

The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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Annual City Budget Process

Each year, the City Staff, Council, and Budget Committee must go through the annual budget process. This process is defined and governed by Oregon Budget law.

The Staff and Council held a Special Council meeting on January 19 to have some preliminary discussions about the needs of the city in the upcoming budget year. This meeting was very productive and will assist in putting together the budget package for review by the Budget Committee.

The process continues from now through June when the Budget is adopted and then submitted to the State. In February and March, forecasts and projections are pulled together and a budget is prepared by staff.

The budget committee meetings are open to the public and are currently scheduled to be held during the week of April 12th. At that time, the budget message is presented and the proposed budget will be reviewed in detail by the Budget committee. The budget committee approves the budget and the tax rate.

The budget summary will be published in the paper for public review. A public hearing will be held at the council meeting on June 7, 2010 prior to the council adopting the final budget. Citizens are invited to give public input to the Council on the budget at this time. The Council also makes appropriations and imposes and categorizes property taxes at this meeting which will then be forwarded to the assessor by July 15th. The 2010-11 Budget is then complete.

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

City Administrator Search

The search for a new City Administrator continues to move forward. The Recruitment Committee narrowed the field of applicants down to a manageable number. From that point the City Council completed additional reviews and narrowed the slate of candidates down to list of finalists.

The finalists will be invited to Mt. Angel to participate in interviews and a Community Meet and Greet event.

Mt. Angel Citizens are invited to attend the Community Meet and Greet for the City Administrator candidates. This will be a time for interested citizens to meet the candidates, ask questions, and give their input to City Councilors.

The event will be held in the Mt. Angel Community Room on Friday, February 19 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

If you have any questions, please contact Michele Hall, Assistant to City Administrator.

Backflow Device Testing

Both the State of Oregon and the City require that back flow devices be installed on residential sprinkler systems. Each year, the device must be tested and the results are submitted to the State as part of ensuring that the drinking water in Mt. Angel is safe for drinking. Irrigation or sprinkler systems that are unprotected by a backflow device can cause contaminated water to flow back into the water supply.

The yearly testing is required to ensure that the device on the system is still functioning properly.

If you need a device installed or a test performed, there is a list of State certified testers available at City Hall. Backflow tests are due this month and Public Works urges everyone to have their tests performed and submitted as soon as possible.

Meet Pete Wall

By Michele Hall, Assistant to the City Administrator

Over the past year, the City of Mt. Angel staff has been led by Pete Wall as Interim City Administrator. Change of any kind can be difficult, but the staff has been grateful for the experience Pete has brought to the City. He has helped them weather change and prepare for the future. He has also led the City Council through the process of recruiting for a new City Administrator.

Interestingly, Pete started out his City Management career in Mt. Angel where he served as City Administrator from 1981-1986.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Pete enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduating from High School. He returned to Massachusetts, after his tour of duty, where he worked in the banking industry for a few years. He moved to Oregon to pursue a bachelor's degree in Public Administration at the University of Oregon. After serving Mt. Angel for five years, Pete also went on to serve as City Manager of Wilsonville, OR and Hoquiam, WA. The Oregon Coast Aquarium secured his services as Director of Operations. He was there during the time Keiko was residing at the Aquarium. From there, Pete went to the City of Toledo where he served for 9 years as City Manager. Pete retired in July of 2007 but has continued in public service by providing interim city manager and recruitment services to Toledo.

Pete moved back to Mt. Angel to be closer to his family. His sons, Scott and Jeff and their families live here in town and his daughter, Dana, lives nearby.

An avid Duck fan, Pete was pleased to travel to Pasadena, where he watched his Ducks play in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Wurstfest

The 2nd Annual Wurstfest will be held February 12, 13 & 14 at the Mt. Angel Community Building (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 Musikmakers Family Band, The Greg Meier Bavarian Quartet, the Happy Swiss Yodeling Band, and more.

Hours of celebration:

Friday 5pm – 11pm
Saturday Noon – 11PM
Sunday Noon – 6PM

First Citizen Banquet

By Maureen Ernst

The Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce First Citizen Awards Banquet will be held Monday, February 22 at the St. Mary Parish Center

Congratulations to the winners and thank you for your contributions to the Community

Jim Schaecher – First Citizen

Irene Willig – Humanitarian Award

Alex Morrissey – Junior First Citizen

Mt. Angel Fire District – Volunteer of the Year

Keeping Mt. Angel Clean

As we have had a fairly mild winter, more and more citizens have taken advantage of the weather and gone out to walk through the town and neighborhoods.

The responsibility for keeping Mt. Angel clean and beautiful lies with each citizen of the Community.

Please remember that pursuant to City Ordinance, it is the responsibility of a pet's owner to clean up after their pets. Let's all do our part to keep the public places and sidewalks free from any pet messes.

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