

# The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter

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## School Crossing Sign on E. College

A new school crossing sign has been installed at E. College and Elm Street in front St. Mary's Grade School. School crossing signs play an important role in providing safety for students by making drivers aware of pedestrian traffic in and around school zones. Having the ability to catch the attention of motorists is especially important on E. College Street given the high volume of traffic that regularly passes the Grade School along that route and its downhill slope making it easy to gain speed.



This is not a stop sign, but a reminder to be aware of your surroundings and to stop for pedestrians when in the crosswalk which is required by law. Parents interested in additional tips for teaching pedestrian safety to their children can select the link below provided by the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>

[program-tools/education-tip-sheets](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/program-tools/education-tip-sheets)

## New Employee Profile: Colby Kemp

Welcome our newest Public Works Maintenance employee! Colby joined us in December and has integrated well with his background as a mechanic, metal fabricator, welder, and general maintenance knowledge. He is a great addition to our team. You may see him as he works on the streets, parks, or reading water meters.



Colby grew up in Troutdale and attended Clackamas High School, but was seeking a community to raise his family in. Over ten years ago he arrived in Mount Angel and has since put down roots. He keeps busy with his three kids ages 15, 6 and 3, and building rustic log furniture in his spare time. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. Welcome Colby!

## Mt. Angel Library News

### Spring Children's Programs:

#### Spring Break Maker Kits

Pick up a different maker kit everyday from Tuesday March 22nd to Saturday March 26th.

#### Science Time

Tuesday March 22nd at 3:30pm. Come engineer a maze for Hexbugs out of Legos.

#### Beverly Cleary Party

Tuesday April 12th at 3:30pm. Beverly Cleary is 100! Come celebrate her birthday with fun activities and tasty treats at the library!

#### El Dia de Los Niños

Friday April 29th at 3:30pm. Come join us for some fun as we learn about children around the world.

### Welcome to Adult Craft Club

Join us and learn new DIY (Do It Yourself) crafts with friends both old and new. Come Thursday, March 10th from 3-5 to learn how to make beautiful "ragamuffin garlands" with local artist Wendy Vanderbeck-Burton of Old Stone Coffee and Collectibles! For more information and to register for free for this fun 2 hour hands-on program, please call the library at 503-845-6401 or email us at [carrie.caster@ccls.org](mailto:carrie.caster@ccls.org)!

## Important Dates

**City Council Meeting** - Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7pm in the Library Community Room

**Daylight Savings Time** - Sunday, March 13, 2016

**Municipal Court**, March 16, 2016, at 6pm in the Library Community Room

## Native Plant Sale Fundraiser

The 14th Annual Marion SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Native Plant Sale Fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 11, at Bauman's Farm and Garden, 12989 Howell Prairie Road, Gervais Ore., 97026. Overstock will be sold from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the same location.

Profits from the native plant sale go to fund the Stan Vistica Memorial Scholarship which is awarded yearly to two students from Marion County who are studying natural resources or agriculture at an Oregon college or university. The scholarship was established in 2006 and honors long-time board member and conservationist, Stan Vistica. Native plants can be used in garden landscapes. They help support and enhance local environments and habitat for wildlife, birds and pollinators as well as increase the biodiversity of an area. Natives require minimal or no water once they are established and rarely require additional fertilizers or pesticides

There will be three new native species available this year: Blackcap raspberry (*Rubus leucodermis*), Bald-hip rose (*Rosa gymnocarpa*) and False Solomon's seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*).

Showy milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*) will also be available in plug containers and in seed packets. Milkweed is the only plant that monarchs will use to lay their eggs. It is also one of their nectar sources. In addition to Showy Milkweed, there will be over 70 varieties of native plants available from which to choose.

Most trees and shrubs are sold with bare roots and are not in pots. Plastic bags and sawdust will be available to keep plants moist until planting. Bare root plants should be planted within a few days of purchase, whether in a pot temporarily or in the ground.

Several species of shrubs will be available in one gallon pots while most flowering plants are sold in small four inch pots. A native plant seed mix of annual and perennial flowers from Heritage Seedlings will also be available. Plant availability is dependent on the weather and winter growing conditions at the nurseries that supply the district. Worm bin composting and compost tea demonstrations will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday March 11. Worm composting is an environmentally friendly way to use table scraps and make garden and landscape fertilizer. A raffle will be held and the winner will receive a complete bin with worms.

Marion County OSU Extension master gardeners will have an information booth from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday as well. Experts will be available to answer gardening questions.

There will be no pre-orders. Cash, checks, credit and debit cards will be accepted. There will be no limit on the number of plants that can be purchased on Friday. For more information or to see a full list of available plants and their prices visit, [www.marionswcd.net](http://www.marionswcd.net).

For more information about the native plant sale, the Stan Vistica Memorial Scholarship or native and invasive plants, contact Jenny Meisel, native and invasive plant specialist, at (503) 391-9927 or send email to [jenny.meisel@marionswcd.net](mailto:jenny.meisel@marionswcd.net).



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Police Department	503-845-9294
Public Works	503-845-6260
Court	503-845-9291
Permits/Planning	503-845-9291
City Website	<a href="http://www.ci.mt-angel.or.us">www.ci.mt-angel.or.us</a>
Library	503-845-6401
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