



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
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Happy New Year Maupin is looking forward to some great things happening in the new year. With the help of our citizens and the citizens of South Wasco County, I am sure 2018 will be a banner year.

Employment The City of Maupin has an opening for **Library Director** at the Southern Wasco County Library. Valerie Stephenson has taken a new position in Tillamook and though she will be terribly missed, we wish her the best. If you are interested in the position, see our website or come by City Hall to get an application.

Planning Commission and Budget Committee The City of Maupin has openings on the Planning Commission and on the Budget Committee. This is your chance to participate in the future of our city. Pick up an application at City Hall.

Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks We remind all property owners/tenants whose property abuts a sidewalk that you are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalk within 2 hours of daylight after snow or ice has formed.

The Maupin Street Improvement Project is ready to begin. Vic Russell Construction of LaPine will begin with replacement of underground infrastructure in mid-January. Wastewater lines will be replaced under a portion of 6th Street and one block of Staats Avenue. The water line will be replaced in Staats. The old pavement will then be removed from Staats and Grant between 5th and 6th. Some will also be removed from a portion of 6th Street between Grant and Staats. Once the weather warms enough, probably around April, those streets will be paved. We will have cost information available soon if there is anyone who needs paving work done on their own property while they are in town.

Deschutes Rim Clinic "We Care!" Building Campaign is off and running to generate enough local donations to begin applying for grants. Contact the clinic or check their website for more information.

The **Southern Wasco County Library "Expanding Our Future" Building Campaign** is gaining some momentum toward gathering funds to build our new library as a part of the new Civic Center. The Library Steering Committee has been gathering community demographic information. They have also created a survey of needs which will be available online and at various locations throughout South Wasco County. Watch for it or stop by City Hall to get a copy. This information will help in planning and grant funding. The council has authorized our architect to engage our engineers (Anderson-Perry) to assist with the Civil Engineering portions of the project. We are also nearing completion of a Request for Proposals for a Construction Manager / General Contractor to get on board with the project.

Park Committee The Park Committee has worked to create a preliminary Kaiser Park improvement plan. They will be meeting in January to finalize those plans and begin working on grant applications. 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.

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. The Planning Commission has approved the new lot lines. Work on fencing and other spring protection measures will begin as soon as the ownership papers are filed with the county.

Mt. Fir Park Playground Structures We were fortunate, following a tip from Jim Burgett, to acquire a large playground structure from the city of Redmond. In early January, a team of volunteers will be travelling to Redmond to retrieve the structure. All are welcome to join. Contact Jim or Lynn Ewing to get involved. Once it is here, we will again need volunteers to help prepare the site and reconstruct the structure. No shortage of volunteer opportunities! We hope the playground will be in place before the Little League season begins.

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. We are working with his staff to set up a “Meet and Greet” opportunity in Maupin in early January. Watch our website and Facebook pages for details.

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 Q-Life is preparing the bid documents by splitting the project into segments for a proposed January or February bid process. Our Public Works crew are doing some “Make-Ready” work to help bring the costs down. We have three separate funding requests out, any one of which would provide the capital needed to complete the project. 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.

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>1/1 New Year’s Day Holiday 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2) Executive Sessions ORS192.640 Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>		