



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
December 2017

Basketball Season is upon us! It will be kicked off with the John Howey Memorial Tournament on Dec. 1st at 3:00pm and Dec. 2nd at 1:00pm.

Christmas Tree Lighting at Kaiser Park in downtown Maupin will take place at 6:00pm on Sunday, December 3rd.

Home Repair Program - Maupin and South Wasco County are included in the Mid-Columbia Home Repair Program. If you own and live in your home or mobile home newer than 1978, you may be eligible for a grant to assist with home repairs related to health and safety. This is a grant and not a loan, so it does not have to be repaid. There are income requirements to qualify. You can get more information by calling Dave Peters at 541-370-2746 or Mario Hernandez at 541-370-2821 for more information. Maupin City Hall does have the applications and income requirements if you need them.

The Maupin Street Improvement Project was awarded to Vic Russell Construction of LaPine. The project involves replacing old water and sewer lines and the paving portions of Grant Avenue, 6th Street, and Staats Avenue. The underground work will be completed this winter and the paving when the weather warms up in the spring.

Deschutes Rim Clinic We Care! Building Campaign had a very successful kickoff at their fundraising dinner in November. They continue to build local donations to be ready to begin the grant finding process.

Legion Hall - The Legion Hall Improvement Committee met at the Legion Hall on Thursday, November 2 to begin assessing the needs for the Legion Hall and developing plans for beginning improvements. Please contact Dennis Beechler, Dennis Ross, or Jon Helquist to get involved at their next meeting in January.

Park Committee - The Park Committee met to consider improvements and possible grant funding for Kaiser Park on November 4 in the Chamber Visitor Center. Another meeting is being planned for early December. They would like to have a plan in place for the spring Oregon Parks and Recreation grant-funding cycle. Contact Councilor Randy Bechtol to get involved.

Recycling - Emerald Systems opened November 1 at the old Mel's Sanitation site in Tygh Valley. They are open Tuesday-Saturday every week from 10:00 to 3:00 for all types of recycling. We have been working with them on future recycling plans for Maupin and South Wasco County.

City Springs Protection - The City and Tom Troutman have reached an agreement on a land swap and lot line adjustment that will give ownership of the land above our springs to the city. This matter will be before the Planning Commission on Tuesday, Dec. 12th at City Park.

Rep. John Huffman, who has been our area’s State Representative for about 10 years, was appointed to head the USDA-Rural Development for Oregon. His replacement has been selected by the commissioners of the four counties in his district. Daniel Bonham, of Maupin Stoves and Spas in The Dalles, will be stepping into that role. We are very fortunate to again have a Wasco County resident in this position. We all look forward to working with him.

Senator Ted Ferrioli of John Day, has been our district’s Senator since 1996. He has been appointed to represent Oregon on the Northwest Power and Conservation Planning Council. This appointment has been confirmed, but his replacement has not yet been confirmed. It is likely to be Representative Cliff Bentz of Ontario. We look forward to working with him as well.

Fiber Project - December 5th is the Q-Life board meeting at which the decision will be made on sending the project out to bid. Our Public Works crew are doing some “Make-Ready” work to help bring the costs down. In addition to providing businesses and residents in Maupin with Internet speeds as fast as or faster than any available in Oregon, this project will enable improvements in wireless Internet speeds to surrounding communities in South Wasco County.

Christmas - City Hall will be closed December 25th for the holiday.

Southern Wasco County Library - We have been hard at work developing funding plans for the new library and Civic Center to be built behind Kaiser Park in the downtown area. We are working closely with the Deschutes Rim Clinic and Westby Associates to try to get both projects funded so building could begin in 2018.

Feel free to stop by or call 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>12/25 Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2) Executive Sessions ORS192.640 Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>		