



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Frank Kay

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Welcome to Summer! Please note that a complete **Burning Ban** (including barrels & “campfires”) is in effect July 1st until early Fall. Also, be careful about BBQ grills, cigarettes, cigars, and other sources of ignition this summer. Your neighbors & volunteer firefighters thank you.

The **Street Repair Project**, announced earlier this Spring for work to be done this Summer, is now scheduled for **Spring 2017**. This nearly \$300,000 project to replace water & sewer lines and repave three blocks on Grant, Staats, & 6th Street will be less expensive to do in Spring rather than Summer, according to Tenneson Engineering, our City’s contract firm that is doing the plans. Our Public Works Operations Manager, Joy Ramirez, is working with Tenneson to complete the plans, put it out to bid this Fall, and will be completed by end of May 2017.

For the next several months, our City Hall office will be closed several times on Friday afternoons to facilitate some training for our administrative staff (DeOra & Candy). For July, we will be **closed on Friday afternoons of July 8th & 22nd**. You can still drop off payments of water/sewer, The Dalles Disposal, & Wasco Electric Co-Op through the mail slot in the City Hall’s door.

As you are probably aware, our **New SoWa Library** “local match” fundraising campaign was successful (nearly \$120,000 has been raised and contributions continue to come in). Our Library Grant Writer, Lyn Craig, is now applying to multiple library grantor foundations to secure \$900,000⁺ in funding to build a new state-of-the-art library for us (all of South County) and generations to come. Coupled with our rapidly-progressing Fiber Optic Project, this facility will be a significant enhancement for our town. It will be a highly visible statement that Maupin will continue to be an attractive place to live, work, do business, and raise a family. **On Tuesday, July 19th, at 6:30pm, the City Council will be conducting a single-issue meeting**, at the Legion Hall Community Building, to finalize architectural contracts that we need done to secure the grants. We will also have to deal with the issue of our City Hall offices. Several years ago, in the early stages of “dreaming about” a new Library, a group of motivated citizens & City Council explored multiple sites for this project. Available sites (privately-owned, City owned, School District owned) were thoroughly vetted. Also, Library Grantor Foundations also had criteria for funding that had to be considered. Some criteria: centrally-located, walking distance to homes, schools, other amenities, easily buildable, preference for all-ready owned City/public property to reduce land acquisition costs, etc.

After many options were considered, the only site that met all the requirements was our current location (100ft X 100ft lot with our current Library, City Hall, & Garage) at 408 Deschutes Avenue. Therefore, we will need to decide where/how to relocate or accommodate our equally old and out-dated City Hall. Much study and discussion about this has occurred, and options have been explored. Cost analysis has been performed on each, and now it is time to decide a course of action.

The City has been setting aside some funds for years to address this issue, so no new/additional taxes are involved. Our Library Grant Writer, our architect/engineer Mark Seder, New Library Committee, Council and others will be in attendance to respond to questions & comments.

There has been considerable interest expressed by citizens to explore a community **Composting or Yard Debris collection site**. If you have any interest in serving on a committee to explore this concept, please call us at City Hall 541-395-2698 and get your name on a list. If you wish to discuss this further, please call me directly at 541-398-2811.

Also, there has been some interest expressed by a few citizens to have **chickens on their property** so that they can enjoy really fresh eggs. Currently, our City Ordinances prohibit agricultural animals (fowl, swine, cattle, etc.) within City Limits. Also, our recently adopted Nuisance Ordinance also expressly prohibits “noisy fowl”. Many cities allow 2-3 hens (no roosters!) in cages on residential lots. Should we? Another note: a few horses are “grandfathered” permitted on two 5 acre residential parcels in Maupin (about 30 years ago). Our Planning Commission, and ultimately City Council, may be receiving request to change our rules. They will probably have a couple of Public Hearings before upholding or changing these ordinances. If you have any comments, please call City Hall at 541-395-2698.

Office Closures:
 July 4th-Independence Day
 Early Closures Scheduled for:
 Friday July 8th & 22nd from Noon-5pm for Training Sessions

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<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2) Executive Sessions ORS192.640 Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>			