



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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Legislative Tour We had a great opportunity to have both Representative Bonham and Senator Bentz come for a tour of Maupin on January 23. I have received notes back from both thanking us for the opportunity and praising our efforts to Move Maupin Forward. They also invited me to bring a small group down to Salem to further visit about our needs and issues. We will be in Salem on Feb. 19th to formally ask for their support and investment in South Wasco County.

Fiber Project I attended the monthly Q-Life meeting in The Dalles on Thursday, January 25. Several Maupin residents also attended and were invited to describe the need for Broadband Internet at their homes and businesses. It had an impact. In their listing of a dozen possible projects for their next budget year, the Maupin Project shares space with a line replacement project in The Dalles at the top of the list. Q-Life will go out to bid in February on the Maupin Project. This allows them to be ready to go as we learn the results of various funding requests. Regardless of additional funding, they will be completing and “lighting up” the city-owned backbone which runs from the Canyon Rim Manor to the tech hut at the reservoir yard and from there down through town and across the bridge. This was partially made possible by a grant of \$44,765 from the Columbia Gorge Health Council.

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 City of Maupin has a new **Library Director** at the Southern Wasco County Library. Rani (pronounced ‘Ronnee’) McPhearson has taken the reins and is already planning some great activities for Spring and Summer and working closely with Valerie Stephenson, Mary Beechler, and Kristen Diederich. The Library Steering Committee has been gathering community demographic information. A survey will be included with this newsletter and will also be available online, at the Library, at City Hall, and at various locations throughout South Wasco County. Watch for it and fill one out. This information will help in planning and grant funding. We are also nearing completion of a Request for Proposals for a Construction Manager / General Contractor to get on board with the project.

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

The Maupin Street Improvement Project is under way. Vic Russell Construction of LaPine has begun with replacement of underground infrastructure on Staats and on 6th Street from Staats uphill to the alley. 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 or May, 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. We are also beginning to identify areas for the next street project.

Parks Committee – The Parks Committee has worked to create a Kaiser Park improvement plan. There will be one more meeting on Thursday, February 22 at 10:30 in the Chamber office 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. They will also begin work on a complete citywide Parks Plan to guide future planning. Contact Councilor Randy Bechtol to get involved. An overall City Parks Plan will also be discussed at this meeting to cover the park by the river and Mt. Fir Park.

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 travelled to Redmond to retrieve the structures. We are finalizing the exact location at Mt. Fir Park. Site preparation and structure preparation will begin in February. No shortage of volunteer opportunities! We hope the playground will be in place before the Little League season begins. A meeting will be scheduled before the month is over. Watch for it on Facebook and bulletin boards.

Legion Hall Councilors Jon Helquist and Denny Ross have been working with the Town & Country Players and other citizens on a list of projects to improve the Legion Hall. The first step will be taken in the coming weeks to do some repairs to the structure under the building to ensure public safety and the longevity of the building. This repair will be sponsored jointly by the City and T&C Players.

Our City Engineers, Anderson Perry & Associates, have begun grant applications on behalf of the City to create new **Water System** and **Sewer System** plan updates and maps. These maps will be overlaid on the Wasco County maps that are already online. These will help guide and direct future projects to improve those systems. They are also required to be updated to stay in compliance with state regulations and to allow us to apply for grants for future projects.

Donkey Trail & East Maupin River Boardwalk I have been working with ODOT on plans for these projects. Essentially there are to be 3 main phases. The first is using “Safe Routes to Schools” funds to hire a designer/consultant firm. ODOT has done this based on interviews at which Maupin, Dufur, and MCCED participated. Should have a team in place in February to study the safe schools aspect and create a plan. Phase two would be the East Maupin Boardwalk to provide safe access from the downriver access road to the upriver access road along Bakeoven Road and Highway 197. The final phase would be designating and improving a connecting route for cyclists and pedestrians between the Donkey Trail and the Boardwalk. ODOT is also assisting with Grant Applications for Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds.

Sheriff Lane Magill will be in Maupin for a Town Hall meeting to visit with local citizens on issues of interest. The meeting is set for Wednesday, February 21st from 6:30 - 8:00 at the Legion Hall.

Recycling The Recycle Facility is open in Tygh Valley. Regular hours are not always possible, but you can call Julie Tucker at 541-645-5191. In addition to cardboard and paper, they also take sorted plastics, plastic grocery bags, sorted glass, and even inner tubes and Styrofoam! More to come.

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>Holiday closure 2/19 Presidents' Day</p>	<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2) Executive Sessions ORS192.640</p> <p>Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>		