



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

May 2019

The City Council interviewed seven **City Manager candidates** on April 26 & 27. We will be making the hiring announcement before the end of the month, after completing background and reference checks.

The **Bloom 'n Beef** is a celebration of the rich history of farming and ranching in Wasco County. Come on Saturday May 4th for the 3rd Annual Bloom n Beef Dinner & Auction as we celebrate Farming and Ranching in Wasco County and raise funds for education in SWC! Tickets & more information are available online at www.swcpto.org This benefit dinner provides music for kids K through 12, field trips, classroom supplies and materials, gifts for all staff appreciation days, supplies for the end-of-the-year celebration AND this year the funds also help purchase T-shirts for ALL students AND staff in South Wasco County.

The Deschutes Rim Clinic will hold a public meeting to discuss the plans for the new building. It will take place at the Legion Hall at 6:30 on Friday, May 17th. Come learn about this exciting project.

On your May ballot there will be one item that can benefit the entire community of South Wasco County. It is the tax that covers the operating funds for the **Canyon Rim Clinic** in Maupin. We have all been paying this small tax ever since the White River Health District was formed. These funds help keep the doors open. It is important for all of us that this facility remains viable. Please vote YES on this important measure to keep our clinic open.

MAUPIN DAZE is almost here! Be sure to plan on participating in the many events scheduled for Saturday, May 18. See the Chamber website for more details. <https://maupinoregon.com/pec-events/maupin-daze-on-the-deschutes/>

Windows, siding, and roofing will all be completed shortly on the Civic Center. We plan to have the **Civic Center** open for tours during Maupin Daze. That will be your chance to get a preview of what it will be by next fall. Tours will be conducted from 11:00 to Noon. On April 6, we held a Southern Wasco County Library **fund raiser** in the building. Starting with a \$20,000 "Remembering Max" fund from the Carvers and \$8,000 from our contractor, Griffin Construction. The final tally for the event was over \$54,000. There will also be a Book Sale during Maupin Daze held at the current library to raise funds for the new one.

The City has completed 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. After one year, any unpaid balance will be rolled into a mortgage.

I know some were dismayed at the **tree removal in Kaiser Park**. Many others have been elated at the result. For those that were surprised, this is from the September, 2018 newsletter: "We have plans to improve Kaiser park, but chief among the plans is to keep it as green as possible. We had an arborist check all of the trees. We need to do some selective pruning on the two biggest ones to keep them healthy. He recommended replacing the evergreen and removing some or all of the trees on the west end of the park. The trees on the west end are too close together for healthy growth."

Surprisingly, some homes and businesses are not **getting connected to fiber**. If you are having any issues with getting connected and need assistance, feel free to contact City Hall as well. Most, if not all, connections should already be complete.

In conjunction with the building of the Civic Center, **7 Peaks Paving** will be finishing the alley and the parking lot later this month. 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

Mosquito spraying for the summer has begun. Weather permitting, Wasco County will be spraying to prevent mosquitoes, focusing especially on large grassy areas such as the football field and Mt. Fir Park.

You have probably seen the ODOT signs that say there will be construction delays from April 22 to May 22. Most of the work will take place heading South from Maupin on 197 from The Oasis Campground up to the curve. This should be done by May 20th. May 28th-29th ODOT plans to be chip sealing Highway 197 from the bridge all the way through Maupin. This is weather dependent. It will require some detours and flaggers as well as limiting parking.

CLEANUP TIME was again a great success! Having both the **Hazardous Waste Cleanup** in front of SWCHS on 4th Street and the big **Spring Cleanup** for yard debris, metal scrap, and general garbage across Bakeoven Road from the City Park on the same day seemed to work well. We collected over 4 tons of yard debris and nearly 10 tons of trash. We still have yard debris bags available at City Hall. We will have a yard debris and junk cleanup again in the fall. Tri-County Hazardous Waste is considering adding refrigerators and other appliances with Freon to next Spring's collection day.

The **Wasco County Commissioners** will hold a Town Hall meeting at 5:30, one hour prior to our regular Council Meeting on May 22 at the City Park. I mistakenly placed it prior to the April meeting. My apologies to any who came and found no meeting.

Need **CPR/First Aid**? Tiffany Rager will be holding 3 classes before the summer season begins. Classes will be held at the SWC Ambulance Building.

- Thursday, May 16th, 5pm-9pm
- Sunday, May 19th, 9am-1pm and
- Saturday, June 15th, 5pm-9pm (time can be adjusted on this day).

\$45 dollars per person. Please either call 541-231-0636 or email tiffraeger@gmail.com if interested in a class.

In addition to the meetings listed below, the Budget Committee will also be meeting this month with times and dates to be announced.

FROM STAN SUENAGA, City of Maupin Nuisance Abatement Officer:

City of Maupin Noise Ordinance 280 was established to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, welfare, peace, and quiet of the citizens of the City of Maupin. With the weather changing our activities move outside and one issue that has surfaced is the constant barking dog(s). The essence of a considerate neighbor includes being mindful of our pets and the potential disturbance they may cause. If you have a disruptive neighborhood pet and the issue has not been resolved by speaking to the owner, complaint forms are available at City Hall.

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.cityofmaupin.org</p>	<p><u>Meeting Schedules</u></p> <p>Planning Commission @ City Park Community Building 6:00 pm 5/14/19</p> <p>County Commissioners Town Hall @ City Park Community Building 5:30 pm 5/22/19</p> <p>Council Meeting @ City Park Community Building 6:30 pm 5/22/19</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>		