



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

June 2018

Summer is here! The tourists are arriving. We see more boaters, fishermen, cyclists, and others every week. It is great to see the efforts many people around Maupin are making to clean up and put our best foot forward. The Garden Club brought in some beautiful hanging baskets once again and our Public Works crew got them up in time for Mother's Day. We will be ready to have our time in the spotlight as we work toward completing several projects.

Griffin Construction, our Construction Manager / General Contractor, for **the Civic Center Project** has been working closely with our architect and engineers to finalize plans for the new library, meeting room, and City Hall. 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. Our City Public Works crew has been putting all available time into preparing the lot behind Kaiser Park.

Q-Life awarded the bid on the **Maupin Fiber Project** to Van Dorn Enterprises. They are working with Q-Life and Wasco Electric to finalize some details on pole connections. They are expected to start splicing at the POP building within a week or so. 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.

Recycling has been a difficult topic in the past year. Our co-mingled recycling has been going directly to the landfill since China changed what they will accept. This is happening all over Oregon. Like some other cities and counties, we will be suspending all co-mingled recycling beginning July 1, 2018. You will pay only half of what you previously paid for recycling each month to continue to cover corrugated cardboard recycling. If you wish to continue to recycle other materials, you can contact Julie at Emerald Systems in Tygh Valley. Her number there is 541-645-5191. Emerald Systems takes pre-sorted recyclables.

A big thank you to Jon Helquist for taking on the job of getting the **American flags** setup for Armed Forces Day, Maupin Daze, and Memorial Weekend. We are in need of a small group (4 people) to take this on for flag holidays. It takes about 20-30 minutes each time. The next flag display days are Flag Day on June 14 and Fathers' Day on June 17. Let City Hall know if you would like to be a part of this opportunity to honor our flag and country.

Wasco County Economic Development Department will be conducting a meeting in Maupin on June 7 from 9:30 to Noon at the Legion Hall. This is their regular monthly meeting, which is held in different communities each month.

OPRD has us scheduled to make a PowerPoint presentation on Tuesday morning, June 19. We have to demonstrate as many "recreational" uses as possible to enhance our chances for funding **Kaiser Park** Improvements. If you have any photos of any recreational activities in Kaiser Park, please pass them on to City Hall by June 10.

There is also a **Wasco County Planning** Town Hall scheduled at the Legion Hall on Thursday, June 7 at 5:30 PM. Come see what is happening throughout the County and how it applies to your community.

On June 27th, 5:00 to 6:00 pm, the **Wasco County Board of Commissioners** will hold a Town Hall at the City Park to answer any questions and hear ideas and plans of community projects in the County.

ODOT is moving forward with the **Donkey Trail and Riverwalk** projects. A site visit and stakeholder interviews were conducted on Tuesday, May 15. An Outreach and Education Workshop will be conducted Tuesday, June 19, 6:00pm-7:30pm @ South Wasco County HS Cafeteria. This will include specific information about the Donkey Trail as well as other suggestions for the City and School to improve student safety.

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 is posted on our website and the websites for Dufur and MCEDD. This should help the City and local residents by providing a way to identify and mitigate a few issues in the community. It is set to close June 15.

Current Burning Regulations Ed Ingram has already discovered and put out some burns that were not fully out or not contained. Back yard burning is still permitted, but the following cautions are in place:

- No burning on windy days.
- All fires, even in a burn barrel must be out by 11:00 AM.
- Be sure your fire is completely out before walking away – if you are not willing to put your hand in it, keep soaking it down.
- While burning, a person must tend the fire and have water and tools available.
- Fire ban generally begins July 1 but may occur sooner if conditions warrant by order of the Fire Chief.
- You must have a burning permit, available at City Hall.

Weed Abatement: If you have weeds that create a fire hazard (within 30 ft of any structure) or unsightly or invasive weeds, they must be removed immediately. If weeds are not removed in a timely manner, the city will have them removed at a cost to the property owner of \$50 per hour / per man. Contact City Hall for more details.

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>		