



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
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Legislative Visit Your Mayor travelled to Salem to meet with our local Legislators, Rep. Bonham and Sen. Bentz. It was planned to have three students and Mary Beechler also attend this visit in Salem. Weather prevented the school group from travelling so, with the help of Theresa Ewing, they set up a video conference from the high school here. Allie Noland, Matthew Gragg, and Anastasia Popchock, along with Librarian Beechler were able to present their information and testimony to the legislators. The purpose of this meeting was to request lottery funds from the Legislature to complete the Fiber Project and to get us ready for grant applications on the Library/Civic Center. They had also been impressed with Maupin's efforts to move forward during their visit and tour last month. They have officially put forward our request for 1.5 million dollars in Lottery Funds to the joint Capital Projects Subcommittee. The mayor again travelled to Salem to testify before that committee on Friday, February 23. We should know the results of this request within two weeks or less. It did not hurt to have 50 letters of support that were received in a short 3-day window. Thank you to those who wrote one!

Fiber Project Carrie Pipinich of MCCED has applied for a state grant on behalf of the city which would fund the completion of this project. We have also gone directly to the Legislature to request lottery funds to do the same. Regardless of additional funding, we 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 in an effort to get the clinic connected.

The **Southern Wasco County Library "Expanding Our Future" Building Campaign** The Library Steering Committee continues to gather community demographic information. We will be releasing a Request for Proposals for a Construction Manager / General Contractor to get on board with the project the first week of March. The company selected will work with the architects and engineers in crafting the best, most cost effective building we can get.

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 completed replacement of underground infrastructure on Staats and on 6th Street from Staats uphill to the alley. Staats cannot be regraded and compacted until the temperatures are above freezing. 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. If there is anyone who needs paving work done on their own property while they are in town it is much less expensive than if you do it at a different time. **Call Mike from Vic Russell Construction at 541-420-4845 for a free estimate.** 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 was a meeting on Thursday, February 22 to finalize those plans and begin working on grant applications. A Master Plan for all parks in Maupin was also begun. An application will be submitted during the spring Oregon Parks and Recreation grant-funding cycle.

Mt. Fir Park Playground Structures Site preparation and structure preparation will begin as soon as the weather allows. No shortage of volunteer opportunities! Sod and soil will need to be removed. Support structures for the equipment will need to be placed and leveled. The structure itself needs some sanding and staining. We hope the playground will be in place before the Little League season begins. Contact Jim Burgett, Alex Udey, or City Hall to volunteer.

Legion Hall The Town & Country Players are planning a fund-raising event for April 7th. Watch for details in the next newsletter and for posters around the communities.

Our City Engineers, Anderson Perry & Associates, have begun grant applications on behalf of the City to create new **Water System** plan updates and maps. These maps will be overlaid on city maps online and, along with the plans, 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. This project will be paid for with a state grant and a federal grant.

Donkey Trail & East Maupin River Boardwalk We 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. A team from Alta Planning and Design will be here in mid-April to study the safe schools aspect and again in mid-May for a community meeting before they 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 Mt. Fir Park, 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 from 6:30 – 8:00 on Wednesday, March 7th at the Legion Hall. This meeting was postponed from Feb. 21st due to weather.

Spring Cleanup is coming in April. Hazardous Waste will be collected Saturday, April 14th and on April 21st we will have dumpsters available for yard debris and garbage items. We are working with Emerald Systems on setting up for recycle of glass, Styrofoam, and other materials.

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