



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Frank Kay  
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Happy Halloween & Happy Thanksgiving to all!

On Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-8:00pm, an important community event will be held at the Maupin American Legion Hall. **WebWorks: Anywhere!** will be hosted by the City, Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce, the South Wasco Alliance, and Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD). Bringing ultra-high speed broadband fiber optic connections to our South Wasco County area has been an important goal of the City and numerous groups (businesses, library, health clinic, schools, etc.) This evening will feature presentations, expectations, questions, and refreshments. Come, learn, and participate in this vital component of a successful future.

The City of Maupin and our volunteer Fire Department recently acquired a like-new **Class A Engine Pumper Truck**. This sophisticated high-tech piece of firefighting equipment (\$600,000 new) was arranged by **John Creel**, one of our long-time residents who recently retired from the Hoodland Fire Dept. on Mount Hood- cost to us: **\$1.00!** John will be conducting training for our volunteers on the safe, effective use of this great new asset. Another Fire Department- related matter: our City Public Works crew (Kirk, George, & Joy) are inspecting, testing, and repairing all of our 74 fire hydrants.

Maupin has a new **Business Facilitator**. His name is **Rick Leibowitz**. He will be providing free, confidential business consulting to any, all businesses or prospective entrepreneurs in Maupin (financial management, marketing advice, and product/service enhancement expertise). This service is contracted by the City of Maupin, as part of our Economic & Community Development efforts. Rick is the Small Business Development Center Director at the Columbia Gorge Community College and can also provide their full portfolio of business classes and services to our businesses. For the month of November, he will be visiting all local businesses to introduce himself. On Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, he will be conducting a seminar on "Increasing Your Bottom Line," a profit-building class, at the City Park Community Building. Please contact Rick to reserve your space. Also, Rick will be at the Chamber's office (on Deschutes Ave-Columbia River Properties) on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-4:00pm to meet with any business owner/manager or prospective entrepreneur. Rick's contact info: 541-506-6120 or email: [rleibowitz@cgcc.edu](mailto:rleibowitz@cgcc.edu)

Please do read the back of this page to learn more about our water system and some recent developments.

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<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2)          Executive Sessions ORS192.640          Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>	<p><b>Regular Council Meeting @ the Park Community Building</b> 6:30 pm</p>	<p>11/18/2015</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>			

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MAUPIN'S WATER

You may have noticed a slight difference in the taste of our water recently. Be assured that our water is totally safe to drink, cook, bathe, wash, irrigate, etc. There has been a change in our water treatment process, though.

About a decade ago, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Oregon Public Health Authority adopted new standards and testing procedures for all municipal water supplies & systems, and we are in the process of implementing and complying with those procedures.

Previously, we were only required to test water for contaminants after treating it but before distribution to citizen consumers. Now we are required to test our water at the source (ground water from Dufur Springs in Maupin) and after treatment. This new testing began in August 2015.

Initial tests of the untreated water coming out of the hillside of Dufur Springs shows trace levels of some organic contaminants (naturally decomposing plant and/or animal matter), but no toxic chemicals. Therefore, our course of action is to simply treat the water with a bit more chlorine than what we are used to before distributing the water to you.

Our Staff Team (Kirk, George & Joy) have been working closely with State Officials to continue to provide our citizens with healthy, safe drinking water as we have for decades. There is no need to boil water or limit your consumption of it.

We will keep you posted on any developments. The following diagram illustrates the situation.

