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An update from City Administration,
Planning, Public Works
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Committee Openings

The City continues to look for citizen volunteers to serve on the Centennial Celebration Planning Committee. The birthday celebration will be throughout 2010 and people with an interest in planning a series of events to take place over the year are encouraged to apply. The City Budget Committee will start it's work in May and one more citizen is needed to have a full representation of the citizens. The Budget Committee reviews and recommends the City budget to the City Council. State law requires that the Committee be comprised of the Mayor and 6 City Councilors and a matching number of citizens. Training is available so that anyone can learn and be of help to the City on this committee. If you are interested in any of these committees please contact City Hall and submit an application.

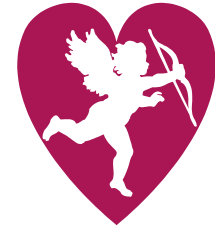
Clearwire Cellular Tower Agreement

At their January 21, 2008 meeting the City Council approved an agreement that would allow Clearwire US to locate a wireless communication facility on City owned land at the Public Works facility off of Suncrest Road. Their installation will include antennas on a new 80' monopole and a site support cabinet. Clearwire will pay a monthly rent of \$1200 and any assessed property taxes. The agreement will not become effective until Clearwire has completed their evaluation of the site to ensure the installation is viable and they have obtained their local Planning Commission approval. The Public Works Department has confirmed that such a facility will not interfere with their operations. By granting their approval the Council felt that this would greatly enhance citizens' access to internet services in Talent.

Parks and Recreation Summer Programs



The planning is beginning now for the Summer Parks and Recreation programs for Talent. If you have any interest in helping, have a special skill in working with the City youth, please contact the City Manager betty@cityoftalent.org. If your children participated last year and there were things that you would like to see improved or changes made please let us know that as well.



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COUNCIL LIASON AREAS

In their desire to better serve the citizens of Talent the City Council selected areas of responsibility for the individual members.

While you still can contact the Mayor or any City Councilor, if there is a problem that is unique to your area of the City you may wish to use the listing below. The Councilor's phone numbers are also on the City website or in the telephone directory.

Area #1 - Area east of Highway 99 to include as far north as the City limits and south to just north of the Mini Storage. Housing areas included are Autumn Ridge, Willow Springs, Oak Valley, Mountain View Estates, Easy Valley, & Anjou Club - Councilor Bill Cecil

Area #2 - Area on Highway 99 mini storage south on the east side of Highway 99 to the last property within the City limits; Area on the west side of Highway 99 and east side of Talent Avenue from Rapp Road to Alpine Way. Housing areas included are apartment on Rapp Road, Totem Pole Park, Shady Brook, Kamerin Springs, Lithia View, Summer Place etc. - Councilor EJ McManus

Area #3 - Area west of Rapp Road south of Talent Avenue to City Limits – Belmont Road and west to include all the railroad district area. Area includes all of the industrial park, and housing including Arnos Street housing, Meadow Slope. - Councilor Lynn Perkins

Area #4 - Area north to City Limits on Wagner Creek Road, west to the railroad tracks and Front Street, east side of Highway 99, and south to Rapp Road. Area includes all of the downtown, Candle Wood Park, Old Bridge Village, Spruce Landing, Heritage Station, Patio Village - Councilor Brian Roberts

Area #5 - City Limits along Wagner Creek Road, Foss, Madison, Railroad Track, and Rapp. Area includes the Talent Middle School, Darken Development, School House Road, Wagner Butte - Councilor Wendy Siporen

Area #6 - North west city limits including Front Street to and including area of the railroad track, 1st, 2nd & 3rd (north and south), Talent Elementary - Councilor Bob Wilson

Harvest Festival Committee

We are a diverse group of volunteers and city staff who share a desire to provide quality fun and entertainment in the community of Talent. Please join us!

Every year at this time we begin planning the Harvest Festival. We are seeking new members. We meet once per month at City Hall beginning in February through September, and then ultimately volunteers would help the day of the festival! The 2008 Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, September 13th.

If you wish to volunteer your time to help us with this community project and have fun doing it, please let us know!

To get details of all the "days events" and pictures of last year's festival, visit our website at cityoftalent.org and click Calendar of Events link.

For more information, please call: Cheryl at 535-1566 or email cheryl@cityoftalent.org

There are several issues to touch on this month. First off - "Safer Streets for Children to Play In". There are several factors to consider on this subject, from measures aimed at slowing drivers, appropriate traffic control devices such as stop signs, and assessing street lighting and design. These factors are considered routinely by the City and are matters of regular discussion at our Traffic Safety & Transportation Committee (TS&TC), which meets every other month. What is not part of the discussions is whether or not children should be playing in the street. Streets are not for children to play in. While many of us have childhood memories of doing so, that doesn't make it a legal or safe activity. Parents are asked to make sure you are supervising your child's play activities and, please keep them out of the street. We at the City will continue to work to make our streets and

our City as safe as possible, but we need your help.

