



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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Construction on the new **Southern Wasco County Library, City Hall, and Community Meeting Room** will begin soon after this newsletter arrives, if not before. We are working closely with Griffin Construction, Seder Architecture, Anderson-Perry Engineering, and many others to finalize the details of all plans. Griffin would like to start building no later than October 12 so you will see some activity quite soon.

The discovery of **asbestos** in the sheetrock joint compound and in floor tile under some of the carpeting set us back a little on the tear down of the Chamberlin House. Originally the cost for testing and abatement was \$12,650. However, with assistance from the Governor's Office of Regional Solutions, MCEDD, Business Oregon, and the state Brownsfield Project, I was able to very quickly obtain a grant to cover 80% of the cost at \$10,120. **Total cost to the City will be \$2,530.** Cascade Insulation plans to be here by October 1 to begin the abatement.

**Ralph and Tammy Wimmer** also provided a huge benefit to the City and to the environment. They voluntarily stripped all usable materials out of the Chamberlin house and took them to the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store in The Dalles. Not only did this keep those materials out of the landfill, but also saved the city money on the asbestos removal costs by getting some non-hazardous material out of the way. And those materials will help provide homes to families

Our **Civic Center Groundbreaking** was attended by nearly 100 people. Local 2018 graduate Ana Popchok, State Representative Daniel Bonham, County Commissioner Rod Runyon, and former State Representative John Huffman were guest speakers along with some local leaders. Nate Stice, of Governor Brown's Regional Solutions Office, read a letter from the Governor. State Senator Cliff Bentz also sent a congratulatory letter. The Library Book Sale and other fundraising efforts generated over \$5000 for the library that day. That includes \$6 from a local elementary student who really wants a new library.

The **Collins Foundation** will be in Maupin on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> to look at our community and our plans for a new library as they consider a grant to assist with that project.

Q-Life awarded the bid on the **Maupin Fiber Project** to Van Dorn Enterprises. Q-Life, Wasco Electric, LS Networks, and GorgeNet have all worked together to agree on how to proceed. Van Dorn began work on the final phase of construction on October 1. The contract allows them 60 days from start to finish. They will start with underground work and then proceed with overhead. By December, we will all be enjoying the new high-speed access!

City elections will be held at the regular General Election in November. There are two candidates for Mayor, a 2-year term: Lynn Ewing and Sue Knapp. There are 5 candidates for 3 seats on the council, a 4-year term: Randy Bechtol, Kathie Richey, Susan Wright, Mike Foreaker, and Jim Holycross. We will again have a **Candidates Forum** as we have done for the past. It will be held at the Legion Hall on the evening of **Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30 PM.** County Commissioner Scott Hege will again serve as moderator for the event. Since ballots will arrive that day or the day after, you should have a chance to hear from the candidates before you mark your ballot. Make sure you are registered by Oct. 16 to vote in November!

With the Civic Center Groundbreaking and the attention on Maupin with that project and the Fiber Project, it would be great to “put our best foot forward” and do some cleanup around town. The **Maupin Fall Cleanup Day** will be **Saturday, October 27** and give you a place to take unwanted items. As in the past, this will take place in the city lot across from City Park. Dumpsters will be available for yard debris, dry garbage, and metal for recycle. We will have recyclable yard bags available at City Hall for free. Please **DO NOT** put yard debris in plastic bags.

For many years, Maupin has struggled with being unable to enforce some of our ordinances. At long last, we have an **Ordinance & Code Enforcement Officer**. Stan Suenaga and his wife, Kyle purchased the old Hayes home on 5<sup>th</sup> & Staats. Stan has agreed to take on the enforcement of ordinances within the City. Ordinance violations are only addressed when and if a complaint is filed at City Hall. The process will begin by determining if there is indeed a violation and then Stan would work with the property owner to address the issue effectively. There will be a short training period with the County Enforcement Officer before he starts here.

Our Public Works personnel are working with our engineers on multiple projects as well as taking care of the City’s infrastructure on a daily basis. They are also preparing the ground at **Mt. Fir Park** in anticipation of having some volunteer work parties to install the playground equipment. Many thanks to Jim Burgett and others for the work they have put in to get some of the equipment ready to install.

All City Staff will be participating in some training provided by our City Insurance Company. Other cities will also be invited. Trainings planned at this time include **Drug-Free Workplace** and **Diversity in the Workplace**. Both are valuable to the City and are required when we apply for Federal funds, which we have done in an effort to improve our water system.

There are always a lot of things going on in and around Maupin. If you have access, please watch the Facebook and web pages of the City of Maupin, the Maupin Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Wasco County Library, and the South Wasco County School District to stay current on what may be coming up next.

Feel free to stop by or call City Hall if you have questions or concerns. I am back on my normal schedule at City Hall. My schedule is posted on the city website. The city staff and I are always glad to help out if we can.

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