



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

October 2017

SWCHS Homecoming Week is October 2nd – 6th. The “Spirit Campfire” is on Monday, October 3 at 6:00 at the Oasis Campground. The High School Spirit Float Parade and Music Performances will take place at the school from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, October 4. They would love to have the community attend. The Homecoming volleyball game against Sherman County will be at 5:00 PM on Thursday. The Homecoming football game against Perrydale and the crowning of Homecoming Queen will take place on Friday, starting at 7:00. They finish the week with the Homecoming Dance at the Legion Hall on Saturday. There are other sporting events taking place that week as well. Go to www.swasco.net for more details.

Deschutes Rim Clinic We Care! Building Campaign Our clinic was awarded a million dollars from the Oregon State Legislature to apply toward building a new clinic in Maupin. Plan to attend the fundraiser Prime Rib Dinner to be held Saturday, November 11 at the Wamic Community Center. See <https://www.deschutesrimclinic.org/we-care-building-campaign> for more information.

Glass Recycling – Just to be clear. We are no longer involved in glass recycling as we cannot get dumpsters for this purpose. The Dalles Disposal still takes glass from individuals.

Fiber Project The fiber project is progressing. Currently, we are awaiting the result of our grant application to the Federal EDA. I should learn more at the October 5 Q-Life Board Meeting and the Telecommunications Conference in Hood River October 19-20. We expect fiber to the homes to be completed sometime in mid-2018. The delay and the need for additional funds was caused primarily by a good economy which provided lots of opportunities for fiber companies to build closer to their home base.

Zoning As a part of our effort to attract businesses, our Planning Commission will be taking a comprehensive look at our zoning throughout the city and recommending changes. Some of these changes could make additional land available outside of our downtown core for business and light industry. We are applying to the state DLCD to assist with this effort by doing a “Available Lands Survey.” By the end of October, our traffic study of Deschutes Avenue should be complete so that the block from 6th street to Burnham can be changed to CRT – Commercial Residential Transition zone.

Library & Civic Center The City has contracted with a different fund raising company, Westby Associates, to assist us in getting the grants and other funds we need in order to move forward on this very important project. Our architect is moving forward with engineering and detailed cost estimates. The economy has also increased costs for this project.

East Maupin Improvements On September 22, the City met with officials from ODOT to take a look at how to provide better safety for pedestrians from Maupin City Park all the way to the Upper Access Road. A Federal grant program to connect communities to Federal lands is being investigated.

Donkey Trail ODOT is also helping us look into ways to make the Donkey Trail safer for walking and biking. It could also serve as an emergency bypass in the event of an accident between the curves on the highway. School Safety Transportation funds may be able to help us with this.

Burn Ban is still in effect. You cannot do any outdoor burning until the ban is lifted by our Fire Chief. This includes burn barrels and fire pits. Fires spread too quickly on our dry, windy days to take a chance.

Invasive Weeds The “Tumblin’ Tumbleweed has been celebrated in Westerns and in songs for generations. Most people do not realize they did not exist in the U.S. until 1873 when they arrived in some contaminated flax seed brought to North Dakota from Russia. This year they have exploded all around town. They like dry climates and disturbed ground. They grow really well in alleys, gravel driveways, and burned areas. It is every property owners’ responsibility to remove these and other invasive weeds, such as puncture vine (goatheads). One tumbleweed typically has about 250,000 seeds to spread when it breaks off and goes tumbling away. Pull them out by the roots or at least cut them off and pile for burning later in the year. Be sure to weigh them down to prevent them blowing away. Watch for new shoots coming up next spring and pull them before they grow.

Mark your calendars for the **Fall Community Cleanup** scheduled for Saturday, October 28. Pick up lawn debris bags or garbage bags at City Hall. All disposal is free for city residents except for appliances, such as refrigerators and air conditioners, which contain Freon. There will be a \$25 charge for those items.

Feel free to stop by City Hall if you have questions or concerns. The city staff and I are always glad to help out if we can.

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<p>10/2-10/7 Homecoming 10/28 Fall Cleanup</p>	<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2) Executive Sessions ORS192.640 Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>		