



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

August 2018

Current Burning Regulations Fire season is here. NO BACKYARD BURNING of any kind is allowed until sometime in the Fall. **PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** on separate sheet.

Fire season has been extreme in our county this year. The **Boxcar Fire** started off the summer by destroying tens of thousands of acres of cattle forage and many miles of fences and was the largest fire in recent history. Then came the **Substation Fire**, destroying wheat crops, homes, buildings, a portion of the river canyon and claiming a life. As I write this, the **Long Hollow Fire**, which started Southeast of Dufur, was again threatening the river canyon as well as wiping out more crops, pastures, and fences. Please stay safe and be careful with any flame.

On Monday, July 30, I attended an **After-Fire Briefing** in The Dalles. There were a multitude of agencies there - state, federal, and local. Most was focused on losses in the agricultural community, as it should be. My primary focus was looking into any ideas to help local businesses who lost customers and revenue due to the ongoing fires. With most campsites in Segment 4 (Mac's Canyon to the Mouth) destroyed and additional impacts in Segment 3 (Sherar's to Mac's), the fires promise to have a large impact on our raft rental businesses and fishing guides. Losses there also can lead to losses in other service businesses such as motels, restaurants, and stores. Travel Oregon, Central Oregon Visitors' Association, and the Columbia Gorge Visitors' Association will all be assisting our Chamber with promoting the businesses and making sure people know they can still come out for rafting and fishing.

Be sure to mark September 8 on your calendar as the groundbreaking ceremony for the **Civic Center**, including a new **Southern Wasco County Library** and a **Community Meeting Room**. We are working closely with Griffin Construction, Seder Architecture, Anderson-Perry Engineering, and many others to finalize the details of all plans in preparation for that event. We will be having a final planning meeting in early August to get a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) from our contractor.

We are working to have the Chamberlain house gone and the property ready before the groundbreaking ceremony. We also have some work to do on the alley above Kaiser Park, primarily to provide upgraded water and sewer to the new facility as well as to others that use those same lines. We will be meeting with our contractor, Griffin Construction, on Monday, August 13 to establish a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the building.

Q-Life awarded the bid on the **Maupin Fiber Project** to Van Dorn Enterprises back in early June. I have been working with Q-Life, Wasco Electric, LS Networks, and GorgeNet to finalize some details on pole connections and drops to each home and business. VanDorn has already started splicing at the POP building. On Thursday, July 26, Q-Life and Maupin gave VanDorn the go-ahead to purchase supplies and materials for the project. At this time, Q-Life believes all final details will be resolved in the contracts with those other entities and the order to proceed with work will be issued in the first half of August. 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. It has been a long, bumpy road, but it looks like it will get done, finally.

ODOT is moving forward with the **Donkey Trail and Riverwalk** projects. We are working to apply for "Safe Routes to Schools" funding to get some of it started. ODOT has applied for some federal funding for other portions. Our City Engineer has also applied for more street repair funds in anticipation of another street improvement project in the coming year.

Recycling has been a difficult topic in the past year. Our co-mingled recycling dumpster has been removed and your recycling fee has been reduced. Tri-County Hazardous Waste is looking for alternatives, but at this point there are none that are sustainable or affordable. This is happening all over Oregon. You may continue to recycle corrugated cardboard at City Park. If you wish to continue to recycle other materials, you may take them to The Dalles Disposal. They are open Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

We have received a state grant to map our **city water system**. This is required to stay in compliance with DEQ. Anderson-Perry, the City engineering firm, will perform the work and create a complete digital map of all water lines in the system. In the future, as lines are updated, the map will be updated much more easily than our previous print versions.

We also received a state **Lands Inventory Grant** from DLCD to examine the zoning of all land within the city and growth boundary to determine if we need any zoning changes to provide what we need for the future. They will look at all of our current zoning and determine whether changes are needed.

Don't forget the **Wasco County Fair** taking place in Tygh Valley, August 23-26.

Feel free to stop by or call City Hall if you have questions or concerns. You can also swing by my house so we can take a break. Theresa and I have been working on a kitchen remodel project. Between that, chasing grandkids, and caring for our parents, I have not been at City Hall as much as previous months. 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)</p> <p>Executive Sessions ORS192.640</p> <p>Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>		