

The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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The Budget Process Has Begun

The City is now in first stages of preparing the city budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2011 and ending June 30th, 2012. In the January city council meeting the Council approved the tentative budget calendar and affirmed their goals. This means that the budget will be tied to accomplishing the goals. The main goals are:

- Improve Communication
- Improve and Enhance the Livability of the Community
- Strategic Planning
- Increase Revenue and Funding

Within these goal areas are specific projects that have been suggested by the citizens of Mt. Angel and recognized by the City Council. A few examples are:

- Develop a proposal to fund an electronic reader board
- Evaluate existing sidewalk survey and identify gaps
- Maintain park facilities and play equipment
- Develop a plan to revise and renew city plans
- Conduct a Council work session on new revenue sources
- Establish a sewer lateral fix-it fund

The budget process continues from now through June when the budget is adopted and submitted to the State.

The City plans to hold an open house and orientation to the budget in May. The Budget Committee meetings are currently scheduled for May 9th and 16th. These meetings are open to the public. 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 tentative budget calendar and City Council goals are available on our website at:

www.ci.mt-angel.or.us.

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Raccoon Distemper in the City

In recent weeks Mt. Angel Police officers have responded to several calls concerning raccoons that appeared to have a debilitating illness. In light of these recent incidents Department of Fish and Wildlife was contacted. After describing the symptoms to fish and wildlife personnel it was determined the animals were suffering from canine distemper, a viral disease that infects various animals including unvaccinated dogs. The disease does not affect humans. The symptoms include discharge from the nose and eyes, a rough coat of hair, emaciated appearance and unusual behavior such as wandering aimlessly. Should residents identify a raccoon displaying these symptoms, feel free to contact the Mt. Angel Police Department for assistance at 503-845-6261.

For more information concerning distemper visit the Oregon Fish and Wildlife website at: www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/raccoon.asp or pick up a flyer from Mt. Angel City Hall.

THANK YOU

The City would like to recognize all the emergency responders for their service and courage during the fire on February 10, 2011 in downtown Mt. Angel.

We also send best wishes to the businesses and families affected by the fire.

Police Officers Out of Area

As part of the Council goal to improve and enhance the livability of Mt. Angel, the Council directed staff to evaluate and review police out of area time.

There are a number of reasons that our officers go out of our city limits. Those may include a formal call for mutual aid, which is a formal relationship that we have with our partner agencies in the region. This is something that law enforcement agencies rely upon for assistance when needed so officers have the backup they need as necessary.

The second reason an officer may go out of our city limits is for a business need, such as taking someone to jail in Salem, or taking a dog to animal control.

The third reason our officers go out of our city limits is to patrol the edges of our City. Often times we see crime occurring just outside our city that we'd like to be aware of, and stop, before it comes into our City. There is a relationship between what goes on just outside our boundaries and what goes on inside and keeping an eye on that is important.

The fourth reason they may go out of area is to informally assist other agencies. This is when an incident occurs in which another agency is the lead and we are near enough to help. We will ensure that we receive a formal request on these calls so that we have appropriate coverage for our City as our first priority.

The final reason that our officers may go out of the city limits are for incidental out of area runs on their breaks. These are things like running to a favorite fast food restaurant in Woodburn for a quick bite to eat. In the interest of safety and response time, the officers will be staying closer for these kinds of trips and only going to the north end of Silverton. Interim Chief Healy has addressed this with our officers. If you have any questions about the policy, please contact the Chief Healy or City Hall.



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.

No more door hanger late notices in April for water and sewer bills

The Council has approved ordinances allowing a change in water shut off procedures. Beginning in April 2011, water customers with overdue water bills will receive a postcard instead of a door hanger to inform them that water will be shut off if the bill is not paid by the date shown on the postcard.

The postcards will be bright pink and appear similar to the regular bill that all water customers in the city receive around the first of the month. This change will save the City resources so that we can focus on other community priorities.

Door hangers will still be used to inform customers when water has actually been shut off.

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