



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing  
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**The Civic Center construction is complete.** Our City Public Works staff and others are completing landscaping and some other details this month as well. Library shelving should arrive in early December. Other furniture will be coming as it becomes available.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** A **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** and **Furnishings Fundraiser** is in the planning stages and scheduled **on Sunday, December 8 from 3:00-5:00**. Everyone will be welcome and you will get a chance to see the building prior to it being furnished and staffed. You will also get a chance to “buy” some books or a piece of furniture for the building. An opportunity to support our local school children will also be available. The Chamber’s Annual Tree Lighting celebration will follow in Kaiser Park. A **Grand Opening** with everything in place is being planned for late March or early April.

Some of our **artwork** is being put in place this month. Public Buildings are required to set aside a percentage for public art. We have some incredibly talented local artists who would like to have their work appear in our new building. Most are discounting their labor and prices, but they still need to cover expenses. Artists and projects include: mural painting by David Kinker, bronze work by Greg O’Neal, glass sculpture by Andy Nichols, wood carvings by John Zipprich, and metal sculpture by Jay Long. If you would like to be a sponsor or patron of a particular art installation, please contact City Hall for donation details.

**FIBER PROJECT** The City of Maupin now has an outstanding high speed Internet system. A small group has been meeting monthly at the Chamber office to talk about our fiber and what it can do for us. The first **Business Tech Training** is scheduled for **November 6 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at The Imperial Resort**. Business owners and employees are encouraged to bring a laptop or other device. Refreshments will be provided by GorgeNet.

**Not Connected to the new Fiber?** If you are planning to do so, please contact GorgeNet or LS Networks right away. They have had a crew in the Maupin area and have been able to get connections done quickly up until now, but if you are not connected soon, there may be a longer wait time as a crew will have to come from out of the area.

At the **Infrastructure Summit** convened by Regional Solutions and Business Oregon in **Salem**, much of the focus was on resiliency and rebuilding of aging infrastructure throughout the state. This was an opportunity to learn more about funding sources for all types of infrastructure such as water, wastewater, stormwater, streets, and broadband. I was invited to speak as part of a panel with Eugene and Lane County officials regarding Broadband deployment as Infrastructure. People around the state are still very impressed with our project and are watching to see what changes will occur in Maupin over the coming couple of years.

I was also in Ashland at the **Oregon Broadband Telecommunications Conference**. “The Maupin Model” was also a topic of conversation and interest at this conference. Many ideas were presented on how to best use our Broadband. Smart Cities and the Internet of Things (IoT) were top topics. I gathered some ideas for use in Maupin and made important contacts in the telecommunications field. One was a professor who works with Big Data. He would like to bring a team of students to Maupin to analyze the data related to river conditions and our fishery. Be watching here, our website, and Facebook for a survey to help us determine what assistance community members may need in making the best use of our high-speed Broadband.

Interested individuals continue to meet regarding the proposed **school track facility** at the high school. The group is looking at needed engineering, surveying, and fundraising possibilities as they move forward. Preliminary work is getting done so that the Oregon National Guard Army Corps can hold a Spring training here in 2020 to level the area. One of the members of the unit is a former SWC student and track star, Virgil Newberry. The **Deschutes River Athletic Complex** will be one more asset drawing people to our community and will provide a long-needed facility for our students. Contact Rob, Susie, or Holly Miles to contribute or be involved. The next meeting is Nov. 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.

The City is working with a developer to create a new **City Website**. They have asked for photos of Maupin, but not just river shots. They want pictures of the actual town to include on the new site. If you wish to be involved, please contact the Mayor.

As many of you are aware, the effort at Pelton to reintroduce salmon above the dam has resulted in warmer water below the dam which has had an impact on our aquatic insect and fish population. The **Deschutes River Alliance** has been working to combat this problem. **PGE** is holding a **Water Quality Study Open House** in The Dalles to explain their data. It will be held on Monday, November 18 from 6:00 – 7:30 at the Riv Café (formerly the Riverenza) at 401 E 10th St in The Dalles. It would be great to have a contingent of concerned locals attend that event.

Have you checked out the **Legion Hall** lately? It is fully insulated and has new windows and doors. A gigantic honeybee hive was removed from the east wall and the siding was repaired and replaced. By next summer, it will be fully painted. This is largely due to the efforts of the Town & Country Players theater group and the Maupin Community Church. They still have more plans in store to improve this great facility.

We received a very interesting proposal for the old **City Hall and Library properties**. We have a small committee who will be working with the proposers for the sale and development of those properties.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the SWCHS Lady Redsides Volleyball team and the Redsides Football team for making it to the State Playoffs!

The **2020 Census** is coming next Spring. We will soon have more info regarding that undertaking. The Census is very important to each state, county, and region as those numbers are used to determine seats in the House of Representatives and for many grant opportunities. If you would like to work for the Census Bureau, they have openings. <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>

Don't forget that City Hall will be closed November 11 for Veteran' Day and November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.

The City Public Works crew has been **winterizing** the water and wastewater systems **to prevent freeze breakage**. Buildings have also been prepped for winter. Have you insulated your meter box? For meter boxes, carpet pad or other similar materials will protect the meter from freezing. If you have any outside water that is not a frost-free faucet or a lawn irrigation system, be sure it is drained and off for the winter.

**City Cleanup** – Waste Connections donated 3 dumpsters and a garbage truck with an employee for the day. Two high school students, Jenna Wraught and Cailyn Stebbins, volunteered to assist people for the entire day. In all we collected and disposed of 6.4 tons of Trash, 2.46 tons of yard debris, and 1.4 tons of metal scrap.

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