

# The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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## New Goals for City Council

At their September meeting, the Mt. Angel City Council adopted revised goals to chart a path towards the future. As part of this planning exercise, the Council thought about Mt. Angel in 15 years and came up with a vision for its future:

*In the year 2025, Mt. Angel is a tight knit, rural community that is proud of its heritage.*

*The community supports annual events that bring visitors from neighboring communities and around the world.*

*Mt. Angel is a proud home of residents and a beautiful destination for visitors, with such attractions as the Mt. Angel Abbey, Queen of Angels Monastery, and the Saalfeld House Museum.*

*The community prides itself on strategic thinking, detailed planning, and fiscally sound practices that provide for growth and the improvement and maintenance of the city infrastructure.*

*Downtown is revitalized and thriving, the industrial park is a vibrant employment center and the tax base has grown and improved to fund community improvements such as a visitor's center, a new city hall and recreational opportunities.*

### Planning Commission Budget Committee

The City Council is accepting applications for positions that will be open on these Council Committees due to term expirations. If you are interested in being considered for appointment please contact City Hall for an application or visit the website under "volunteer opportunities."



## Our Goals...

After receiving feedback from the community the City Council approved the "Mt. Angel City Goals for 2010/2011":

1. Improve & Enhance Communication with the Community.
2. Improve & Enhance the Livability in the Community.
3. Strategic Planning.
4. Increase Revenue and Funding.

Each goal has outcomes, measures, deadlines and a staff lead assigned. You can find all of this information on our webpage at [www.mtangelor.org](http://www.mtangelor.org) or you can stop by City Hall and ask for a copy. The City staff will be reporting to Council on the progress quarterly, starting in December 2010. *Thank you to everyone who gave us feedback!*

## *New City Hall Hours-*

City Hall is open more hours to serve you! We are now open during the lunch hour, please come and see us. Our new, expanded hours are Monday - Friday from 10:00 am through 5:00 pm.

## We Listened, We Heard...

Some Answers to Community Survey questions.

During the goal setting, the City reached out to the community for feedback about the draft Council Goals. This was very helpful to the Council and helped guide them as they adopted the final goals. Many questions came back with the 100 responses we received. Below, please find some of the questions and their answers.

***Community Comment: "Create a website for City of Mt. Angel. The City needs to keep the website up to date. An up to date website would help. Last minutes posted are November 2009. A constantly updated message board might be one more good idea."***

The City of Mt. Angel has a website at [www.mtangelor.org](http://www.mtangelor.org). On our website you will find our City code, our charter, the approved budget, a zoning map, and many other helpful items. We did hear your feedback and the website has been updated and we will continue to keep the minutes and agendas current. The minutes are posted to the website after the Council approves them.

Based on the feedback received, the Council will be evaluating a reader board as part of the next year's budget cycle. We will look at cost estimates and see what would be needed to have an electronic reader board in town that can notify community members about city events. In the meantime, thanks to the generosity of Chris Bischoff of CAB Construction, the City has a new community events board at the base of the steps to City Hall. Head over there next time after you go pick your mail up and see what's happening at the City. The City is now also on facebook, you can find us at City of Mt. Angel or follow on twitter at: @cityofmtangel.

***Community Comment: "Does the Mayor have an office and hours open? I would be interested in a job description of: 1. Mayor and 2. City Administrator. Who does what?"***

The Mayor for the City of Mt. Angel has not historically had office hours, but our current Mayor, Rick Schiedler, is happy to meet or speak with anyone who would like to be in touch with him. The Mayor and Councilor positions are volunteer positions and many of our elected officials have other jobs or work outside of City functions. The elected officials' email addresses are all on our web page, or you can call City Hall for more specifics if you want to get a hold of them.

According to the Mt. Angel Charter, the Mayor is the Chair of the Council and presides over deliberations. Our Mayor votes only in the case of a tie among Council Members. Our Mayor has authority to preserve order, enforce the rules of the Council, and determine the order of business under the rules of the Council. The Mayor also appoints some of our committees and signs ordinances and other documents approved by Council.

In 1975, the City Council established the City Administrator position with the intent of having the administrator have general supervision and direction over all nonelected officers and employees of the City and to supervise the work of all City Departments, with the exception of the municipal judge and the City Attorney. Among other things, the administrator attends all the Council meetings, keeps the Council advised on the affairs and needs of the City, and acts as purchasing agent for the City and oversees the annual budget. If you haven't met our administrator, Susan Muir, please stop by City Hall to say "hello", or give her a call, or send an email to [smuir@ci.mt-angel.or.us](mailto:smuir@ci.mt-angel.or.us).

## Our City Mission...

*The following new mission statement was also adopted:*

- Preserving the small town quality of life.
- Strategically Planning for the future.
- Recognizing community diversity.
- Providing timely, quality, efficient & fiscally sound services.
- Continue to encourage community involvement.
- Responsive to citizens and customers.

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