

The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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Susan Muir, City Administrator

On April 1st, Mt. Angel gained another resident. Susan Muir, along with Evey, her 3-year-old English Bulldog moved to Mt. Angel as Susan assumes the role of City Administrator.

Susan came to Mt. Angel on a field trip with her college architectural drawing class to study Alvar Aalto's library design at Mt. Angel Abbey. At the time, the beauty and peaceful atmosphere made a lasting impression. Mt. Angel was her first exposure to a farming and agricultural area in Oregon.

Susan grew up in Boulder, Colorado. While she misses some aspects of life in Colorado, she is drawn to a small community lifestyle. One of her most memorable working experiences was in the small town of Coalville, Utah where she was able to develop close relationships and friendships with people in the community.

So, she was very excited for the opportunity to return to Mt. Angel and a small, close-knit community. She and her sister enjoyed visiting before she moved. Once again they were both very impressed by the sense of peacefulness in the area and the beautiful scenery.

Make sure to say "hi" if you see her walking, or stop in the office anytime.

2010 Census

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

City Hall has received many inquiries about census forms. Several people did not receive forms by mail. The Census Bureau is well aware of the unique situation in Mt. Angel with so many of our residents receiving their mail through PO Boxes. They are working to address this and make sure that Mt. Angel is accurately counted.

There are a few ways to get a form, if you did not receive one. Census forms are available at the Mt. Angel Library. The U.S. Census Bureau may be reached by phone at 866-872-6868. Beginning in May, Census workers will be going door-to-door collecting the necessary information.

For more information go to www.2010census.gov

Please return your form today!!

Thank you...

The City Staff has been under the leadership of Pete Wall this past year. Originally it was thought his tenure would cover only a few months and focus mainly on recruitment. Instead of just biding his time, Mr. Wall set in motion many of the goals set forth by the Community and Council in the 2009 Goal setting meeting. By the time he picks up his golf clubs and heads out to the course, almost every major project identified in the 2009-10 budget will be well under way. In addition, both the staff and Council have benefitted from his years of experience and have grown both personally and professionally. Contrary to any rumors, City Hall is not actually painted in Duck colors for Pete's favorite team, but it does give us a good laugh. Pete has definitely set a tone for Mt. Angel's future and we all appreciate him. We will miss his day to day presence and wisdom, but he has already promised not to be a stranger.

Many thanks also go to Florence Balog, who served on the City Tree Board. While her insight and passion will be missed, it will by no means be wasted. Florence also serves on the Board of Directors for the Shalom Center and with her husband at the Bureau of Land Management's ranch on Steen Mountain. Best wishes, Florence!! Thank you for your service.

4th of July Needs Your Help!

It's only April but now is the time to start getting organized for the 4th of July. Shaun Rottner has agreed to chair and Jackie GrosJacques will be handling the parade again this year. They want to add some new events that they hope will bring some additional fun and excitement to an already fun filled day here in our Bavarian Village. Ideas for new events are a Horseshoe throwing tournament and a derby of sorts [anything that will roll via gravity down either Marquam or Church St.] They need and are looking for your help so if you're the right kind of person who likes to get involved and bring some fun with you then get yourself signed up to help. Please give Shaun a call at **971.322.4025** or e-mail eat@bhaus.net and let them know that you'll be glad to help out. All ideas and assistance are welcomed!!

For a City Events Calendar and links to other community events, please visit the City's website at www.mtangelor.org.

Council Corner

By: Andy Otte, City Councilor

I have enjoyed my time as City Councilor and it is a privilege to serve in such a capacity. One of my life goals was to run for public office. Prior to running for City Council, I made one run to be the Mayor of San Francisco. I lost.

My family moved to Mt. Angel when I was in the 1st Grade and most of them still live here. I matriculated through school and graduated from Kennedy High School in 1985. I attended St. Mary's College of California and graduated in 1989. After college, I returned to Mt. Angel and worked in Salem. I also had the privilege of joining the Mt. Angel Volunteer Fire Department (the first time).

