



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
December 2018

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are planning on a joyful Christmas.

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 suggestions to Rani and her team regarding book selections, library events, library programs, hours of operation, and 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 forward. If you are interested in being involved, contact the library or the mayor. The first meeting is scheduled at the Maupin Legion Hall at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 7. Make sure your community is represented!

The Town & Country Players are rehearsing for their **Christmas Pageant**. It will take place at the Maupin Legion Hall at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 16. The Play will be followed by time with Santa and a Potluck Dessert.

The **Maupin Tree Lighting** will take place at Kaiser Park at 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 9th. Come join in some Christmas carols and hot cocoa with friends and neighbors. Thanks to DeOra Patton and family for donating the tree.

The John Howey Memorial **Basketball Tournament** kicks off basketball season at SWCHS on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1. See the SWC Website for times and a complete basketball season schedule. www.swasco.net The District **Winter Music Concert** for Grades K-12 will take place in the MGS Gym on Tues., Dec. 11 at 6:00 PM.

Final completion of the fiber project should be very soon. The contractor expects to be done by about December 14. Then we will wait while Q-Life and Wasco Electric conduct final inspections and testing before GorgeNet and LS Networks can begin connecting customers. Those entities estimate completion at January 7.

The **play structure at Mt. Fir Park** is pretty close to being complete. Jim Burgett, the Calvert family, and the Carvers joined me for another Saturday work day to paint the large structure. Jim returned to complete some additional decking and painting in the following week. Public Works needs to install a roof and add the pea gravel for fall protection.

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, Wasco County Economic Development Commission, and the Governor's Office on Regional Solutions were in Maupin on Tuesday, November 27th to discuss **future projects** Maupin would like to have

funded or partially funded by outside resources. Getting a project into the County's Top 10 can be very beneficial to additional funding requests. We have some great ideas to put forward.

The **Rural Development Initiative (RDI)** has funded a study which is looking at Maupin as a tourist would. "Secret Shoppers" visited in July and November. They went to businesses, purchased items, and asked "tourist" questions. The results of this study will be used to assist Maupin in planning for any improvements we can make before the next tourist season. A **Community Dinner** to share the information gathered and to discuss possible solutions will be held on Wednesday, December 19 at 5:30 in the SWC Cafeteria. RDI will have the dinner catered by one of our local businesses. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that as many businesses as possible be represented at this dinner. Everyone in Maupin is also invited to attend.

The **Civic Center** project is moving along well. Footings were poured right before Thanksgiving. Next step is retaining walls and foundations. All under-slab electrical and plumbing should also be going in very soon.

We also have a business that will haul junk cars and scrap metal away. You can contact Steve at Hulk Hauling at 541-490-6419.

The City and the school are partnering on some **safety projects** on 4th Street and Slusher Avenue to better mark the crosswalks and slow traffic in the area near that intersection and along 4th Street. This will include "speed bumps" and a new stop sign among other improvements. Most of that work is complete.

All City Staff will be participating in some training on Monday, December 10 provided by our City Insurance Company. **City Hall will be closed.**

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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