

The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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The City Council is accepting applications for positions on the Planning Commission, Budget Committee, and Design Review Board to begin after January 2012. These positions do not require a large time commitment and provide a great opportunity to make decisions that affect your community. If you are interested in being considered for appointment please contact City Hall for an application or visit the city website under "volunteer opportunities."

The Planning Commission performs as an advisory board to the City Council regarding amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan, Development Regulations and economic development. Commissioners also review and decide on planning applications for commercial and industrial projects, major variances, subdivisions, and similar use determinations.

The Budget Committee performs as an advisory board to the City Council on the development of the City budget. Members provide vital input on how to use city funds.

The Design Review Board considers sign permits and applications for development in the Bavarian Theme District. The Board deliberates via email so this is a great position for someone who wants to get involved but might have difficulty attending meetings. Information and applications are available at City Hall, 503-845-9291, or on the website. Please participate!

Council Goal Update

Green lawns are coming to Mt. Angel parks! Crews recently finished installing an irrigation system at City Hall and will begin at Fisher Park shortly. These projects are funded as part of the Council goal to improve the livability of the community.

Important Dates:

Thanksgiving- Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th- City Hall is closed.

Park /Tree Board Meeting- Monday, November 28th, 7pm at the library community room at 290 E. Charles St.

December Council Meeting- Monday, December 5th, 7pm in the community room.

Planning Commission Meeting (tentative)- Thursday, December 15th, 7pm at the community room.

January Council Meeting (date changed due to holiday)- Monday, January 9th, 7pm in the community room.

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Mt. Angel Wastewater Treatment Facility Explained

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the city property off of W. Marquam St. on the edge of town? That is the wastewater treatment facility where all the sewer pipes in town lead. The 78 acre site is designed to receive and treat all of the city's sewage before it is safely released back into the watershed. The current system was constructed in 1992. The process begins at the macerator, a machine that pulverizes any masses of waste material before it goes into the lagoons. The influent, or wastewater received from the sewer system, is tested and monitored closely by city staff and reported to various agencies including the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Testing and addition of chemicals takes place at a lab building located on the property. After the sludge goes through the initial processing it goes into a series of three lagoons and wetlands. The lagoons and wetlands are separated from each other by berms (gravel barriers) that must be graded periodically in order to combat soil erosion from weed growth and

burrowing animals. Maintaining these berms is essential in keeping the lagoons separated so that the organisms in them remain healthy. The water in the lagoons is filtered by these organisms before final testing and release as clean water into the Pudding River.

In addition to being an effective system for treating wastewater, the facility also supports a variety of wildlife that thrive in the wetlands. The Audubon Society regularly visits the site to observe birds throughout the year.

The City received a Community Development Block Grant to create a 20-year wastewater facilities plan. The existing 20-year plan was written in 1989 so it's time to update it. This grant will allow the City to assess our current wastewater system, forecast what the system will need in the future, and develop a process for meeting those needs through our budget process now and in the future. For questions about the facility or to request a tour, feel free to contact Wastewater Facility Operator Gavin Blair at 503-845-2720 or email gblair@ci.mt-angel.or.us.

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