



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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We hired a new **Librarian** for the **Southern Wasco County Library** early in July. Bronte Dod has been a Library Assistant for us since last Fall and stepped in as temporary managing librarian a couple of months ago. Her enthusiasm and performance made her a unanimous choice for the position.

FIBER PROJECT The City of Maupin received a million-dollar high speed network for a local investment of less than \$20,000. We are now seen as an example for rural and frontier communities throughout Oregon and the nation. A small group met at the Chamber office last week to talk about our fiber and what it can do for us. We are looking at four basic areas: 1) Training for community members; 2) Training for local businesses; 3) Recruiting new community members who can work from home; and 4) Recruiting small companies who could take advantage of Maupin's new High-speed Internet. Please let us know if you have any great ideas related to these topics or if you are having issues getting connected to fiber, so we can get everyone connected that wants to be.

The Civic Center is over halfway completed and moving quickly to a total completion date in October 2019. Sheetrock is finished and painting is taking place, a lot of concrete work will be done this month, and the solar panels are being installed. The building changes daily. Wasco County Commissioner, Steve Kramer presented us with a \$50,000 check at our July Council Meeting. The Ford Family Foundation will be finalizing their decision on our \$250,000 request in the next week or two. We are working toward selecting appropriate furnishings to make the building functional. If you are interested in producing art for the new building, see the RFP on our website.

Interested individuals met regarding the proposed **school track facility** on August 1 at the high school. We looked at needed engineering, surveying, and fundraising possibilities as we move forward. The hope is to have preliminary work done so the Oregon National Guard Army Corps can hold a Spring training here to level the area. We will be looking for local fill material if you have a small mountain to give away.

The **City Council** and the **Planning Commission** held a joint meeting on Wednesday, July 17. There were three basic topics being discussed: 1) The final version of the **Economic Opportunities Analysis** which included suggestions for some changes in zoning and the Urban Growth Boundary to ensure space for future growth in our community; 2) The possibility of allowing some short term **vacation rentals** in non-Residential areas of the City; and 3) "**Cleanup**" **zoning** to make the maps and reality align. An example would be to zone City Park as Recreation Commercial instead of the current combination of Residential, Industrial, and Open Space. The Planning Commission will be very busy in the coming months.

We are sending out a **Request for Proposals (RFP)** for the **City Hall and Library properties**. This will give investors a chance to propose what they feel would be the best use of those properties and give the City the chance to have some input into the development. One suggestion is to allow a building or buildings with retail on the Deschutes Avenue lower level to also have second floor apartments for rent. This makes construction loans more affordable for the builder and also helps alleviate our housing shortage. If you or someone you know is interested, see the City website or call City Hall.

Wasco County Fair and everything that goes along with that will be August 22-25 in Tygh Valley.

National Night Out is coming up on Tuesday, August 6th. Join your neighbors at Kaiser Park. Law Enforcement, Firefighters, and Ambulance will all be available to visit as well.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT I was thinking about some of the nuisance complaints and ordinance violations that come into City Hall. I realized that most, if not all, would never happen if people would just be considerate of their neighbors. Think about the impact you have on people around you. Maybe getting rid of or covering up that old, junk car would help. At least stop taking up parking spaces that could be used by others. Training your dog not to bark at all hours would be a good step. Violations of building and zoning ordinances detract from and lower the values of neighboring property. That RV that is being lived in actually does impact neighbors. If you need assistance, we may be able to help.

Since our current **Nuisance Abatement Officer**, Stan Suenaga, has been hired as our City Manager, we are looking for a new NAO. See the city website for details and an application.

If you are in downtown Maupin, stop in and see the new **Rivergate Gallery** located in the Chamber/Real Estate office on Deschutes Avenue next to the Fly Shop. They have fantastic local art on display and for sale: paintings, prints, notecards, jewelry, handspun yarn, and garden art. They are open Friday – Sunday from now through October from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Come in to browse, visit with the local artists, and pick up that special piece for yourself or as a one-of-a-kind gift.

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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>		