



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
July 2017

Summer is here! With schools out and the many visitors coming to Maupin, it is important to remember to drive safely. **SLOW DOWN!** There are often people walking in the street, especially where no sidewalks exist. Bicyclists are always out in greater numbers as well. The speed limit on city streets is 25 mph and in alleys, it is 15 mph. If we all slow down, then the visitors will, as well.

City Hall will be closed July 4th to celebrate Independence Day.

In case you have not heard, there will be a solar eclipse passing over Oregon on Monday, August 21. Please see the enclosed information regarding this celestial event and additional information on our city website at www.cityofmaupin.org.

FIRE SEASON The recent fire just north of Maupin emphasized the need to cut down dry grass and to maintain a defensible area around your home and near your neighbors' homes. If you have any tall, dry grass, please be sure it is cut back well away from any structures.

BURN BAN No outdoor burning is allowed from July 1 – November 1, unless opened early by the fire chief. Also, be very cautious with any Independence Day celebratory fireworks. Maybe just save them for New Year's Day.

The Fiber Project is still going to happen in case you have heard otherwise. It went out for bids June 23rd. Bids will be opened and evaluated in mid-July. At that point, any adjustments needed to the budget will be made and the bid awarded. Completion date is partially dependent on who gets the bid and when they can start. So, it could be mid-September to mid-October, but it will get finished. The school was connected to fiber a couple of weeks ago. My wife, Theresa, says that things like upgrading computers take a fraction of the time needed before. She is very happy with the improvement.

At one of our community forums, an attendee remarked, "Like it, or not, we are all in the tourism business." I believe the same is true of all of us being in the real estate business. I ask that you look around and think about what Maupin would look like to a visitor or potential new resident. Is there something you can do to make Maupin more appealing? Let's all work together to show the best we have to offer.

We all have family and friends that come to visit our city during the summer months. Some stay in our homes, but others may choose to camp in our driveways, parking strips, or yards. Please respect your neighbors and limit these uses to less than 14 days, as detailed in our ordinances. Use of an RV or motorhome in a residential area is limited to these short visits or to special permission from the planning commission when a property owner is building or remodeling a home.

There will be a \$2/month increase in your sewer bill beginning July 1, 2017. This was needed to build a reserve in case of needed repairs to our sewer plant or system. The Council also is interested in exploring ways to reduce the impact of sewer and water bill increases on those with limited income. If you have suggestions on how to do this, please let us know at City Hall or come to a Council Meeting.

We finally got our paving project out to bid, but only received one bid due to being late in an already busy season. The Council has decided to re-bid the project this fall for a spring completion date. It will include one block of Grant Avenue, one block of Staats Avenue and portions of 6th Street in between the two. This postponement also allows us to do some value engineering to slightly reduce costs and to consider some other additions.

The City has purchased the Chamberlin property at 507 Grant Ave as the future home of our Civic Center, which will include City Hall, a multi-purpose program room, and our new Library. We are excited to start getting grants to achieve this goal. The new location will tie in well with improvements planned at Kaiser Park and help revitalize our downtown. Our Public Works staff have been clearing brush and dead trees so you can begin to imagine what it will look like from downtown.

Remember, if you have specific questions, complaints, or suggestions, feel free to call or email me. If I cannot answer your questions, I will find someone who can.

Enjoy the summer!

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<p>Fire Department For Emergencies Call 911 For questions and Information Call Christine at City Hall.</p>	<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2) Executive Sessions ORS192.640 Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>		