

The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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Henrietta Saalfeld donates land

On Monday, March 1, 2010 the Mt. Angel City Council unanimously voted to accept a generous gift from Henrietta Saalfeld. She desired to donate her house and property downtown to the City. At the meeting, Henrietta told the Council that she spent "many wonderful years in the house, right in the heart of the city." It was her hope that many people could enjoy the property as a community park. She dedicated the house and property in memory of her parents.

The house on 195 East College Street is believed to be the oldest residence in the City of Mt. Angel. It is listed on the City's Historic Building Registry.

The house will be used by the city for purposes agreed on between the City and the Henrietta T. Saalfeld Living Trust. The grounds will be dedicated as the Saalfeld Family Park and will display a plaque naming each member of the Saalfeld family.

On Friday, March 5, 2010 Henrietta ceremonially presented the keys to the house to Mayor Rick Schiedler. It is anticipated that the City will take legal possession of the house in early April.

Henrietta and her trustee, Jim Berchtold were presented honorary copies of Resolution 1322, accepting the land donation, by Mayor Rick Schiedler at the Council meeting, amidst applause. The whole Council expressed their gratefulness and appreciation to Henrietta for her generous donation.

2010 Census

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

The 2010 Census is a portrait of America. The 2010 Census will help communities receive over \$400 billion in federal funds each year. The data collected by the census also help determine the number of seats our state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. Any personal data you provide will be protected under federal law.

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

Continuity of Operations Plan

The City of Mt. Angel has been invited to participate in a grant awarded by the federal government to six counties in Oregon to develop a Continuity of Operations Plan. This plan details how the City's critical functions would be restored in the event of a disruption in services. This could be as simple as a minor event that disrupts services for a few hours or it could encompass a major event that would require relocating the City's offices and operating other essential services from a different location.

Development of this plan started with a training last week for the Plan Coordinator and is anticipated to continue for the next eight months. The grant writers are seeking funding for continual upgrade of this plan over the next several years.

After 9-11 and Katrina, the federal government is interested in developing strategies for communities and government agencies to communicate more effectively.

You are invited to.....

There are many opportunities for the public to be involved in local government. Oregon public meetings laws require public officials to conduct business in an open meeting except under specific circumstances. Below are the regularly scheduled meetings for the City. Contact Michele Hall at City Hall if you would like to receive e-mail notices of meetings.

Regular City Council Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room. Opportunity for public comment is generally granted at this meeting.

Planning Commission meets the third Thursday of the month when it has business to consider. Public hearings are conducted as needed and will be noticed. Citizens are invited to give testimony in support or opposition of applications being considered.

Budget Committee Meetings are usually held in April. Notice will be given 2-3 weeks in advance. The public is invited to attend the meetings. Copies of the budget will be available at City Hall and on the website.

A Tale of Two Cities

By: Tom Duker, CERT Coordinator

It's a cold, wet Tuesday morning in January. Some residents of Mt. Angel are beginning to stir for their work day, but most are still sleeping. A low rumble and shaking is felt that soon becomes a horrendous ripping and shaking. Roofs and walls collapse, people are buried in their beds under tons of debris. Many are injured, some are killed outright. Electricity and phones are out. There are dozens of gas leaks. Fires break out all over the city. Roads and highways are buckled and bridges all around the city are down. Mount Angel is cut off from the rest of the world.

The police, fire department and other first responders are totally overwhelmed within minutes of the quake. The city's residents are virtually on their own. Many want to help but have no idea what to do or where they are needed, or even who or where to report. Many don't have the means to survive on their own for very long. No outside help will be coming for a long time. No one prepared for this one.

This situation could be easily avoided if a Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) was organized in Mt. Angel. This team would be made up of citizen volunteers who received basic training in emergency response procedures. They could report to a pre-determined Incident Command Center and dispatch on missions of search and rescue, evacuations of injured to a treatment center, debris removal, road clearing, and guide homeless residents to an evacuation shelter. Many more residents could survive because of the CERT effort.

This can only take place if citizens within our community volunteer to spend a small part of their busy lives to become trained in the organization and functions of a Community Emergency Response Team.

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Library Website	www.mountangel.plinkit.org

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C.E.R.T

Community Emergency Response Team

We have tried for over half a year to get volunteers in Mt. Angel to form a C.E.R.T. and to date only have 7 people. In a major emergency such as an earthquake, the local response agencies will be overwhelmed in minutes. C.E.R.T. is a group with basic training to assist and supplement local responders in helping search and rescue, obtain medical treatment for victims, help survivors to locations for food, shelter, clothing, and other human needs.

WON'T YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP YOURSELVES, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR COMMUNITY?

Hopefully, they will never have to put this effort to the test, but if it should come, it could mean the difference in hundreds of Mt. Angel lives.

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It's Tulip Time in Mt. Angel!

By: Maureen Ernst

Once again, the Mt. Angel Lions club is sponsoring their annual tulip bouquet sale. All products go towards funding two \$1,000 scholarships to Kennedy High School seniors. The scholarships have significantly assisted many Mt. Angel students to further their education. The scholarship program began in 1981 and a total of \$46,450 in scholarship money has been awarded to 57 students!

If you would like to order a beautiful bouquet of Wooden Shoe tulips, contact Maureen Ernst at 503.845.1031 or email: maureen@mtangeltel.net.

Park Reservation Fees

As the weather improves and the days become longer and sunnier, residents begin to visit City Hall with questions about reserving a park for their outdoor activities.

The reservation system has been simplified this year. There is a \$75.00 fee for renting the park for the day and a \$75.00 refundable deposit if the park is left clean. A certificate of liability insurance naming the City as an additional insured is also required. This can be obtained from your insurance agent at minimal cost. It protects the City in case of an accident. Alcohol may not be served without authorization from the City and additional insurance. Please contact City Hall for more details.