



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

April 1, 2020

The City and all of you have experienced some unsettling changes over the last few weeks. It does not matter if you think the government reacted too slowly or if you believe they went overboard. We are all living in the same situation and we will adapt. As **information** becomes available, it is being posted on the **City's Facebook page**. If you have Facebook, please pass the information on to your friends who do not. If you do not have Facebook, you may want to set up an account and "Like" the City of Maupin to keep up. <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Maupin-Oregon-135772286912061>

While it is difficult to close facilities and chase away the tourists we depend on for our economy, we are all doing our part to get past this pandemic. It has been very heartening to see businesses providing free meals to students, people creating new ways to serve the community, and individuals helping their neighbors. The **most important thing to remember in uncertain times is to help each other**.

Cancellations & Closures:

The Southern Wasco County Library and Maupin City Hall were both "up and running" as of March 2. Both are still staffed, but the doors are locked. You can make contact by phone or email. City Hall: 541-395-2698 cityhall@cityofmaupin.org Library: 541-395-2208 southernwascolibrary@gmail.com The Library staff can select books or movies for you, check them out in your name, and arrange to set them out for you to pick up. We are also placing additional "Little Free Libraries" around the area where you can pick up free books.

A **Grand Opening Celebration** was scheduled for Sunday, April 19 but **has been postponed**. As soon as we get an "all clear" from State, County, and other entities, we will begin planning future events. Many area groups, local clubs, and government entities have already used the meeting room and many more have reserved it for future events. Reservations can be made through City Hall.

Maupin's Annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th from 9:00-3:00 in the parking lot across from Maupin City Park. A **final decision** on whether to postpone this event will be made by **April 13** in consultation with Waste Connections and health and governmental contacts

Hazardous Waste and **E-Cycle** scheduled for Saturday, April 4 has been postponed. Tri-County Hazardous Waste has agreed to seek a future date as soon as we are able.

The annual **REDSIDES POWWOW** has been cancelled for this year. It was scheduled for April 16. We will have to wait until next year.

Any **City Meetings** (Council or Planning Commission) that take place during this time will be held online using Zoom software (<https://zoom.us/>). Please call City Hall if you need help with this. This can also be used for free as a way to communicate with friends and family as a group.

All State and Local **campgrounds** are closed, but BLM and USFS sites have not caught up yet. Sites along the Deschutes are set to close April 1. The Access Roads will not be closed. Boater passes will not be available to use in April, but you may purchase them now for later dates. Boat ramps and put-ins may be closed. We still have no word on other Federal sites in the area such as the Forest Service, but they are expected to close as well..

OTHER NEWS: If you must go to **our medical clinic**, please call first. Whenever possible they will be conducting appointments via Tele-health methods. This usually involves using Skype or something similar from a computer or phone. It is great that we can have the very professional services of Dr. Cheryl LaPlante available to us in South Wasco County!

The **U.S. Census** is still underway. You can complete it from home (Takes only a few minutes) and make sure you are counted. The Census will be used for 10 years to determine House & Senate District boundaries and the information is needed for many grants for local projects. <https://2020census.gov/>

Although it is not a City project, the DRAC will provide some economic benefit and an all-weather walking/running surface to the community. 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. The **Oregon National Guard Army Corps of Engineers has moved their involvement from April to August** as they are busy with other tasks at this time.

The **Kids Klostet** has left the **Legion Hall**. As they were no longer associated with the Legion Auxiliary, the City had to require that they become associated with some other non-profit entity in order to continue. After 6 months, they were unable to do so. They have emptied the space. We will work to determine how to put that space to best use.

If you are still using something other than GorgeNet or LSNetworks for your Internet and phone, you would probably save some money by switching. The bandwidth also creates ways to save on your television bills. During the COVID-19 shutdown, **GorgeNet is doing free installs**. The **Maupin WebWorks** team is still 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.

GorgeNet <http://www.gorge.net/maupin/> 888-508-2363

LS Networks <https://www.lsnetworks.net/> 971.361.9765

We have a tentative offer for **the old Maupin City Hall and Library**. Urban Patterns wants to create a 21st Century office and entrepreneurial workspace to take advantage of our highspeed broadband accessibility. An alternative to working at home or renting an expensive office space, co-working and shared office spaces are becoming much more common. U.P. has developed several in Portland and would like to expand to Maupin.

<https://hbr.org/2015/05/why-people-thrive-in-coworking-spaces>

PLANT A VICTORY GARDEN! A movement is in the works for people to plant a Victory Garden just as families did during World War II. Grow your own vegetables! Check with the OSU Extension Service <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening> and knowledgeable neighbors to learn what to plant and when. A great family activity, fresh food for your table, and a feeling of accomplishment are all benefits of this project.

FOR SMALL BUSINESSES The Federal Government has passed a financial package. For our small businesses, there is quite a bit of help including forgivable loans to those who keep employees on the job and a new form of “unemployment” for individuals who own their own business and are self-employed. Local agencies are scrambling to gather all of the information you may need to benefit from the Federal CARES Act and other funding sources. Start at MCEDD: <https://www.mcedd.org/ready/> We also have a new Director at the Small Business Development Center at CGCC: Gregory Price, 541-506-6120, gprice@cgcc.edu Website: <https://bizcenter.org/centers/columbia-gorge-sbdc/connect-with-us/> Another statewide resource for our restaurants and motels: Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association <https://www.oregonrla.org/> Much of their information would apply to any small business. Finally, Michael Held is our local contact for Business Oregon Michael.Held@oregon.gov

I am sure you are all aware that we have a fantastic new City Manager, Kevin Lewis. If you have not yet met him, you may have to wait a while since we are all practicing the social distancing recommended by medical experts. He is available by phone at City Hall or by email maupincitymanager@gmail.com

If you would like a digital copy of the newsletter, please email any of us at City Hall. It will make it easier to use all of those links!

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