



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
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WE MADE IT! We have moved into the new Civic Center. The Southern Wasco County Library and Maupin City Hall are both “up and running” as of March 2. Everyone is learning how to best function in the new space. Come check out a book or movie! Take care of city business in the new facility. Several area groups, local clubs, and government entities have already reserved the meeting room for events. Reservations can be made through City Hall. A Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 at 3:00. Come enjoy some hors d'oeuvres and beverages to celebrate our community's achievement.

Maupin has a new **City Manager!** Kevin Lewis and his fiancé Cheryl Mojzer come to us from Ohio and other neighboring states. They have already experienced some Maupin hospitality, but please help them to feel at home. Kevin's professional leadership will be very welcome to our City personnel, Council, and citizens. Cheryl is still exploring options for employment in the area. The good news for Theresa and myself is that we should have a little more free time together for camping and chasing grandkids.

ART CONTEST! The City sponsored an art contest for a logo to help spread the word about our city-owned fiber network. This logo will appear everywhere in town where free WiFi is offered. The winning design was submitted by Karlton Hahn and will be unveiled next month.

Hazardous Waste and E-Cycle collection will take place on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Tri-County Hazardous waste will accept things like old paint, yard and garden chemicals, household cleaners, automotive fluids, old gas or kerosene, and pool and spa chemicals. Solvents, glue, propane bottles, batteries, fluorescent and CFL bulbs and ballasts, and thermostats, thermometers, and fire extinguishers are also accepted. The E-Cycle portion would be for items such as printers, computers, televisions, and other home electronics.

Maupin Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th from 9:00-3:00 in the parking lot across from Maupin City Park. Once again we will have a dumpster for Yard Debris (no plastic bags or lumber, please), Metal, and general junk too big for the garbage can (no wet garbage, please). Waste Connections once again will supply the dumpsters and a manned garbage truck to assist in the process. If you need yard debris bags, we will have them available at the new City Hall in the Civic Center. If you need someone to pick up your debris, please get on the signup sheet at City Hall.

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 **March 10th at 9:00 AM** in the High School Board Room.

Frank Kay and our Library Director, Bronte Dod 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.

SWC basketball teams were successful at the District Tournament in Madras February 21-22. The girls' team placed third and the boys' team placed second. The girls team made it to Round 1 of the State playoffs, losing to Country Christian in Molalla. The boys were victorious over Elgin in Round 1 and travelled to Joseph for Round 2. Congratulations to both teams on outstanding seasons!

The **Maupin WebWorks** team is looking at ways to make the best use of our fast Internet fiber. This will include helping businesses to improve, working to bring in new businesses, and showing our citizens how they can save money every month because of this new service. If you are still using something other than GorgeNet or LSNetworks for your Internet and phone, bring your current bill in to City Hall to learn how to save some money. The high speed also creates ways to save on your television bills.

Emergency Medical Services. For many years a dedicated group of local volunteers have provided all of us with ambulance services. They have seen us at our lowest point and helped save lives. The Southern Wasco County Ambulance Service is in need of some new volunteers. They primarily need EMTs, but first responders and drivers would help as well. They will cover the cost of all training. If you are interested in learning more please contact any of the members or contact City Hall for details.

The Town and Country Players and other interested citizens are still working to update the **Legion Hall**. Interior painting is up next. The biggest project so far will follow as we all work to gather funds to move the restrooms off of the stage.

Have you been to **our medical clinic** and met Dr. Cheryl LaPlante? It is great that we can have her very professional services available to us in South Wasco County! Make an appointment or just stop by and introduce yourself. Dr, LaPlante is a great addition to the White River Health District and our medical clinic.

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