for space to grow, the Talent Great Green Garden is renting plots for next year for \$25. Contact Sharon if you are interested at 535-9055.



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## TALENT LIBRARY RE-OPENS

After being closed for 6 months the Jackson County Library located in Talent will re-open at the end of October. Initially the library hours will be as follows: Tuesday 10-4; Thursday 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. and Friday 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Beginning in December this limited schedule will be expanded an additional 20 hours to allow more access to City residents. The extra hours will be funded through a \$2.00 surcharge that will appear on your utility bill in December. The City will have an agreement with Jackson County to provide for these extra hours. While the County will continue to own the buildings, they will contract with LSSI (a private company) to provide the library services.

### Tree Adoptions in Talent

At this year’s Harvest Festival the Together for Talent Committee adopted out over 40 donated trees to Talent residents. The trees of various sizes and varieties will be planted in yards in the City this November. In a coordinated effort with Plant Oregon, and the Together For Talent Committee, volunteers will be visiting these homes on November 4th and planting the trees on November 11th . For more information contact Jamie at 261-7709 or Susan at 535-1865.

### Adopt a Family for Christmas

For many years the City and Fire District #5 employees have adopted families within the community to make sure they have an extra special Christmas. This year with the large lobby area in City Hall we would like to expand this program and invite residents to help as well. After Thanksgiving a Christmas tree will be placed in City Hall with gift tags on it. Each tag will include the sex, age and a suggested gift for a particular person on our shopping list. Anyone who would like can take the tag and bring back a gift with the tag attached to it. There will also be a box for non-perishable foods for those who would like to contribute in this way. Instead of having a

Christmas party the City staff will spend a couple hours one day in the week before Christmas wrapping gifts. Fire District #5 will then deliver the food and gifts to each family before Christmas day.

## CITY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

On November 10, 2010 the City will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The City Council would like to establish a Centennial Celebration Committee to begin the planning for this special event in Talent. We would like to have as many different interest groups as possible involved as well as any citizens who have an interest in planning for the best celebration ever. It is expected that there will be special events throughout the year 2010, with a big celebration closer to the November date or perhaps at the Harvest Festival. Anyone interested in getting involved is encouraged to contact the City Manager’s Office. It is expected that the Committee would be appointed after the first of the year and could then establish their schedule for meetings. Please call or email [betty@cityoftalent.org](mailto:betty@cityoftalent.org).

### Utility Drop Box

When dropping off your water payments at City Hall after hours, we would ask that you use the secure new drop box located on the curve of the park in front of City Hall. It is a white drop off box, marked for this purpose, and is designed specifically for Utility Payments.

This month I'd like to talk about two issues: (1) Fences, Walls, Hedges & Screen Plantings; and (2) Winter driving/studded tires.

I'd like to call attention to the Talent City Zoning Code (Section 8-3J.3 Fences, Walls, Hedges, and Screen Plantings) that says the following:

*Fences, walls, hedges, and screen plantings may be located as follows:*

- A. *In any required front yard, in a residential area provided they do not exceed four (4) feet in height.*
- B. *In any rear yard or side yard, only up to twenty (20) feet from front property provided they do not exceed six (6) feet in height.*
- C. *On a corner lot, no fence, wall, hedge or screen planting over four (4) feet in height shall be constructed within the yards required adjacent to the streets. All corner lot fencing shall be of a type that will not obscure traffic vision.*
- D. *In areas where livestock is permitted, see-through fences may be constructed of sufficient height to contain the livestock.*
- E. *The height of fences, walls, hedges and screen plantings referred to in Subsections A and C above shall be measured from the established curb grade; the height of fences, walls, hedges, and screen plantings referred to in Subsection B above shall be measured at ground level.*
- F. *Security fences may be constructed up to ten (10) feet in height in commercial and industrial areas provided they are of a see-through chain link type.*
- G. *The provisions of this Article shall not apply to retaining walls.*

For those who rotate in/out of winter tires on their vehicles, ODOT says the following about studded tires:

*Studded tires are legal for use in Oregon November 1 through March 31. The studs must be made of a rigid material that wears at the same rate as the tire tread. Studs must extend at least .04 inch but not more than .06 inch beyond the tread surface.*

For more information about winter driving, studded tires, chain law or chain requirements, check the following ODOT website: <http://www.tripcheck.com/Pages/RMap.asp?mainNav=RoadConditions&staticNav=TractionTires>.

