

The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter

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Written by the City of Mt. Angel for Mt. Angel residents

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Staffing Changes at City Hall

by Mayor Andrew Otte

Once again, we have staffing changes at City Hall. City Manager Eileen Stein will be leaving us on May 20, to assume her new duties as city manager in West Linn. She has done a great job for us in her three years, including finishing Ebner Park, working with the Mt. Angel Historical Society to occupy the Saalfeld House, updating the city charter, establishing financial policies, creating a successful façade improvement program for downtown businesses, giving Mt. Angel international exposure, and creating a more sustainable city budget. While we look for a new city manager, Chief of Police Mike Healy will assume the role of interim city manager. We hope to have Eileen's replacement on board by the end of summer. Elsewhere, we've welcomed new patrol officer Bill Snell and announce the hiring of our newest patrol officer, Anela Javor, who is coming to us from Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. We also welcome new Records and Evidence Clerk Emily Marshall who will replace longtime clerk Lynn Jenks who will enjoy a much deserved retirement.

Utility Rate Increases and New Fees

As noted, new utility rates and fees are anticipated with the adoption of the FY 16-17 City Budget. The recommendations came from the Infrastructure Task Force created in 2015. The task force met five times late last year and examined the city's operational and capital needs for water, sewer, streets and stormwater in the coming years. The city's total capital needs for the next ten years exceeds \$24 million in these systems. The city increased system development charges last year so that new development will pay its share. But maintenance related needs must be paid for with user rates and fees. A typical residential customer can expect to see an increase in the range of \$12 to \$15 per month depending on water usage. If you are interested in an estimate for your utility account, contact Kay or Tara at City Hall at 845-9291.

FY 16-17 City Budget

Recommended for Approval

The FY 16-17 City Budget was approved by the City Budget Committee on April 21st for approval by the City Council in June. The budget was approved with a series of recommendations from the City's Infrastructure Task Force created last year by the City Council. These recommendations include increases in water and sewer rates, and new stormwater and street lighting fees. These new fees were to free up state gas taxes received to be used for actual street maintenance in the city. The budget also includes an additional utility worker to help provide back-up coverage for water and wastewater weekend operations, increased park maintenance and support for general public works operations around the city. The budget also includes new revenues in the General Fund that will help pay for additional staffing hours at the Mt. Angel Public Library for youth programs and services.

The FY 16-17 City Budget is scheduled for a public hearing and approval by the City Council on June 6th. The Council Meeting is at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Library Community Room. For more information, contact City Manager Eileen Stein or Finance Director Chauncey Seifried at 845-9291.

Important Dates

City Council Meeting - Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7pm in the Library Community Room also Monday, June 6, 2016

Library Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30pm in the Library

Municipal Court - Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 6pm in the Library Community Room

Memorial Day - Monday, May 30th, CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Water Quality Reports Coming in June

The City of Mt. Angel will be sending out the annual water quality report (WQR) the end of June. This report shows sampling results required by state and federal laws. It also includes information on where Mt. Angel's water comes from and assurance that the water is safe for consumption. If you have questions about the report, please contact Public Works at 503-845-6260 for more information or the safe drinking water website: www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water.

Combined with your water quality report will be a blank utility application to fill out to update our current data base of utility customers. This application is mandatory and must be returned to City Hall. If your application is older than 5 years you will be required to complete it and return it in a timely manner. More details will be included with the application and water report. For more information, contact Kay, Tara or Darlene at City Hall at 503-845-9291.



Save the Date!

**Gallon House Bridge
Rededication
May 31st at 1:30 p.m.**

Marion County is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Gallon House Bridge. It is the last covered bridge, as well as the oldest bridge, in Marion County. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Marion County Board of Commissioners and installation of new signs and informational kiosk. For more information, contact Marion County Public Works at (503) 588-5036, email mcdpw@co.marion.or.us or visit the website: www.gallonhousebridge.net

Library May Programs:

Saturday Movie Matinee

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will play May 14th at noon.

Family Game Night

Wednesday, May 18th from 3:30pm to 5pm. Join us and play one of our classic board games or fun life-sized Kerplunk!

Third Friday Movie Matinee

"Norm of the North" will play Friday, May 20th at 3:30pm. All ages welcome!

Read to the Dogs

Saturday, May 28th from 2pm to 3pm. Read to a trained comfort dog! Sign up to reserve a spot.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Update

Each year the City of Mt. Angel flushes all the water lines in town through the fire hydrants. We do this maintenance to keep the lines clean and ensure that the water quality remains high. The Public Works Department will continue to flush the lines on the west side of town during May. It will be done on rainy days. 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.

Contact the City

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Water & Sewer Billing	503-845-9291
Police Department	503-845-9294
Public Works	503-845-6260
Court	503-845-9291
Permits/Planning	503-845-9291
City Website	www.ci.mt-angel.or.us
Library	503-845-6401
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