



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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Maupin is really Moving Forward with many plans and projects. On April 30, we received a check from the State of Oregon for \$1,500,000 to help us keep moving. Many thanks to the State Legislature and especially to Rep. Bonham and Sen. Bentz in securing these funds! If there is anyone still wanting to sign our Thank-You Posters to Rep. Bonham and Sen. Bentz, please stop by City Hall.

We have selected Griffin Construction as our Construction Manager / General Contractor for **the Civic Center Project**. They will be working with our Architectural and Engineering team to complete details of the design. Samuel Griffin was in Maupin on April 26th to get started working with the pre-construction team on the building design/build cost and other factors. A September groundbreaking is in the planning stages. The Library Steering Committee is working to get information to several charitable foundations to complete the library funding in anticipation of this project.

Q-Life awarded the bid on the **Maupin Fiber Project** April 14. We are going to meet with the contractor on Thursday, May 3 to go over work schedule and other planning. They should have all of the construction contracts signed in early May and construction should resume shortly after. We will ask them to do East Maupin first, then downtown, then the clinic and Assisted Living. After that they will do the rest of town. It is scheduled to be complete by mid-July. As each segment is completed, businesses and residents will be able to connect through either GorgeNet or LS Networks and immediately begin taking advantage of the high-speed connection.

Wasco County Economic Development Department will be conducting a meeting in Maupin regarding the establishment of an **Enterprise Zone**. I had a preliminary meeting with them and an agreement document should be ready for our regular May meeting. This would include all appropriately zoned Industrial and Commercial properties in Maupin and all surrounding communities. The meeting will be held at the Maupin City Park Community Building on May 4 at 1:30 PM. Please come to learn more about this tool for economic development. An Enterprise Zone provides tax incentives for new development.

State Representative Daniel Bonham will be in Maupin for a Town Hall Meeting on May 10th at the Legion Hall at 7:00 PM. It also gives you an opportunity to tell him thank you for supporting our funding request for the Library, Civic Center, and Fiber Projects.

Maupin Daze is coming soon. Saturday, May 19th is the day. Many activities are planned and details are posted on the Maupin Chamber site. The parade starts at 10:00. Both Rep. Bonham and our State Senator Cliff Bentz plan to be here for the parade.

Spring cleanup:

April 14th was cleanup for hazardous waste and it was again quite successful. Tri-County Hazardous Waste collected old paint, fluorescent light bulbs, medications, electronics, and much more. This keeps it out of the landfill and ensures proper disposal.

April 21st was our Cleanup Day for yard debris, garbage, metal, and other materials for recycle. The Dalles Disposal (Waste Connections) generously provided the dumpsters. The city provided compostable yard debris bags. The Community Church Youth Group once again provided debris pick-up service all

around the community. It was also a successful event and you can see Maupin getting spruced up for the coming tourism season.

As a wise local resident said several months ago, **“Like it or not, we are all in the Tourism Business.”** Thank you to all who have been making efforts to spruce up. MCEDD is advertising for a Nuisance Abatement / Code Enforcement Officer to serve both Maupin and Dufur. If you are looking for a part-time income supplement and can work well with people, this may be for you. It should be posted on our website in early May. This should help the City and local residents by providing a way to identify and mitigate a few issues in the community.

ODOT is moving forward with the **Donkey Trail and Riverwalk** projects. We will be hosting some meetings in May devoted to the Donkey Trail. A site visit and stakeholder interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, May 15. Interested stakeholders can meet the team from Alta Design and Planning in the meeting room at the high school that day. Please contact City Hall if you would like to be involved. A Community Outreach meeting will be scheduled for early June to go over details gleaned during the May meetings and to gather more input from citizens. Watch our Facebook page and postings in the usual places for more information.

The **Street Project** on about 5 blocks, Phase 1 – infrastructure replacement - is complete. Paving should occur in early May.

We have hired Gary Burnett to fill the opening for a Temporary Utility Worker in Public Works. Gary will start work on May 1. He brings a great skillset to the job and will provide a much-needed manpower boost to our team.

Work has begun on the **Legion Hall**. The building structure received a clean bill-of-health from two engineers. Weather-damaged siding along 5th Street is being replaced in anticipation of painting this summer. Planning is under way to install new doors and another couple of windows. Some other weatherization and maintenance projects will also be taking place in the coming months.

If you would like to see the **Mt. Fir Park Play Structure** in place before summer, please contact Jim Burgett or Alex Udey to volunteer some time. Some painting and cleanup needs to take place before it can be erected.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! Election Day is Tuesday, May 15. If you are a procrastinator, you can drop it off at City Hall anytime right up until 8:00 PM on that day.

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