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## Mt. Angel weighs new City Hall

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SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

Professional scrutiny of Mt. Angel's 88-year-old City Hall building that began 1 1/2 years ago spurred a council decision this month to keep moving toward developing a brand-new facility.

Turns out, City Hall, built in 1929 and home to all municipal services – including the police department – is made of hollow clay tiles. Commonly used in the 1920s and 1930s, these tiles can shatter in an earthquake and break when being attached to modern seismic materials.

Repairing such construction is “generally too expensive to be justifiable on its own merits,” MSC Engineering, of Salem, personnel told councilors last



CHRISTENA BROOKS / SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE  
The current Mt. Angel City Hall.

spring. Thus began the city's look at constructing a new building altogether.

“The City of Mt. Angel has done many things to make this building last over the years,” said City Manager Amber Math-

iesen. “We’ve made it work well beyond its prime.”

At the July council meeting, LRS Architects, of Portland, unveiled a pair of conceptual 12,000-square-foot buildings that would cost an estimated \$10 million. Both options call for a teardown of the current building and its transformation into a town square and/or parking area.

The city already owns almost enough property across Church Street from its current home to accommodate a half-block facility with a two-story building and parking lot for police vehicles and the public, Mathiesen said.

Or the city could buy a full or half-block lot somewhere else in town. Councilors have identified an area – within walking distance of the current struc-

ture – in which they'd like to stay.

Architects interviewed city staff and police officers to come up with two-story and one-story building concepts. Both plans split 12,000 square feet evenly between the police department and other services such as public works.

These employees now operate out of about 5,000 square feet. Ultimately, any new building's size will ultimately depend on what the city can afford, said architect Paul Boundy.

That and the building's appearance – whether Bavarian, modern, Northwest or some other style – will be up to Mt. Angel's citizens to decide. Residents will soon be invited to collaborate on the

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## EMERGENCY PLANS SOUGHT FOR DAMS



ANNA REED / STATESMAN JOURNAL FILE

The lower Big Creek Reservoir near Newport is one of seven dams in Oregon that have been deemed “unsatisfactory” by the Oregon Water Resources Department.

### Some high-hazard dams rated ‘unsatisfactory’

TRACY LOEW  
STATESMAN JOURNAL

Ninety-two million gallons of water sits in Franzen Reservoir, just above the small town of Turner.

City administrator David Sawyer knows where the water would rush first if the reservoir's dam failed – into a neighborhood of 40 to 50 homes.

But who would declare an emergency? Who would respond? Who would be in charge?

“I'd love to know what we do,” Sawyer said. “We're only a town of 2,000 people with a two-person police department.”

Franzen Reservoir is owned by the city of Salem and holds most of the Capital city's drinking water.

It's one of a handful of “high hazard potential” state-regulated dams in Oregon that don't have emergency action plans, documents that lay out

#### High hazard dams

Here are the state-regulated high hazard potential dams that do not have an emergency action plan:

- » Franzen Reservoir (Marion County)
- » Croft Reservoir (Polk County)
- » Baker, ER (Yamhill County)
- » Buche Dam (Clackamas County)
- » Van Raden (Multnomah County)
- » Skookum Lake Reservoir (Tillamook County)
- » Johnson Creek Reservoir (Crook County)

everything from inundation maps to notification flowcharts to emergency response duties.

“High hazard potential” means dam failure could result in the loss of

- » Ferry Creek (Curry County)
- » North Canal Diversion Dam (Deschutes County)
- » Updegrave (Douglas County)
- » Willow Creek Dam (Jackson County)
- » Wade Reservoir (Jackson County)
- » Yankee Reservoir (Jackson County)
- » Strong Reservoir (Josephine County)
- » Crowley Reservoir (Malheur County)
- » Lonesome Lake (Malheur County)
- » Wallowa Lake Dam (Wallowa County)

at least one human life, and likely would result in property or environmental destruction. Other dams are

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## Bucking tradition at Santiam Canyon Stampede

ANNETTE UTZ  
SPECIAL TO THE STAYTON MAIL

For 20 years, bulls and broncs have been kicking up the dust at the Sublimity Harvest Festival Grounds for the Santiam Canyon Stampede.

The high-octane entertainment will return on Friday and Saturday this weekend for the 21st annual event, presented by Freres Lumber Co.

“It's really important to us to support events like this,” Kyle Freres, Vice President of Operations, said. “The whole community can get together for some good, clean family fun.”

The Stampede gates open at 5:30 p.m. on both evenings, in time for those 21 and over to start the night at the Stampede Tailgate party in the entertainment tent at 5:45. Meanwhile, youngsters can enjoy the Kids Corral (free on Friday) where pony and miniature donkey cart rides, inflatables, face painting, games and photo opportunities will be offered until dusk.

The real action kicks in at 7 p.m. when the National Professional Rodeo Association rodeo takes the reins with bareback riding, roping events, steer wrestling, barrel racing, saddle bronc riding and bull riding highlighted.

Even the youngsters get to participate as mutton busting, junior barrel racing and donkey races will be interspersed with the professional events.

One aspect of the Santiam Canyon Stampede that makes it stand out from traditional rodeos is the inclusion of freestyle motocross. Cowboys of a dif-

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GARY DAYTON / SPECIAL TO THE STAYTON MAIL  
There will be plenty of bronc bucking at the Santiam Canyon Stampede, July 21-22.

## Pluck an apple, boost a Silverton student

JUSTIN MUCH  
STAYTON MAIL

Silverton residents can expect to see dozens of “apple trees” sprouting up July 27 at area businesses, churches and other establishments, where they will be visible through Aug. 17.

That's good news for area students, especially those who can use a little boost with their school supplies.

Silverton Together has been

busy partnering and preparing with other entities around town to launch this year's “Apple Tree School Supply Drive,” which collects a variety of school supplies for students in need. Benefactors can be individuals or entities who “pluck an apple” that lists a need, which they will in turn purchase and furnish to the cause.

Each year an estimated 50 organizations or businesses take part.

Silver Falls School District offi-

cial estimate that there are about 1,000 students who could use a bit of help in acquiring school supplies. ST Program Coordinator Jan Holowati noted that the Apple Tree drive aims to give just such a boost.

“This is our 17th year; we've been helping the schools out for 17 years,” Holowati said. “The schools give us a list of supplies that are needed, and that's what we aim to collect.”

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### How's Business?

**Sold - \$\$ Volume**  
Top 3 Silverton Offices  
Closed Volume for Top 3 = \$56,859,111

Office	Volume
Harcourts NWORG	67%
#2	20%
#3	13%

**Closed Sales - Units**  
Top 3 Silverton Offices  
Total Units Closed = 209

Office	Units
Harcourts NWORG	67%
#2	20%
#3	13%

**Active Listings**  
Top 3 Silverton Offices  
Total Listings = 88

Office	Listings
Harcourts NWORG	58%
#2	28%
#3	14%

**Looking good from here!**

Office	Percentage
Harcourts NWORG	58%
#2	28%
#3	14%

\*All Data per WVMLS

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