



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
March 2019

Fiber connections to homes and businesses are going in every day. Aerial and ground crews from both LSN and GorgeNet have been in Maupin getting connecting fiber installed from attachment points to homes and businesses. Interior install crews from both companies are also getting people set up and running on the new high-speed connections. I am connected and it is **FAST!** As we all get connected, we are also working on plans to provide training and assistance to our business owners and residents on how to take advantage of this new-found speed.

FIBER FEEDBACK We would love to have feedback from our businesses and residents about how the new fiber connection is changing the way you do things. Has it improved your business? Are you now able to work from home? Does the new connection save you money compared to the old one? Please send the mayor a note so we can learn how this project benefitted you. maupinmayor@gmail.com You can also let me know if there is particular training that would benefit you. Email? Gmail? Social Media? Connecting devices? Let us know how we can help.

The Civic Center construction is progressing on schedule except for a small setback due to the snow. Watch the bulletin board in front of City Hall for details as they become available. Grant applications have gone out to the Ford Family Foundation, the Clabough Foundation, the Reser Family Foundation, and the Oregon Community Foundation. We are working to ensure that we do not cause a delay to construction as we await the results of those applications.

A Construction Meeting takes place every Thursday at 1:00 either onsite or at Maupin Market. Check the bulletin board on the building in front of City Hall or on the counter inside City Hall for a calendar of upcoming construction goals and other information on the progress. By mid-March they expect to have second floor walls in place so they can start on roof trusses and a roof. Please **DO NOT** go onto the site. Any site visits need to be approved by Griffin and involve city personnel, hard hats, and reflective safety vests.

After each Thursday Construction Meeting, a sub-committee of the Library Advisory Board and other interested people meet at The Imperial from 3:00-5:00 to help select colors and materials for the new building. The **Color and Materials Sub-Committee** has selected most of those for the exterior of the building and is working their way through the interior as samples become available.

On **Friday March 1**, Representative Daniel Bonham will be hosting a **Rural Cap & Trade Show**. This will be a public hearing of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction. This will give the public an opportunity to discuss this proposed legislation. This could have a disproportionate impact on rural Oregon and be especially problematic for farmers and ranchers. Please join him at The Dalles Civic Auditorium at 323 E 4th St, The Dalles from noon until 3:00. If you can't make it there, it will be repeated in Bend on March 2 from 9:00 AM to Noon at Central Oregon Community College, Cascade Hall, Room 246-248. Come learn about the proposal and what you can do about it. For more details look up Oregon House Bill 2020.

The **Deschutes River Alliance** is planning a community forum in Maupin at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 13 in the High School Cafeteria. They want to explain their side of the issues in regard to water quality and temperature on the lower Deschutes. They will also be talking about ways you can all be of help.

We need your help! The City of Maupin is studying **Economic Opportunities** for growing business and jobs in Maupin. On Thursday, March 14th, we have a public meeting to discuss what the City can do to support business and job growth in Maupin. The meeting will begin with a presentation about the preliminary results of the study and will focus on a community discussion about opportunities for economic growth. We would like to hear your ideas and opinions. Please join us at the SWCHS Cafeteria from 6:00-8:00 and bring your ideas.

March 10 is the beginning of **Daylight Savings Time**. Don't forget to "Spring Ahead"

Congratulations to the Lady Redsidés and Coach Carly Johnson on an amazing basketball season ending with a nail-biting play-off game.

It is almost Cleanup Time! As we do every April, we will host two cleanup days. The first is the **Hazardous Waste Cleanup**. It will be held on Saturday, April 13 in front of SWCHS on 4th Street. Between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Tri-County Hazardous Waste will accept electronics, medications, and other hazardous waste. Watch for a flyer next month. The following Saturday, April 20 will be the big **Spring Cleanup** where you will be able to take yard debris, metal scrap, and general garbage. That will take place across Bakeoven Road from the City Park. We will have yard debris bags available at City Hall in March.

There have been reports of people using City, local business, and BLM dumpsters and garbage cans for their home garbage. This is a “theft of services” and needs to stop. Because of this issue, the City may consider **required garbage service** for all homes and businesses.

The City Council is working with the Local Government Personnel Institute (LGPI), a department within the League of Oregon Cities (LOC), to recruit and select a **City Manager**. This process will take 3 to 5 months. The Council is in unanimous agreement that a City Manager will be better able to manage our employees and keep up with the ever-changing needs of our city and out citizens.

Your chance to **serve the community**. Several Boards have vacancies that will be filled. These Board positions will appear on the May 21, 2019 Special District Election ballot. Filing opens February 9th, 2019 and closes March 21, 2019 at 5pm. The fee for filing is \$10. Here is a link to our current election page where you will find the Candidate Filing form SEL 190: https://co.wasco.or.us/departments/clerk/current_election.php Openings include the **White River Health District, South Wasco County School District, and our Park and Recreation District**.

SNOW! Have you had enough? If we still have some, please remember: property owners are required to clear sidewalks adjoining their property once it stops snowing. Thanks to our City Crew: Kirk, George, and Gary for all of the work they have done to keep streets open. Also thanks to your neighbors helping out like Eddie Ingram, Gene Barnett, Wayne Van Dolah, Gareld Iverson and others for clearing snow around town as well. We are working to create a more formal snow removal plan for Maupin to have in place for future snow events.

FROM STAN SUENAGA, City of Maupin Nuisance Abatement Officer:

February’s reminder is to those residents with recreational vehicles parked or stored on their property or on city streets. Maupin City Ordinance 1.070 Section A.19 prohibits maintaining an occupied travel trailer, motor home, camper, or vehicle or trailer modified for sleeping for more than 14 days in any consecutive six-month period.

Also, several piles of dog waste have surfaced on the side walk on Deschutes Avenue; many of these piles are in front of frequented businesses. The same is true in Kaiser park. Please pick up after your dog when in town and especially on the main street sidewalks. Waste bags are available in the park.

Thank you,
Stan

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