

# The City of Mt. Angel NEWSLETTER



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## Council Corner

*By Councilor Kelly Grassman*

On October 2 and 3, Councilor Kintz and I attended the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Annual Conference in Portland. The conference was a wonderful opportunity to receive information and training. We were very fortunate to receive two grants from the LOC that paid 100% of our tuition!

We attended sessions on how to improve community "wellness", be more effective in Council meetings, improve relationships with the media, encourage youth to be involved in local government, being effective in decision making, and learning about our resources for alternative revenue.

There was a lengthy debriefing of this year's legislative session with a look ahead to next spring's session and some of the challenges we will be facing. Several guest speakers reminded us to stay inspired and listen to our constituents.

On Saturday evening, we attended a Small Cities Network Reception. We met with other councilors, mayors, and city administrators from other cities our size. One memorable item we both took away is Mt. Angel is not alone in its quest for better streets and more money needed to provide basic services our citizens expect.

I volunteered to be on the Planning Committee for the 2010 LOC Conference and the LOC Policy Committee for Transportation.

## KristkindlMarkt 2009

*By Maureen Ernst*

The Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 4th Annual Kristkindlmarkt, a German Christmas tradition on Saturday, December 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This traditional outdoor market is a family-friendly event offering food, beverages, music, entertainment, and shopping. Vendors will be on hand to sell holiday and other crafts while local restaurants will offer traditional foods and beverages including wines from Oregon as well as "gluhwein," a hot spiced wine that is another German tradition.

There will be music, entertainment, and a cheery town crier. Mt. Angel will be decorated for the occasion with stars and trees sparkling with lights. As a centerpiece, a spectacular fire pit designed and built by the crew from The Grant Company will be installed to keep visitors cozy and warm.

## What's Happening at City Hall

*By Michele Hall, Assistant to City Administrator*

City Hall has a new look. Fresh paint was applied to the building in early October. The colors were chosen in an attempt to fit into the look of the downtown core. The Design Review Board reviewed and approved the colors. As a senior project, Anna Therkelson, a student at JFK High School is working on Bavarian-themed designs that will be painted on the flower boxes.

The old Blue Spruce has been removed. Earlier this year, the Tree Board, with support from the Dept. of Forestry recommended the removal of the old tree. At the urging of the Council, the tree was removed on October 13.

Some local children have visited City Hall concerned there will be no tree for the holidays. After City Staff reviewed both the type of tree suitable for a replacement and the costs associated with planting a new tree, the City Council decided that the Parks/Tree Board should be involved in deciding on a new tree or other use for the area beside City Hall.

For the holidays, the Council has directed Pete Wall, the Interim City Administrator to work with the holiday committees to come up with a cut tree that Kris Kindl will be able to light at the KristkindlMarkt celebration.

The wood from the tree was donated to the Marion County senior wood program. Thank you to all the members of the community who have stopped by and asked about the tree.

### *KristkindlMarkt continued...*

Kris Kindl will arrive on transportation provided by the Mt. Angel Fire District, will hear wishes from the little ones, and will light the tree to mark the end of the festivities. All children will receive a gift from Kris Kindl and his helpers. So come and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of a Bavarian Christmas in Mt. Angel.

Spaces are available for this event. If interested, please contact:

- Food Vendors: Mary Kohler at [kohlerm@wcb.com](mailto:kohlerm@wcb.com)
- Arts & Crafts Vendors: Amy & Sally Beyer at [kristkindlmarkt@gmail](mailto:kristkindlmarkt@gmail)
- Wineries: Mary Grant at [mary@glockenspielrestaurant.net](mailto:mary@glockenspielrestaurant.net)

Kathy Wall and Mary Kohler; co-chairs  
Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce

*For a City Events Calendar and links to other community events, please visit the City's website at [www.mtangelor.org](http://www.mtangelor.org).*

## Meet the Mayor

*By Mayor Rick Schiedler*

As the Mayor of Mt. Angel I am pleased to be asked to write about myself for this first edition of our city newsletter. A main goal of mine and the #1 goal of the City Council is to "improve and enhance communication within the community". This newsletter is one of the objectives of achieving this goal.

I grew up on a dairy farm between Mt. Angel and Silverton and have 5 brothers & 2 sisters. In 1975, I graduated from Kennedy High School and then attended Central Oregon Community College and received a degree in Forestry in 1977. My wife Cindy and I have been married for 32 years and have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren. My hobbies include fishing, hunting, snow skiing, woodworking and hiking.

I am an estimator for PGE and have been employed there for 26 years. My government experience with the City includes 2 years on the Budget Committee, 9 years on the Planning Commission, 2 years on the City Council and Mayor since Jan. 2009. I am also involved in the Mt. Angel Knights of Columbus and St. Mary Catholic Church.

We have a very good group of City Councilors who works well together. I want to keep the City running as smoothly as possible and look forward to achieving as many of the City Council's short and long term goals as possible while I am Mayor.

## Department Focus – Planning

*By Michele Hall, Assistant to City Administrator*

The City of Mt. Angel is one of a few cities in Marion County where permits can be directly entered via computer into the Marion County Building Inspection computers. Simple permits for electrical, plumbing, and mechanical upgrades to your property can be obtained at City Hall. Building permits are also received at City Hall and while processed here, the plans must be reviewed by both the City for compliance to city codes and set-backs and by the County's plans examiners. This process takes about two to three weeks. Building permits are required for most changes you plan to make to your home. It is important that you inquire about your project. If you fail to apply before you begin your project, the fees may double or you may be asked to remove what has already been done. Real Estate sales contracts are also now requiring disclosure of work done without a permit and that can lead to being required to submit to the building inspection process and potentially can affect your ability to sell your home.

The City also issues several permits such as sign permits, extending your business outdoors, parking requirements, and design review for the Bavarian District. While the City does not have a business license, it is best for new businesses or businesses planning to make any changes to check in with City Hall to ensure that you are complying with city codes. Fines can be imposed for failing to receive proper authorization.

Information on City Ordinances, Development Code, and Marion County Building Codes are available online at the City's website or call the City. The City Staff would be glad to assist you.

## History Corner

### *What's in a Name?*

*By Sister Alberta Dieker, O.S.B*

The Native Americans called the area around the present Mt. Angel, Chekta. After the settlers came, the area came to be known by three different names, Frankfort, Roy, and Fillmore. In 1857 George Settlemeir bought a part of Benjamin Cleaver's donation land claim, and laid out plans for a town which he named Frankfort. In 1882 Cleaver bought back the claim for \$80 and changed the name to Roy. By that time the narrow gauge railway had come through and named their stop Fillmore. Though Fillmore was never a legally recorded name, it came into common use, while both Frankfort and Roy fell into disuse.

Some accounts have traced the name Fillmore back to 1872, when Cleaver was believed to have named the settlement after President Fillmore. According to a history of Mt. Angel written as a Master's thesis by Sister Ursula Hodes (to whom I am indebted for this information) there is no evidence for this belief.

By 1893, the Benedictine monks and sisters had settled in the town, and the population had increased, so it was considered time to incorporate the settlement as a city. Roy was still the recorded name but it had been taken by another town, Fillmore was the commonly used but unrecorded name, so something new was required. The decision was made to honor the presence of the monks, who had come from Engelberg in Switzerland. Thus, Engelberg (Angel Mountain) became Mt. Angel and so it has remained.

## CERT Team Volunteers Needed

For training in helping your community  
in time of emergency.

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