My return was a short one as I once again moved to California to attend Graduate School, this time at the University of San Francisco and graduated with my MBA in 1995. I remained in San Francisco and went to work for Bank of America, which is where I still work today.

I met my wife, Shelley, while in San Francisco and both of our children – Miranda (6) and Michael (4) – were born there. Shortly after Michael was born, I was offered the chance to work from home and live anywhere; so we packed up and moved to Mt. Angel about 4 years ago.

Since returning I have rejoined the Mt. Angel Fire District, serve on the City Council, coach both baseball and football at Mt. Angel Middle School, and help coach Little League.

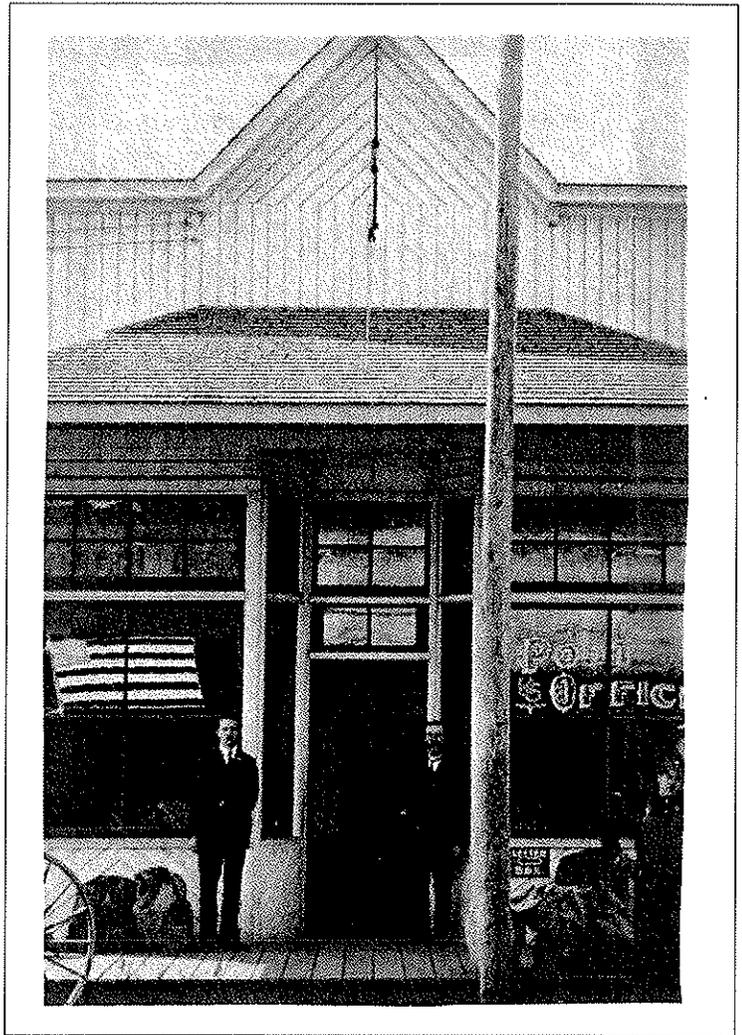
Mt. Angel is a wonderful place to be from and to live. I love the strong sense of community and all of the great opportunities to get involved and give back.

Have a comment or idea? Send suggestions to the city newsletter email at:

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Free Community Forum

By: Maureen Ernst

The Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a free community forum on Ballot Measure 24-292 regarding Marion County Home Rule Charter. The forum is April 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station. The event is free and open to the public. Guest speakers are Rick Stucky as proponent and Marion County Commissioner Sam Brentano as opponent. Interim City Administrator Pete Wall will present an overview of the ballot measure.

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Volunteers needed.....

Applications are being accepted for volunteers to serve on the **Library Board** and the new **Park/Tree Board**. They are available at City Hall or on the website. Applications for these boards will be accepted through May.

C.E.R.T is still looking for volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please contact: