



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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ART CONTEST! The City is sponsoring an art contest, open to all ages. We need a logo to help spread the word about our city-owned fiber network. This logo would appear anywhere in town where free WiFi is offered. The design should include a version of a standard recognizable WiFi symbol and relate to the network's name: "**Maupin FishNet**". Submissions may be dropped off at City Hall or mailed to Maupin City Hall, PO Box 308, Maupin, OR 97037. They can also be emailed to the mayor at maupinmayor@gmail.com. All submissions received by February 13 will be eligible for the \$100 top prize.

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.

Maupin City Hall and the **Southern Wasco County Library** will be moving soon into the new **Civic Center**. Our furniture supplier has now set an actual date for delivery and set up for Feb. 25-26. That means we will be moving in Feb. 27-29!!! **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE WELCOME!** Please let City Hall or the Library know if you would like to help with the move. If all goes well with the weather, the facilities should be operational by March 2, 2020.

The **Grand Opening** for the Civic Center will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 19. There will be food and drink and entertainment as well as lots to see. We plan to not only be functional but to have the bricks, more artwork, and other finishing touches completed by that time.

Although there have been a few city meetings there, the first community-based activity in the new building occurred on January 25 when the **SWC ASB** held their **Winter Formal** in the new facility. See Facebook for pictures of the event.

The **Oregon Department of Energy** (ODOE) will hold Public Hearings at the Maupin Civic Center from 4:00 – 8:30 on Tuesday, February 25 regarding the **Bakeoven Solar Facility**.

Dog issue in our parks! Some residents and visitors are using our parks as bathrooms for their dogs and not cleaning up. This is rude to every citizen and visitor. We love our parks and should not have to dodge doggie excrement land mines. Please, pick up after your dog immediately. We even supply the baggies! A second issue is the Little League field at Mt. Fir Park. No dogs are allowed inside the fence, yet some are using it as a kennel and turning their dogs loose, sometimes unattended, inside the fence. Gates have been removed to prevent this practice. Dogs are welcome and can be great companions, but owners must respect the rights of others and our parks.

Leaves and debris blocking a sidewalk or street can be a hazard for pedestrians. Please take a look at your property and either bag them for later disposal or at least remove them from the public right-of-way.

The City Council spent two days at the end of February interviewing candidates for the **City Manager** position. We hope to be able to announce a selection very soon.

SNOW!! Winter weather is here. Be ready for freezing temperature and occasional snow accumulations. Once snow has stopped falling, it is your responsibility to shovel sidewalks. We all know that Ed Ingram will take care of what he can, especially downtown. We do appreciate those residents who use their own tractors, 4-wheelers, or other equipment to remove snow from sidewalks, roads, and driveways. Please be careful **not to block access** for others or to block access to **fire hydrants**. Our city crews will work on snow removal when the depth is at 5 inches or more on the streets. While this removal may create a berm next to your vehicle, it will still be less to shovel than it would be otherwise.

The **Micro-Hydro Project** is not dead. Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Anderson-Perry are exploring a few issues and alternatives to use the runoff from the City Springs to generate power. That runoff was the original source of electricity for Maupin 100 years ago. They are considering possible funding sources to see if they can make the payback period reasonable. They are still excited about the project.

Our librarian Bronte Dod and Frank Kay are working with donors to create a **new Library Foundation** outside of City direction. This new foundation will be a tax exempt organization which will help in raising funds for and supporting our library long into the future.

Although it is not a City project, the DRAC would provide some economic benefit to the community. Interested individuals continue to meet regarding this proposed **school track facility** at the high school. The Oregon National Guard Army Corps plans to be here at the end of April / beginning of May to begin leveling the field. 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. Donations are already coming in to provide initial work and to make the project attractive to large donors. The next meeting is **February 10th at 9:00 AM** in the High School Board Room.

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