



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

April 2019

In mid-March, we joined with the Chamber and LSNetworks to send out a press release regarding our **Fiber Project**. It went out nationwide and has been generating requests for additional information. I do know that articles have appeared and will continue in various newspapers and magazines in Oregon and elsewhere. OPB is also planning a visit to do a story. Should know more about that next month.

Surprisingly, some homes and businesses are not **getting connected**. Because of that LS Networks contacted me to say they will offer a 6 month, no contract special, of \$25 per month so people can try it out. 971-271-6916 or <https://www.lsnetworks.net/contact> To quote Byron Cantrall, CEO of LSN, "I wanted to be sure to communicate with you that we are absolutely committed to the people of Maupin and your businesses." If you are having any issues with getting connected and need assistance, feel free to contact City Hall as well.

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.

A Civic Center 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. 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. Thank you to the **Color and Materials Sub-Committee** for doing a great job selecting paint and finish colors, casework and cabinet designs, carpeting, siding, and other colors and materials for the new building. Your thoughtful input was invaluable in accomplishing this task.

In conjunction with the building of the Civic Center, **7 Peaks Paving** will be finishing the alley and the parking lot later this Spring. They will also be doing some ODOT work in the area. They are very interested in taking on any home or business driveways or parking areas while they are in the area. Contact Eric at 541-550-5989 or by email at ericf@7peakspaving.com

The City is in the final steps of completing a **building loan** with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). The initial loan will make funds available for construction as needed prior to the receipt of grants and the sale of some City properties. The loan will be for one year at a 3% interest rate. This loan was what enabled us to start construction before all funds were in place and so be able to complete the building before more significant increases in construction costs.

It is almost **CLEANUP TIME!** As we do every April, we will host two cleanup efforts. For the first time, **both will occur on the same day**. The **Hazardous Waste Cleanup** 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. The big **Spring Cleanup** where you will be able to take yard debris, metal scrap, and general garbage will take place across Bakeoven Road from the City Park on the same day (**April 13**). We have yard debris bags available at City Hall. A detailed flyer is included with this mailing and posted around town.

We had some great community meetings in March. On March 13, the **Deschutes River Alliance** presented information related to the degradation of water quality in the Deschutes River and the impact on fish, insects, and other wildlife in the river. More information is available from their website at <https://deschutesriveralliance.org/> DRA also provided some insect identification training aimed at fly fisherman at the Legion Hall on March 23.

We also had a Town Hall for the presentation of the **Economic Opportunities Analysis** (EOA) interim findings. This was followed by a participatory exercise in looking at what are the opportunities and the obstructions for anyone wishing to do business in Maupin. It was a dynamic group with many great ideas and insights. The information gathered at this event will be used by ECONorthwest to assist in their final analysis report due in June. This study was funded by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). The information will help guide us in developing a strategic plan for Economic Development and possible changes to zoning in Maupin's future. Combined with some other information we are gathering about infrastructure, tourism, and many other areas, we will be holding a series of public meetings and town halls next fall to provide citizens with an opportunity to contribute to a plan for Maupin going forward for the next 5, 10, and 20 years. Some of you may remember the similar effort we made in 2004. Out of that 2004 plan, we have beautified the main street, are building a library and civic center, have created a fiber network, have added a skate park and playground equipment to Mt. Fir Park, and completed several other projects and activities. **What should be next on our citizen-created collective agenda?**

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**. The Job Opening is posted on our City website and on many others. 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 citizens. Initial interviews will take place April 26 & 27.

South Wasco Alliance sponsored a great local Business Expo on Saturday, March 30 at Nature's Point in Tygh Valley. It attracted a large crowd in a beautiful venue and included some great south county businesses. It was also a great time to network with many south county residents and others with an interest in the area.

Wasco County Commissioners will hold a Town Hall at 5:30, one hour prior to our regular Council Meeting on April 24 at the City Park. They want to hear from you.

FROM STAN SUENAGA, City of Maupin Nuisance Abatement Officer:

One of my goals as the City Nuisance Abatement Officer is to provide residents and visitors with pertinent information regarding Maupin City Ordinances. The following reminder is aimed at abandoned vehicles, which can be problematic.

Maupin City Ordinance 1.070 Section A.10 prohibits maintaining any abandoned vehicle upon private or public property, or within public road right-of-ways adjacent to that property. A vehicle being restored and covered with an approved vehicle cover may be exempt.

Maupin City Ordinance defines an abandoned vehicle as any vehicle which reasonably appears to be inoperative, wrecked, discarded, displays expired vehicle registration plates, has no vehicle registration plates displayed, or is totally or partially dismantled. The following are indicators that a vehicle might be inoperative: flat tire(s), missing wheel(s), or shattered windshield.

*As always, if you have questions or concerns please contact me through City Hall.
Thank you,
Stan*

<p><u>Phone Numbers & Email Addresses</u></p> <p>Mayor Lynn Ewing Office: 541-395-2811 Cell: 541-993-5956 City Hall 541-395-2698 maupinmayor@gmail.com Visit our City of Maupin Website @ www.citvofmaupin.org</p>	<p><u>Meeting Schedules</u></p> <p>Planning Commission @ City Park Community Building 6:00 pm</p> <p>Council Work Session @ City Park Community Building 6:30 pm</p> <p>Council Meeting @ City Park Community Building 6:30 pm</p>	<p>TBD</p> <p>4/15/19</p> <p>4/24/19</p>	<p><i>We are a safe, progressive community that cares for all our citizens and visitors while protecting our natural resources and maintaining our rural heritage."</i></p>
	<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2) Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p> <p>Executive Sessions ORS192.640</p>		