



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing  
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Spring is finally on its way! We have daffodils and tulips popping up around the yard. Theresa and I are also excited that our youngest son, Luke, and his family have moved back to Oregon from Alaska. They are living in Corvallis. It is good to have all the kids and grandkids back within weekend visiting range.

There is still time to get signed up for high speed **broadband Internet!** They are offering connection speeds of 100Mb to 1Gb (1000Mb). Signing up ahead of time with GorgeNet or LSNetworks will get you connected with no connection fees. After the rollout this spring, that could cost \$400-\$1000 depending on your distance from the nearest fiber line. Crews are in and around Maupin now, getting the fiber in place to serve you. The underground on the backbone is done. They are currently working on Bakeoven Road from the BPA Substation toward Maupin.

GorgeNet [www.gorge.net/maupin](http://www.gorge.net/maupin) or call Dave at 541-386-8300 x214  
LS Networks [www.lsnetworks.net/maupin](http://www.lsnetworks.net/maupin) or call Bryan Adams, Director of Sales & Marketing - Desk (503) 414-0489 | Cell (360) 524-1965

CenturyLink has also upgraded their service. There is no longer a waiting list. All Maupin residents and businesses can now be served with up to 40Mb. Contact CenturyLink to get signed up. 855-718-3798 <http://www.centurylink.com/>

With the coming of high-speed Internet connections, I wanted to make sure our businesses, entrepreneurs, and citizens all had some ideas on what that might mean for them. I met with our Business Facilitator, Rick Leibowitz on his last visit in February. Rick is working on a series of classes to address this need. On March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00, he will be doing a social media class. If you are interested in joining us, please bring your laptop to the Maupin City Park community building. Everyone is welcome. Rick works out of the Small Business Development Center at CGCC and is available to provide individual, confidential assistance to anyone considering starting or improving a business here in Maupin.

There are some new faces on the city staff. We have hired James Ledbetter as our new Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. He previously worked at plants in Florence and Cottage Grove. James is currently staying at City Park and has jumped right into his work (not literally) at the Sewage Treatment Plant. Thanks to George Beebe for filling in and for the help from Ed Conner and Joy Ramirez in the interim. We have also hired Christine Wolfe as our new City Clerk. Some of you may remember her from her early days in Maupin. She will begin work in the middle of March. Thanks to Janet Vejar for her excellent job filling in while we went through the process of finding a permanent person.

Congratulations are in order for the Lady Redsidies basketball team. They made it into the first round of the state 1A playoffs. Unfortunately, their run was cut short by the Powder Valley Badgers. Great job girls and Coach Cowdrey!

In early February, Councilman Denny Ross and I spent a day in Salem. Connecting with other city mayors, councilors, and staff was reassurance that we all have similar issues to work on. We also met with Senator Ferrioli and Representative Huffman. I was encouraged that they really work hard for rural Oregon. State budgeting will be a long process this spring, but all parties are hopeful that we will have a bi-partisan agreement on a transportation package to repair highways, streets, and bridges throughout the state. Councilor Sue Knapp is keeping a close eye on proposed and successful legislation that could affect our community.

In late March, members of the City Council will be meeting with the Oregon Regional Solutions personnel to learn how the state can assist Maupin with funding to meet some of our infrastructure improvement needs. This is the same group that helped secure funding for the broadband fiber project. We hope to get their help with water, sewer, and street projects in the future.

Be sure to mark your calendars for some events coming up in the next couple of months:

- April 15<sup>th</sup> – Hazardous Waste Collection at the City Public Works by Tri-County Hazardous Waste. We also hope to coordinate an E-Cycle event for electronics in the parking lot behind the old school at the same time.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Spring Cleanup Day across from City Park. Yard Debris and Junk dumpsters supplied by The Dalles Disposal/Waste Connections. Hopefully we can also have the Ugly Scrapper return to collect appliances and other metal.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Maupin Daze. See the Maupin Chamber for event details.  
<http://maupinoregon.com/>

Are you a Facebook user? We now have a City of Maupin Facebook page. We will use this to provide updates on what is happening in between these monthly newsletters. Like our page to keep up with what’s going on in town.

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