

The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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Council Corner

By Mayor Rick Schiedler

There have been a lot of exciting things happening in the City of Mt. Angel lately. I'd like to take a minute to highlight some of those events and thank the people involved.

Kennedy High School made us proud by their good sportsmanship this year. It was so exciting for the football team to not only go to the state playoffs but to come away with the second-place ranking. The players and coaches did a great job!! The Boys and Girls Cross Country teams also went to State this year and represented Mt. Angel well!! Congratulations to all the team members for such a successful year.

Kristkindlmarkt was a success and we had many visitors in our city to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season, Mt. Angel style. Thank you to the Chamber members for coordinating the event.

On December 18th, the City Council made soup lunch for the City Staff in appreciation for all of their hard work this past year. The staff requested that the money that would normally be used for their holiday party, be donated for food baskets this year.

This year will bring new things for the City of Mt. Angel. I am confident that we can move forward together to accomplish our community goals. Happy New Year to you all.

2010 Census It's Easy, It's Safe, & It's Important

The 2010 Census is a portrait of America. It's required by the U.S. Constitution to take place every 10 years. This Census will help Mt. Angel receive our share of federal funds for public works project, emergency services, senior centers, schools and roadwork.

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence. When you receive yours, just answer 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided.

2010 Census, 10 questions; 10 minutes to define who we are as a nation. For more information go to www.2010census.gov

Cold Weather Safety Tips

By Fire Chief Don Fleck and Public Works Staff

During power outages, only use candles when you are able to keep an eye on them. If possible use battery powered lighting such as a flashlight or lantern. Another safety tip is to keep steps, sidewalks, and driveways ice free. Many falls that result in serious injury are caused by ice buildup.

If you have a wood burning device to heat your home, please have the device and the chimney inspected annually by a trained chimney sweep or contractor. If you have a furnace, keep all cold air returns clear of items that will block air flow and keep filters clean. This will keep plenty of air flowing to and around the furnace. If you have electric baseboard heat, be sure to keep all items away from it. Blankets, towels, and clothes are common items that cause these units to overheat and start fires. If you use portable electric heaters for supplemental heat, be sure your heater is the type that shuts off when tipped over.

The kitchen is a popular place this time of year, most home fires start in the kitchen. Remember to have an oversized lid available while you are cooking on the stovetop. This lid can be used to slide over smaller pots and pans to safely smother a stovetop fire.

Public works recommends that you cover all outside faucets and seal all house vents. Keep the house at least 64 degrees and leave cabinet doors under sink open at night. Let the faucets drip during freezing nights.

If you have a leak or any other questions, please call Mt. Angel Public Works. In case of an afterhour's emergency, please call dispatch at 503-982-2340.

What's Happening on Elm Street

By Dan Bernt, Public Works Superintendent

Work is in progress on an upgraded water mainline on Elm Street between Taylor and Marquam streets. GT Excavating LLC is installing a new 8" ductile iron line that will replace the existing 4" steel mainline. Also, all service lines to adjacent homes are being upgraded from 3/4" to 1" copper to the meters. The upgrade is being done because the old 4" mainline is very shallow and corroded, and leaks occur regularly. The upgrade will also improve fire flow capacities in this area. Funds for this project come out of the utility capital improvement fund, from system development fees and transfers from the water utility fund. A portion of this project was completed last year by Stone Development to serve their project.

Meet Councilor Beyer

By Darren Beyer

My name is Darren James Beyer. It has been a privilege to serve on the Mt. Angel City Council this past year. I am married to Amanda (Komp) Beyer. We have four children Dakota (14), Jena (10), Dominic (2) and Henry (1). My parents are James and Arlean Beyer. Amanda's parents are James Komp and State Representative Betty Komp.

I was raised on a small dairy and berry farm in the Bethany community. My seven brothers and four sisters, including my twin Deanna, really enjoyed being raised on a farm. After our farm and household chores were done for the day, we would play games with each other, ride bikes and motorcycles, or swim in our pool. I appreciate my parents and the life they gave us on the farm as we worked, learned, and grew together as a family.

I attended Bethany Elementary through the eighth grade. My freshman and sophomore year were spent at Regis High School and then I transferred to Silverton Union High School where I graduated in 1988.

Politics has been a love of mine for most of my life. I am a Ronald Reagan conservative. I believe that building and supporting our local economy, small government and the less people are taxed the better Mt. Angel can be.

New Traffic Laws begin January 2010

Ring in with the New Year are several changes to state traffic laws.

First of all, please remember you may no longer use a handheld cell phones while you are driving. At this time, hands free devices are permitted. Violations will cost you approximately \$142. This law went into effect on January 1st. State police plan to enforce this immediately.

DUI fines and penalties will also be going up.

Seat belt laws have changed and children are now required to be buckled up at all times while in the car.

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Featured Event

Brace yourself! The Wurst is coming!

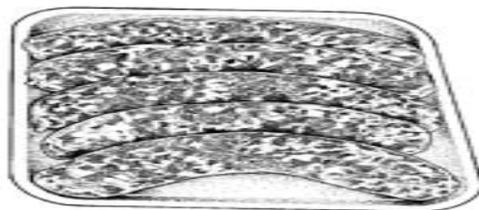
By Maureen Ernest

The 2nd Annual Wurstfest will be held February 12, 13 & 14 at the Biergarten. The Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce and Oktoberfest are teaming up for the last blast of winter called Wurstfest, a celebration of the mighty German (wurst).

Area sausage makers will be offering the best of their wurst – bratwurst, bockwurst, frickadelwurst, famous Oktoberfest sausage and many more garnished with sauerkraut, grilled onions and the Benedictine Sisters award winning Monastery Mustards.

Non-stop musical entertainment will feature Mount Angel's own Z Muskmakers Family Band, The Greg Meier Bavarian Quartet, the Happy Swiss Yodeling Band, and more.

More than forty volunteers are needed to help with this community event! Please call Mary Kohler at 503.845.2265, John Gooley at 503.932.8171 or Mary Grant at 503.932.5279 and offer your help. Wurstfest was a resounding success last year and we need your help to make this a Wurst Mount Angel tradition.



First Citizen Banquet

By Maureen Ernest

You are invited to nominate candidates for 2009 Mt. Angel Community Service Awards. The Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce First Citizen Awards Banquet will be held Monday, February 22 at the St. Mary Parish Center

Nominations are being solicited for :

First Citizen – Annual award to a local individual (or individuals) for making a broad substantial impact on our community.

Jr. First Citizen – Annual award for local JFK Seniors for peer leadership, community service, and participation in school clubs or organizations.

Business of the Year – Awarded to a business, either retail or service oriented for outstanding community service.

Special Awards – Annual award for a local individual (or individuals) impacting the community in specific areas.

Nomination forms at West Coast Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, and US Bank and The Shopper. Nomination deadline is January 25, 2010.