

# The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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## Parks Plan Public Hearing...

On Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. the Park/Tree Board and the Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting to prepare a formal recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Parks Master Plan as an addition to the Mt. Angel Comprehensive Plan. This meeting is a public hearing and testimony will be heard by the Planning Commission.

The City has a lot of plans it works with and some people wonder why we need all of these plans. The simple answer is that these plans help the City Council and staff to direct projects and search for funding in a manner in keeping with the public's wishes. Each plan includes a public hearing and opportunity for public involvement. When the City applies for grant funding, we are asked to identify where the project is referenced in the City's plans. It is easier to obtain grant funding on projects that are identified through master plans or the Comprehensive plan.

The Park/Tree Board and the City Council would like the staff to prepare to submit a grant application to the Oregon Parks Department for a major parks project this spring. Money has been set aside in the budget for matching funds needed for most grants. Adopting the Parks Master Plan will put us in good position to apply.

**Please plan to come and share your thoughts. The meeting will be held in the Mt. Angel Community Room located in the library.**

### *Holiday Hot Cider Social*

The Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council invites all community members to a town hall meeting. Topics will include drug abuse, burglaries and crime as well as animal control. Representatives from State and County agencies will be there to answer questions from the community. This is a follow-up to the issues brought up in a previous meeting.

**Mt. Angel Community Meeting Room at 7 p.m.  
on Wednesday, December 8, 2010.**

## "Frohe Weihnachten Kinder" "Merry Christmas Children"

On December 5, 2010 starting at 4:00 p.m. Kris Kringle will arrive in downtown Mt. Angel on a Mt. Angel Fire Department truck to greet young and old alike. He will light up the tree to the accompaniment of carols and then welcome children and hear their wishes at the Mt. Angel Performing Arts Center.

Free hot cocoa, hot apple cider and donut holes will be served. There will be arts and crafts activities for children waiting to see Kris Kringle. Each child will receive a bag of candy and fruit to take home. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting this event.

## Attention Utility Customers- Water Billing Change

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The City of Mt. Angel is changing the water shut off notification process starting January 2011.

- The shut off notice will no longer be a door hanger. It will be a postcard similar to the white postcard the monthly water/sewer bill is on that is mailed at the beginning of each month.
- Starting January 2011 the bright colored shut off notice will be delivered by mail only. The past due amount on the shut off notice will need to be paid by the due date or water services will be disconnected.
- A notice of the change will be attached to the door hanger shut off notices delivered in November and December. A sample postcard shut off notice will be attached to the final door hanger delivered in December.

Please contact City Hall if you have any questions.  
Phone (503)845-9291

## 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: "How are executive sessions or 'closed door' meetings held?"***

There are eight reasons, under state law, that Cities can conduct what is called an 'Executive Session'. An Executive Session is a meeting that is noticed to the public, but the public cannot attend for specific reasons. The City Council of Mt. Angel tries hard to conduct all business in a public meeting, but there are times where a private discussion is needed, they include:

- To consider employment of officer or employee
- To consider the dismissal or disciplining of or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent
- To discuss labor negotiations with the labor negotiator
- To discuss real estate transactions with the real estate negotiator
- To consider records exempt from public inspection
- To consult with your attorney regarding "current litigation or litigation likely to be filed"

- To evaluate employment-related performance of the chief executive officer and other officers and employees if they do not request an open hearing
- To review security programs related to the security of utilities, telecommunications or data transmissions

Executive sessions must be noticed and the reason for the session from the list above must be referenced in the notice. Minutes must be taken, although the minutes may or may not be subject to public disclosure.

### ***Community comment: How often will you evaluate progress on the goals?***

A staff member has been assigned to each of the four goals to implement, monitor and report on them. Each of the four Council goals has been given objectives, measure and deadlines. Each quarter, starting in December, the staff will report to the City Council and will post the results to our web page. You may contact City Hall to get additional information, or if you'd like the staff to visit your group and speak about the progress on the goals, feel free to call City Hall to set that up.

## Volunteers needed

The City Council is accepting applications for positions on the Planning Commission and the Budget Committee. Current members' terms are expiring on December 31, 2010.

There are 2 positions on the Planning Commission. Members perform as an advisory board to the City Council regarding amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan, Development Regulations and Economic Development. They also review and decide on Type II Planning applications such as commercial and industrial site design review, major variances, subdivisions, and similar use determinations.

There are 3 positions available on the Budget Committee. Members perform as an advisory board to the City Council on the development of the City budget.

Information and applications are available at City Hall or on the website. Deadline is November 24, 2010.

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