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City to Conduct Smoke Testing on Sewer Lines

This summer, the City will begin smoke testing many of the sanitary sewer lines around the city. This testing is mandated by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in order to stay in compliance with our operating permit for our sanitary sewer system. Smoke testing allows us to detect cracks in sewer lines so that they can be repaired over time and prevent linkage of wastewater into groundwater.

The process involves blowing a non-toxic smoke into the sewer main lines. During smoke testing field crews blow smoke into the sanitary sewer system in the street, and monitor where smoke escapes the system. The smoke, under pressure, will fill the main lines as well as any connections and then follow the path of any leak to the ground surface. This quickly reveals the source of problems. For instance, if smoke permeates up through the road or a yard, it indicates a break in the sewer main or sewer lateral line. The only place we'd like to see smoke escaping is from building roof sewer vents.

If smoke enters your home or business, it may make you cough, but it is non-toxic, non-staining, and odorless. It is harmless to humans, plants, animals, and material goods such as food. It creates no fire hazard. There is no reason to be alarmed if you see it. Open windows or doors to allow ventilation and the smoke will clear within a few minutes.

While the smoke testing crews may be in your area for a few hours, each actual smoke test takes about 15 minutes to complete. Most buildings will be in test affected areas for only one or two tests. You do not have to be home during testing. Door hangers will be delivered to all homes and businesses a few days prior to the actual testing.

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Library Website	www.mountangel.plinkit.org

Important Dates:

City Hall Closure - Friday, July 3rd in observance of July 4th holiday
City Council Meeting - Tuesday, July 6th, 2015 at 7pm in the Library Community Room
Municipal Court - Wednesday, July 8th, 2015 at 6pm in the Library Community Room



SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2015: EVERY HERO HAS A STORY!

Readers of all ages will explore all things superhero and everyday heroes this summer as Mount Angel Public Library presents "Every Hero Has a Story" during their summer library program! Activities include: superhero costume contest, games, physical challenges, creative projects and more! Summer Reading Program superheroes have creative and engaging summer fun with exciting programs, prize drawings, a reading club, and more!

The 2015 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young adult. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. And for the first time this year, Mount Angel Public Library is expanding the program to include adults with the "Escape the Ordinary" program, offering our adult readers the chance to also win great raffle prizes from local businesses and attractions! Registration for "Every Hero Has a Story" and "Escape the Ordinary" **begins on June 16**.

For more information, please call the library at 503-845-6401, email Library Director Carrie Alexandria Caster at carrie.caster@crls.org, visit the library, or check out our Facebook page!

**All programs are free of charge.

