



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
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Be sure to **vote by November 6th**. Do not mail after Nov. 1. Ballots can be turned in at Maupin City Hall or at the Wasco County Courthouse until 8:00 PM on Election Day.

Congratulations to the Lady Redsidés Volleyball team and the Redsidés 6-man football team for getting to postseason play.

I have been to several conferences this month. They are great for networking with other city officials and also with agencies, businesses, and many people who could provide some benefit to Maupin and South Wasco County in the future. I will say that representing Maupin is fun because they all want to know how they can be as successful as we have been in recent years. We have a reputation as a small city that gets big things done.

The **League of Oregon Cities** conference took place in Eugene early in the month. I attended some valuable training sessions on ethics and other topics. I also made some connections with other small cities as well as some larger ones.

I met with Magnum Power and Wasco Electric to discuss possible **moving of the siren** located behind the current library. They will check to see if it could be moved to Public Works / Fire Department area. We also discussed the plan to move utilities in the alley between Kaiser Park and the Civic Center into underground conduit. Anderson-Perry continues to work on the details of this plan. Wasco Electric and their contractor say all make-ready for the **fiber project** should be complete by Nov. 1, if not before.

I attended the **Oregon Telecommunications Conference** in Hood River on Oct. 18-19. The City of Maupin was recognized in conjunction with Q-Life and LS Networks for "Excellence in Telecommunications Partnerships". The other two entities felt Maupin should keep the award for making the partnership stick to the plan and for finally being within sight of completion. It was also an opportunity to meet with Q-Life, LS Networks, GorgeNet and the Commstructure engineers to iron out final preparations for connecting the end users. All still expect the network to be completed in 4-6 weeks with individual connections taking place after that. I hope all realize how unusual this accomplishment is for a city of our size and location.

Rani McPhearson, our Library Director, and I are creating a **Library Advisory Board** that will be diverse in regards to geography, age, and ethnicity. Their task will be to provide advice and suggestions to Rani and her team regarding book selections, library events, library programs, and other aspects of moving to our new facility. We want to be sure we are getting ideas from all parts of South Wasco County as we move toward our new facility. If you are interested in being involved, contact the library.

The **Civic Center** project is moving along well. Site excavation and preparation should last another 2-3 weeks. They expect to pour footings by the middle of November. Stop at the Maupin Market and have something to eat while watching the construction across the street.

On Sunday and Monday, Oct. 21-22, I attended the **Deschutes Basin Water Summit**. It was again a great opportunity to make some connections. With help from Scott Hege, who was on an information panel, everyone in the basin knows more about Maupin and their involvement in the lower 100 miles. They also understand the importance of the river to our economy. I was able to reach a tentative agreement to have the Tribe, PGE, and ODFW in Maupin for further discussions about the river in the near future.

Sharon DeHart was named 2018 **Oregon Rural Health Hero of the Year**. Be sure to let her know you appreciate her. Don't forget the Celebrate Service Prime Rib Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 3 to benefit the new Clinic.

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, Wasco County Economic Development Commission, and the Governor's Office on Regional Solutions will be in Maupin on Tuesday, November 27th to discuss **future projects** which Maupin would like to have funded or partially funded by outside resources. I hope to have a detailed discussion on this topic at a Council Work Session on November 20. Getting a project into the County's Top 10 can be very beneficial to additional funding requests.

Stan Suenaga, our **Nuisance Abatement Officer**, has begun working on the complaints on file at City Hall. Cleaning up Maupin has become very important as we begin getting a lot of interest from people considering Maupin as a home or business location. Contact City Hall if you need physical or financial assistance in getting your property cleaned up.

Work continues on the **play structure at Mt. Fir Park**. Public Works finished the small structure and a small group of volunteers showed up to finish it with paint and a few other touches. My wife, Theresa, and I were joined by Jim Burgett and Jeremy Calvert (from Oak Springs) along with his four oldest children to complete the preparation. We took some grandchildren up last weekend to check it out. The 9-year-old really wants the bigger one finished. The two-year-old really likes the pea gravel installed below the structure for fall protection. The two 5-year-olds thought the play structure was fantastic. The large structure is set up and ready for an army of volunteers. We will work on it starting at **10:00 AM on Saturday, Nov. 10**, weather permitting. Watch the City Facebook page for confirmation. Mostly, we need to do some painting to finish it.

The City and the school are partnering on some **safety projects** on 4th and Slusher streets to better mark the crosswalks and slow traffic in the area near that intersection and along 4th Street. This will include "speed humps", crosswalk painting, and a new stop sign among other improvements.

The **Maupin Fall Cleanup Day** was held Saturday, October 27. We collected over 3 tons of yard debris and over 5.5 tons of junk. That went a long way toward cleaning up around Maupin. **Huge thanks to Waste Connections** for providing the dumpsters, a garbage truck, and an employee for this event!

All City Staff will be participating in some training in December 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.

Feel free to stop by or call City Hall if you have questions or concerns. 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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