



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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THANK YOU MAUPIN AND SOUTH WASCO COUNTY! Due to the efforts of many people over many years, we have been successful in receiving \$1.5 million from the Oregon State Legislature. The Fiber Project will receive \$500,000, which will complete the fiber-to-the-door project for every home and business in Maupin. Construction should resume by May with completion in the months following. Our new Civic Center with a new library, community meeting room, and city hall received \$1 million. We are going to several charitable organizations with requests for approximately \$600,000 more to complete the funding for the Southern Wasco County Library. **None of this would have been possible without the tremendous support of the community.**

SPECIAL THANKS We do owe special thanks to **State Senator Cliff Bentz** and **State Representative Daniel Bonham** for all of the effort they put into achieving this long-time goal. Without them backing us in Salem, it would never have happened. If you get a chance, thank them with an email, a letter, or in person. Both will be in Maupin for the Maupin Daze celebrations in May. If you have not signed our thank-you posters, please stop by City Hall to show your appreciation!

The **Southern Wasco County Library “Expanding Our Future” Building Campaign** We will be bringing a contractor on board by April 12 to assist and advise as our project gets closer to a ground-breaking and building effort. The company selected will work with the architects and engineers in crafting the best, most cost effective building we can get. Along with the state funding, **former Mayor Frank Kay delivered a \$200,000 anonymous donation from a long-time friend and fisherman** to help with the library funding. Give Frank a big THANK YOU the next time you see him. He is passionate about this project.

Are we ready for the spotlight? Because of the two (and hopefully 3, with the Clinic) dreams heading toward reality, we will be “in the spotlight” from several different directions. The State, the county, businesses, and many others will be taking a look at Maupin. Some magazines have already made contact to write stories. Are we ready for the spotlight? Think about what each of you can do to make Maupin shine when that light hits us. Volunteer! Clean up! Do whatever you can to make us all proud to call Maupin our home.

Spring Cleanup is coming in April. Hazardous Waste and E-Waste will be collected **Saturday, April 14th. Saturday, April 21st** we will have dumpsters available for yard debris and garbage items. You can get garbage bags and yard debris bags at City Hall. We are working with Emerald Systems on setting up for recycle of glass, Styrofoam, and other materials. SEE THE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR DETAILS.

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 By next week, the preliminary street work will be complete. Once the weather warms enough, probably between late April or early May, those streets will be paved. If there is anyone who needs paving work done on their own property while the equipment is 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. A Master Plan for all parks in Maupin was also begun. An application has been submitted to Oregon Parks and Recreation for a grant of \$215,000 to complete the project. The 20% match by the city and community will include in-kind work by our public works staff and volunteers as well as the value of the property. Huge thanks to Councilor Randy Bechtol and Carrie Pipinich of MCEDD for the time and effort they have put into this project along with our architect, Mark Seder.

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

Legion Hall The Town & Country Players are hosting a fund-raising event on April 7th with Bingo and dinner at the Legion Hall. Come enjoy a fun fundraising event. FLYER ENCLOSED

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 River Boardwalk to provide safe access from the downriver access road to the upriver access road along Bakeoven Road and Highway 197. ODOT has applied for a grant for Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds. Matching funds will come from ODOT as it will be primarily within their highway right-of-way.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES The City of Maupin has two openings. The first is for a 6-month temporary Utility Worker in our Public Works Department. With so many projects going on, we must have another hard-working employee to help. The second position is for summer help at Maupin City Park. Details about both positions are on the city website at <http://cityofmaupin.org/job-opportunities/>

Don't forget the annual **Redsides Powwow** on Wednesday, April 18. It begins at 5:00 with dinner at the Maupin Grade School Gym. Then it moves to the South Wasco County High School for games and dancing at 6:30.

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