

# The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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## Changes Coming to Mt. Angel Utility Billing Process This Spring

Earlier this month the City Council approved changes to the billing process for sewer and water services. These changes only relate to billing for past due/delinquent accounts. Currently, utility accounts are allowed to go unpaid for essentially 90 days before water service is disconnected. After water is shut off, the delinquent portion of the bill and a \$50 reconnection fee is required to restore water service. Under the new policy, this period of time will be shortened to approximately 45 days and the entire account balance and \$50 fee will be due in order to get the water turned back on.



There are several benefits to making this change. First, it will prevent account holders from getting so far behind on their bill that it is difficult to get caught up.

Second, it will make it easier for property owners when tenants leave to make sure utility accounts are fully paid before returning the rental deposit.

Third, it will simplify the billing process for customers and save staff time.

City staff will implement the new billing process this spring. We will provide more specific effective dates once we establish a process for guiding current delinquent account holders through the transition.

Please let us know if you have any questions at City Hall, 503-845-9291.

## Council Sets Goals for 2014

The Mt. Angel City Council met on Saturday, January 11, 2014, to set goals for the coming year. These goals will direct the activities of the City and guide the development of the FY 2014-15 budget. Five goals were identified during the session, including:

- 1) Update the Mt. Angel City Charter
- 2) Develop a comprehensive financial management framework
- 3) Update the city's personnel policies
- 4) Initiate planning and community outreach for a new City Hall
- 5) Evaluate revenues, costs and options for improving city infrastructure

The City Council will adopt these goals at its regular meeting on February 3, 2014. For more information, please contact City Administrator Eileen Stein at 503-845-9291 or [estein@ci.mt-angel.or.us](mailto:estein@ci.mt-angel.or.us).

### Important Dates:

**City Council Meeting-** Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

at 7:00pm in the library community room

**President's Day-** Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

CITY HALL IS CLOSED

**First Citizen Banquet-** February 24<sup>th</sup> at

6:00pm at the Festhalle

**Wurstfest-** Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Festhalle

## Employee Profile: Allen Dahlberg



Allen Dahlberg is the Utility Worker I in the City's Public Works Department. Allen started with the City as a seasonal parks worker in July of 2012. Previously he worked for Staab's Landscaping and helped keep our parks green. Allen was hired to a permanent Maintenance Worker position in July 2013 and was promoted to the Utility I position in November 2013. You can see Allen working in town on various city projects and maintenance, including work on the streets, water, sewer, parks and storm water systems.

Allen was born and raised in Silverton and is familiar with Mt. Angel. Allen describes himself as a Christian family man, an avid hunter and fisherman. Allen also has an Associate's degree in civil engineering. He is committed to doing his best to provide outstanding performance for the City of Mt. Angel. We are happy to have him on the team.

If you have any questions for Allen you can reach him at the Public Works shop at 503-845-6260.

## Downtown Façade Improvement Funding Available This Spring

The Marion County Board of Commissioners recently awarded the City of Mt. Angel \$5,000 to offer a facade improvement program to downtown property owners. The City will contribute additional matching funds for the program as well.

The City will offer grants for improvements like repainting exterior walls, installing awnings, signs and repairing sidewalks. Have you been meaning to spruce up your property but haven't because of the cost? This is a great opportunity for property and business owners to leverage their money to make those repairs or upgrades while contributing to a revitalized downtown. This program will provide 1:1 funding, meaning that the property or business owner and the City each pay half of the cost for improvements. All property owners in the Downtown Core District are eligible for the program.

We are excited to be able to offer this program and will send out more information to eligible parties soon. If you have any questions please contact Eileen Stein or Kelsey Lewis at City Hall, 503-845-9291.

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