



## City of Maupin Newsletter

By Frank Kay  
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In case you haven't seen the notices around town, our City's Fire Chief (Tom Troutman) and I instituted a "Burn Ban" as of June 17<sup>th</sup>, earlier than our normal July 1<sup>st</sup> date. We are following the lead of virtually all natural resources agencies and many counties (Wasco included) that have implemented the ban because of extremely warm and extremely dry weather the last couple of months. Also, the Fire Chief/City will be touring the town to identify and notify property owners of needed weed/grass/fire hazard abatement. Also, please be extremely careful with fireworks on the Fourth of July. Please co-operate with the above mentioned precautions as this is a serious safety hazard for all of us.

During the first 3 days of July (prior to the 4<sup>th</sup>), there will be some "drones" flying over Maupin to do mapping data collection. They are not spying on us, and will only operate for a few hours during the day- no night flights.

Our Recycling Center continues to be an issue that we are addressing. The co-mingled bin is not a garbage receptacle, and cannot have food, glass, oil/liquids, or plastic bags! A Recycling Advisory Committee has been formed and could use some additional citizen involvement. Sometime in July, the Committee will do a week-long survey and educational opportunity at the Recycling Area at the City RV Park. We hope to gather time/use data and let folks know how important it is to follow the rules. If the Co-mingled Recycling bin problems continue, we may have to institute "hours of operation" whenever we can schedule volunteers or City Staff to be there to ensure compliance. Regarding the hauling away of the bins when full, we are continuing to work with The Dalles Disposal/ Waste Connections to arrive at a schedule that is appropriate & cost-effective. More information on this subject in the coming months. Please call me at City Hall (395-2698) if you'd like to be involved in making our Recycling Center the best it can be.

At the June 24<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, we adopted a responsible, balanced City Budget for 2015-16. The Budget does not require any property tax increases or water/sewer rate increases. Significant adjustments were made in City Staff job descriptions/assignments that resulted in a personnel budget lower than previous years (including the Public Works Director Legal Settlement). Our “new” Staff Team and organization are committed to perform more and better, and are pleased with the compensation packages that were also approved as part of the Budget Process. I would like to thank all the citizens involved in the budgeting process this year for their time and help. The City Staff Team was important and vital in formulating a staff-deployment plan that accomplishes more with less. The Council is to be commended for really “boring down” into the budgeting and staffing details to ensure the best results for our City and citizens.

On early Saturday morning, June 27<sup>th</sup> a fire occurred at **John Odegard’s** house. John is a long-time resident of Maupin and is currently working part-time this summer at the City RV Park. The City of Maupin has set up an account at Rivermark Community Credit Union to receive contributions from our citizens to help John replace many of the clothes and stuff he lost in the fire. Thank you, Maupin Volunteer Fire Department, for your prompt and professional efforts to contain and minimize the damage.

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<p>Public Meetings Law          ORS192.640(2)</p> <p>Notice of Meetings          ORS192.640(1)</p>	<p>Executive Sessions          ORS192.640</p>	<p>“We are a safe, progressive community that cares for all our citizens and visitors while protecting our natural resources and maintaining our rural heritage.”</p>	