

# The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter

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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 leakage 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.

If you have further questions or concerns call Public Works at 503-845-6260.

## 2017 City Council Candidates Needed

Applications are being accepted for the positions of Mt. Angel Mayor and City Councilor. These positions will be voted on in the November 8, 2016, General Election. **In order to have your application reviewed for certification, please return to the City by 5pm, August 19, 2016.** Applications will be accepted by the City until August 29<sup>th</sup>, but there is no guarantee that the City will be able to verify that your application is complete in time if you submit to the City after August 19<sup>th</sup>.

For more information contact Justin Hogue, Assistant to the City Manager/City Elections Official at [jhogue@ci.mt-angel.or.us](mailto:jhogue@ci.mt-angel.or.us) or 503-845-9291

## New Utility Rates and Fees in Effect

Approved utility rates and fees became effective July 1st, 2016. Your bill due August 15th, will reflect these changes. These apply to both inside and outside city service customers. 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 have any questions call City Hall at 503-845-9291.

## Important Dates

**Memorial Day** - Monday, September 5, 2016 City Hall will be CLOSED

**City Council Meeting** - Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7pm in the Library Community Room

**Municipal Court** - Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 6pm in the Library Community Room

## Library News

Mount Angel Public Library extends sincerest thanks to our wonderful community sponsors whose generosity has helped make our Summer Reading Clubs better than ever this year! Please join us in thanking the following local businesses/ organizations: *Burger Time, Columbia Bank, Friends of Mount Angel Public Library, The Glockenspiel Restaurant, Leona's Bakery and Cafe, Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce, Mount Angel Oktoberfest, Mt. Angel Sausage Company, Old Stone Coffee & Collectibles, Race Northwest, and Willamette Pie Company!*

\*Summer Reading prize collection is open now until August 6th! Remember to bring in your completed reading logs to receive great prizes!

\*Teen Summer Reading Club finale party, Friday, August 5th 2:00-3:00.

\*A reminder that Family Storytime is on summer vacation in August and will return to its weekly schedule on Tuesday, September 20th at 3:30. Toddler Storytime, however, continues all summer long, every Wednesday at 10:30.

\*3rd Friday Movie Matinee: "Spirited Away" Friday, August 19th at 3:30

## City Staffing Update

City Council held an executive session August 1st at 6pm to discuss the City Manager Candidates. A press release will be posted on the City website stating the outcome of the meeting.

Public works held interviews for a new Utility Worker I position on July 29th. The position should be filled by the end of August and a profile will be run in the September Newsletter. Please call Public Works at 503-845-6260 for more information.

The Finance Director position has not been posted, but will likely be advertised shortly. The prior Finance Director is still on an hourly basis working one day a week at City Hall.

## New XpressBillPay iOS Mobile App

Now you can pay your bills with a new iOS mobile app.

This new app allows you to:

- Pay your bills in real-time
- Pay with a credit card, checking account, etc.
- Sign-up for paperless billing
- Never miss a bill again with Auto Pay
- Update your payment information
- View your billing and payment history
- Receive up-to-the-minute account alerts

"Currently the app is available for the iPhone, iPad or iPod touch from the Apple App Store, and requires iOS 8.0 or later," says Jenkins.

"We are working on an Android App that will be available in early 2017 from Google Play, followed by a Windows App from the Microsoft Store for Windows Phones."



For more information visit [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com), call 1-800-766-2350 or e-mail [support@xpressbillpay.com](mailto:support@xpressbillpay.com).

## Contact the City

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Police Department	503-845-9294
Public Works	503-845-6260
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