

# The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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## Prevent Theft: Lock Your Vehicle

Residents throughout the city have reported vehicle break-ins recently. In order to prevent this string of incidents from continuing, please take a moment to consider your habits. The majority of vehicle break-ins occur outside private homes in driveways or on the street in front of the victim's home. Thefts from vehicles can be drastically reduced if people lock their vehicle doors and remove valuables when parking their vehicles. Leaving items in view, whether on a dashboard, in a mounted cradle, or sitting on the passenger seat encourages break-ins.

### Tips:

- Remove all items of value such as handbags, wallets, cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, laptops, GPS units from the car when you are not driving. Take out removable radios and faceplates.
- Engrave or otherwise mark expensive items so they can be easily identified as your property.
- If you cannot take a valuable item with you, move it to the trunk (and lock it).
- If you have a garage, park there. Still lock your vehicle.
- Completely close all windows.
- Park in well-lit areas and consider installing outdoor lighting near your home or business.

By taking simple precautions and just a few moments to remove valuable items from your car you can significantly improve your chances of not becoming a victim of this type of crime even when your car is left unattended in your driveway, outside your house or place of work.

## Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Candidate Forum

The Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a community forum featuring the candidates for Congress 5<sup>th</sup> District, House District #18, Marion County Commissioner Position #1, Marion County Commission Position #2 and Marion County District Attorney. The Forum will be held Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Angel Public Library located at 290 E. Charles St. The community forum is free and open to the public.

Candidates will give a short presentation and answer questions from the audience. Ed McKenney of GEM Equipment will moderate the forum.

For more information please contact the Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce by email at: [machamber@mtangelchamber.com](mailto:machamber@mtangelchamber.com).

### Important Dates:

**City Proposed Budget Document Release-** Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

**City Council Meeting-** Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the library community room

**Budget Committee Meeting-** Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the library community room

**Municipal Court-** Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the library community room

**Memorial Day-** Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – CITY HALL IS CLOSED

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### The Park Tree Board Needs a New Member

The Park Tree Board currently has one position open. The Park Tree Board typically meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm. Being a board member does not require a large time commitment and it gives you the opportunity to shape the future of City parks. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kelsey Lewis at City Hall, 503-845-9291. Applications are also available on our website at [www.ci.mt-angel.or.us/forms](http://www.ci.mt-angel.or.us/forms). Thank you for considering serving your community!

### *Do you have an irrigation system?*

The State of Oregon and the City of Mt. Angel require that backflow devices be installed on residential sprinkler systems. Irrigation systems that are unprotected by a backflow device can cause contaminated water to flow back into the water supply. Each year the device must be tested and results submitted to the City. So if you have an irrigation system on your property, now is the time to have your device tested and the report submitted to the City. If you have any questions please call Public Works at 503-845-6260.

### Follow Up On the New Payment Dropbox:

A few water customers have asked us if payments are still accepted inside City Hall now that there is a drop box outside. Yes! We are happy to receive your payment in person during our open hours of Monday-Friday 10am-5pm. The box was installed to make it easier for customers who have a hard time getting up the steps. The drop box also provides increased security against identity theft because previously checks dropped through the front door slot without an envelope were sometimes visible from outside. That is no longer possible with the drop box.

## Save your laundry!

Each year the City flushes all the water lines in town. We do this maintenance to keep the lines clean and ensure that the water quality remains high. The Public Works Department will be flushing the lines generally during the months of May and June. We will let you know when we have more information for each area of town. The Public Works crew will put up a sandwich board sign when they are flushing the lines so look out for that. Keep in mind that particulates in the water are safe but can cause a dingy appearance to clothing washed in water during the flushing. The solution to avoid having your laundry discolored is to run the water from any faucet inside the house until it runs clear. Please call Public Works if you have any questions at 503-845-6260.



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