

The City of Mt. Angel NEWSLETTER



Volume 1 Issue 2

December 2009

Council Corner

By Kelly Grassman, City Councilor

In November 2004, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) launched a new program for small cities in Oregon. This program created a statewide small cities self-help and operational networking group. "Small" is defined as cities who have populations of 5,000 or less. There are 168 "small city" members of LOC, which constitutes 70 percent of the total number of cities in Oregon. These small cities are located on the coast, in Eastern Oregon, the Willamette Valley, and even in the Portland Metro area. The unique challenges faced by small cities are truly a statewide issue.

The Small City's Regional Network came to Mt. Angel on Friday, Dec 4th. The event was hosted by the Mt. Angel Sausage Company and included a small tour of downtown with stops to watch the Glockenspiel, view the Trade Pole, and walk through the Library.

The agenda topics included:

- Captain Robert Earhart – Projects Officer IRT Program – spoke about the National Guard's Innovative Readiness Training Program that hones skills and improves unit readiness for soldiers & airmen while helping communities stretch infrastructure budgets.
- Jennie Messmer – Director, Member Services – provided an update on the League's current activities.

This event was a wonderful opportunity for Mt. Angel to show itself off to visitors.

City Hall is Accepting Applications for the Following:

**Parks-Tree Board
Planning Commission
Design Review Board
Budget Committee**

For more information and to pick up an application,
please contact City Hall.

Phone 503-845-9291

Or visit the Volunteer Page at the City's website.

MOUNT ANGEL C.E.R.T. PROGRAM

By Tom Duker

C.E.R.T. stands for Community Emergency Response Team. The concept was developed in 1985 as a program to train citizens to safely help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a major disaster as professional response capabilities often will be quickly overwhelmed. It is administered today by the Department of Homeland Security. Communities across Oregon and in most other states have organized C.E.R.T. programs.

The C.E.R.T. program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using this training, C.E.R.T. members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take an active role in preparing their community.

C.E.R.T. members can also supplement local authorities after a disaster, provide immediate assistance to victims in the area, help organize spontaneous volunteers, and collect disaster intelligence to assist professional responders with prioritization and allocation of resources following a disaster. C.E.R.T. may also be called on for assistance in scheduled events such as Oktoberfest and other community celebrations.

In Mt. Angel the C.E.R.T. program is sponsored by the Mt. Angel Fire District, and will be an integral part of the Mt. Angel Emergency Operations Plan. It is expected that some grant money will be forthcoming to help develop this program and obtain equipment and training, but the key will be to get citizen volunteers interested in the program.

To find out more about the C.E.R.T. program and to volunteer, you may contact Tom Duker at:

Phone: 503.845.4046

Email at dukerdepot@mtangel.net.

What's Happening at City Hall

By Michele Hall, Assistant to the City Administrator

The City welcomes two new employees. Kay Weisner is the Accounting Clerk at City Hall and Samantha Crossley is the new Children's Librarian. Kay and Samantha started in early November.

Meet the Communications Committee

By the Communications Committee

At the goal setting meetings in January and February, one of the goals that came out of the work sessions, was the creation of a Communications Committee. The mission of the committee is to explore the communication challenges and define and present opportunities to the Council and the City.

The first of the goals defined was the newsletter. The belief was the newsletter could be a useful tool for sharing information about and from the City to the community, and provide a new channel for communicating back to the City.

The Communications Committee is comprised of four (4) volunteer members from the community, one (1) City Councilor, and representation from the City Staff:

Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, Committee Volunteer
Maureen Ernst, Committee Volunteer
Gary Edwards, Committee Volunteer
Kenny Wilson, Committee Volunteer
Andrew Otte, City Councilor
Michele Hall, Assistant to the City Administrator
Pete Wall, Interim City Administrator

City Administrator Recruitment

By Pete Wall, Interim City Administrator

The recruitment for a new City Administrator for Mt. Angel is underway. The City Council appointed a recruitment committee consisting of Mayor Rick Schiedler and City Councilors Kelly Grassman and Andy Otte to work with Interim City Administrator Pete Wall on the recruitment.

So far they have developed a recruitment schedule, an administrator profile and a recruitment brochure. All of these documents can be found on the city's web site at www.mtangelor.org. As applications come in, they will be screened and the City Council will select a group of finalists to interview.

As part of this process, the public will be invited to attend a community reception to meet the finalists. More information on this reception will be released when the dates are set. This will be a good opportunity for the public to meet the applicants and provide feedback to the city council before a final selection is made.

CONTACT THE CITY

Administration	503-845-9291
Water Billing	503-845-9291
Police Department	503-845-9294
Public Works	503-845-6260
Court	503-845-9291
Library	503-845-6401
City Website	www.mtangelor.org

***Please send your comments and suggestions-
mtangelnewsletter@gmail.com***

History Corner

What's in a Place?

By Sister Alberta Dieker, O.S.B

The completion of a narrow gauge railroad between Woodburn and Silverton on October 4, 1880, prompted the erection of the first building within the original Mt. Angel city precincts. It is described as a tiny railroad station, built by the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company and named Fillmore, after J. F. Fillmore, the general superintendent of the railway. The Cleaver brothers followed, by building a warehouse necessary to accommodate the freight to be delivered.

On August 21, 1881, St. Mary Catholic Church was dedicated by Archbishop Seghers. It was located on Marquam Street, adjoining the old cemetery that is still there. The building measured 40 by 30 feet, was painted white inside and out, and even boasted a gallery for the choir. The land was donated by Joseph Scharbach, while Matthias Butsch gave the lumber for construction. John Weiss of Gervais supervised the construction, with the men of the area as his crew. The church was completed in early spring, but could not be dedicated until August because the archbishop had no consecrated altar stones on hand. Matthias Butsch and Louis Schwab were the first persons to be buried in the cemetery.

Other buildings were added during the 1880's, a community store with Cash Barlow and a Mr. White as proprietors until it was bought by John Palmer. This store also housed the first post office, with Monroe Cleaver as the first postmaster. Fred Miller carried the mail from Woodburn, since the railroad did not offer that service. William Komp started a restaurant. Presence of a railroad stop necessitated a hotel to accommodate visitors and especially salesmen who might spend several days at a location peddling their wares. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Oswald built and operated such a hotel with four guest rooms. The family lived in the attic above. Matthew Henkes opened a butcher shop, which was taken over by John (Butcher Hans) Mauer. Buck Cox built a blacksmith shop, another necessity for a farming community.

These essential businesses and the church were in place by 1889, so the time had come for a touch of luxury. Thomas Howe established the Oregon Training Kennels, with a brace of pointers and setters he imported from England. His trade grew so rapidly that he had to import two dog trainers from England. Howe also took over a livery stable and ran stages to Scotts Mills and Wilhoit Springs. The stages met the trains at Mt. Angel and delivered mail as well as passengers to the above destinations. The route was dangerous enough that an armed man accompanied the mail carrier. His role was to sit on the mail pouches and hold a gun in readiness to protect the U.S. mail.

Question: With the exception of the church and the warehouse (which was near the train stop) where were the other buildings located? Were the blacksmith shop and store where the present Weissenfels shop and the White Corner are located, or were they closer to the railroad?

Again, I am indebted to *Mount Angel* by Sister Ursula Hodes for the above information.