Another topic - When should you call the police? Consider the example of problems that have been occurring in the neighborhood bordered by Schoolhouse Road and Rapp Road. There have been incidents of vandalism, prowlers, unnecessary noise and other problems for some time in this part of the City. Some citizens have reported this activity as being done by teenage/young adult males. The most recent report received second hand about two women who live in the neighborhood are afraid to walk alone on the streets after dark because of prowling "teenagers". ***Please call the police when you believe that illegal or suspicious activity is occurring.*** Don't wait to make that call; call it in as you see/hear it. Police contact numbers are provided below Finally - some good news

regarding crime in our City. Overall crime rates fell in 2007 as compared to 2006. Assaults were down by 33% (from 86 to 58); Burglaries were down by 19% (from 26 to 21); and, Theft was down by 23% (from 146 to 112). Talent is a safe place to live and work. You can help us make it safer by reporting crime and suspicious activity ***when it is happening.*** Please call also when you are disturbed by unnecessary noise or other livability issues which need problem-solving helpers. That's what your police department does for you....call us at **911** for emergencies, **776-7206** 24 hours a day for non-emergency police response, and **535-1253** during administrative hours. We work for you. If you have a problem and don't call, we don't know about it.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Code Amendments

The Planning Commission will review new regulations for annexations and revisions to the rules concerning fences and hedges. In the upcoming months the Commission will be considering ways to regulate drive-through businesses so there is a consistent approach for new proposals. They will be considering an amendment to the City's annexation procedures and a replacement for the planned unit development regulations, which are in suspension until March. Staff will be proposing the adoption of a new "public facilities"

zoning district, which would apply only to land owned by a government entity. Having such a zone would improve the City's ability to inventory land by development potential and it would provide a clearer zoning map for citizens.

New Business and New Construction

City staff would like to welcome Ashland Camera to its new location at 103 Talent Avenue. People will also soon see a new commercial building going up on North Pacific Highway next to Anjou Club. It will be the first building

in the Clearview development and will have capacity for several retail, office and service uses. Contact Planning to see if your prospective use is permitted. Developers are Evan Archerd and Russ Dale.

Appeal Filed

Artner Construction is appealing the denial of its application for a 143-unit subdivision. The Planning Commission voted to deny on December 20th; they adopted the final order on January 10th. A hearings officer will convene a public hearing within the next few weeks to receive testimony and render a decision on the appeal.

Bear Creek Greenway Joint Powers Agreement

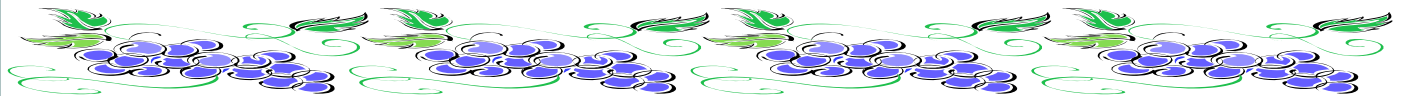
The City has joined with Jackson County and other cities on the Bear Creek Greenway in the signing of a Joint Powers Agreement. This agreement will secure and define the future maintenance of the Greenway and establish a fund that the cities will contribute to for the major capital improvements that will be needed on the Greenway into the future. Now that the Greenway is nearing completion the cities agreed that there needed to be defined responsibilities and a structure for ensuring that the Greenway will always be maintained for the use of all the Rogue Valley residents. Talent will become responsible for the routine maintenance of the Greenway within the City limits and will participate with the other cities of Ashland, Phoenix, Central Point, Medford and Jackson County for ongoing planning for the future.

The Greenway in Talent is one of the oldest sections of the system and was built over 30 years ago. At that time the type of construction was rather rudimentary and this accounts for its condition today. Jackson County is filing a letter of intent to apply for Federal grant funds to reconstruct these sections over the next five years and the City will lend their support to a hoped for successful application.

NEW FACE AT CITY HALL

Hello Talent,

I am Ned Smith and I would like to introduce myself as your new Municipal Court and Finance Clerk. I am a proud resident of Talent. I am originally from Northern California and have lived in the Rogue Valley for over 10 years. Some of you may already know me, and for those of you I have not met yet, I look forward to meeting you. My favorite leisure activities are outdoors, and include mountain biking, skiing, and camping.



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