If you have questions about these topics or any other police or code enforcement matter, contact us at 204 E. Main Street (old City Hall) or by phone during administrative hours at 535-1253, and after hours (or at any time) by calling the Dispatching center at 776-7206.

CERT News - Talent residents are encouraged to attend training put on by a local volunteer group, known as RV-1 CERT (Rogue Valley 1 Community Emergency Response Team). This group of volunteers is committed to emergency preparedness and is made up of residents from Talent, Phoenix and the surrounding unincorporated areas of the county. The group's aims are to help develop knowledge and skills within the community so that residents can better help themselves and their neighbors in times of natural disasters or other large scale emergency situations. The group meets monthly at Fire District 5. At the November meeting the group will present training on: Water Purifying and Storage. The training will occur on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at Fire District 5.

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Planning Commission News

On 9/27 the Commission approved a subdivision at 1119 Talent Avenue. The 1.22-acre lot is to be divided into four lots, three of which front onto Lithia Way.

By the time this issue is out, the Commission will have heard an application for a 143-lot residential subdivision off Belmont

Road and across the railroad at the south end of town. This item was up for review originally in May, but it was tabled indefinitely pending resolution of a related annexation application.

### Planning Commission Packets Online

For the last few months Planning has posted complete Planning Commission packets on the City's website [[www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org)].

These are PDF copies of the same material that the Commission receives for each meeting. To find them, click on "City Officials/ Agendas & Minutes" in the navigation bar under the banner. Then follow these steps in the left-hand navigation bar:

Committees and Commissions

↳ Planning Commission

↳ Planning Commission Packet

# Urban Renewal News

## Traffic & Parking Analysis:

On Monday, November 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center the public is invited to a presentation of the recently completed Traffic and Parking Analysis for the West Valley View Master Plan, which addresses traffic load and parking capacity, circulation patterns, and signalization. While the Master Plan was approved "in concept" in December 2006, the project will not be built for some time and there are several "next steps" to be taken over the next year including regulatory review and intersection studies. Copies of the report will be available at the door. In addition, the report and technical supporting data will be available for review at City Hall and at the Agency's office at 102 Home Street. For more information contact Executive Director Marla Cates, 535-6170.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS (continued from page 3)

If you are interested in development happenings in Talent, please take some time to see what's on the upcoming agenda. The Commission is currently meeting once a month on the fourth Thursday. Packets are online typically a week before the meeting.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BEGIN

The City received very competitive bids on both the Renovation of the Police Station and the Talent Avenue Water Line project. Sheets Construction of Salem, Oregon received the contract for the Police Station work at a low bid of \$626,717. This project has begun and is expected to be completed in late February 2008. The Water Line Project was awarded to D. Britton Enterprises, Inc. for a low bid of \$249,289.85 to be completed by mid-January 2008.



## NOVEMBER 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Court 3:00pm <u>Comm. Center</u> Urban Renewal 6:30-8:00pm	6	7 City Council 6:30pm Comm. Center	8	9	10
11	12 <u>Holiday</u> City Offices Closed	13 Traffic 3:00pm <u>Public Works</u> Architectural Review 6:00 pm	14 Parks 6:00pm Comm. Center	15 Planning Commission 6:00pm City Hall Rm. 111	16	17 Arch. Review Walk-Around 9:00am Historic Dist.
18	19 Court 6:00pm <u>Comm. Center</u> TFT 4:00pm City Hall	20 Urban Renewal 6:00pm 102 Home St	21 City Council 6:30pm Comm. Center	22 Thanksgiving City Offices Closed	23 <u>Holiday</u> City Offices Closed	24
25	26	27	28 Safety Comm. 1:30pm TBD	29 The "Flash" <u>Distributed</u> Planning Com- mission 6:00pm Comm. Center	30	