



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing  
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Be sure to mark September 8 on your calendar as the groundbreaking ceremony for the **Civic Center**, including a new **Southern Wasco County Library, City Hall**, 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. The current plan is to actually begin construction in the week following the ceremony. Big changes are coming!

With the Civic Center Groundbreaking and the attention on Maupin with that project and the Fiber Project, it would be great to “put our best foot forward” and do some **cleanup around town**. Complaints come in to City Hall about collections of junk, abandoned or unlicensed vehicles, people “camping” on city streets, and other issues. These detract from our beautiful little city and impact our neighbors. Please do your part to clean up on and around your property. If you need assistance, please contact City Hall. The whole town cleanup day will be in late October and give you a place to take what you need to get rid of, but please start early.

Q-Life awarded the bid on the **Maupin Fiber Project** to Van Dorn Enterprises. Q-Life, Wasco Electric, LS Networks, and GorgeNet have all worked together to agree on how to proceed. Van Dorn will be installing fiber as soon as materials arrive. 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 will get done, finally. Currently Van Dorn plans to start as soon as back-ordered materials arrive, probably by September 24. They will start with underground work and then proceed with overhead. By December, we will all be enjoying the new high-speed access!

Our Public Works personnel are working with our engineers on multiple projects as well as taking care of the City’s infrastructure on a daily basis. Projects currently under way or about to be include mapping the water system, performing an inventory of available lands by zone, fencing the springs, and various water and sewer repairs around the City. Our next street project is in the planning stage.

The **Rumor Mill** has always had a life in Maupin, and there has been no shortage of rumors lately. One persistent rumor is “The city is going to cut down all the trees in Kaiser Park and put a big fountain in the middle.” We have plans to improve that park, but chief among the plans is to keep it as green as possible. The only fountain planned for the park would be a drinking fountain on the southwest corner. 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 of the trees on the west end of the park. The trees on the west end are too close together for healthy growth. Removing half would allow the others to grow unimpeded.

Be sure to check [www.swasco.net](http://www.swasco.net) to find the volleyball and 6-man football schedule. Very fun to watch either one.

I have also heard misinformation about the Civic Center and Library as well as false stories about city employees and elected officials that are simply not true. Please confirm what you hear with someone who may actually know before passing on such information.

I hope you had a chance to attend the **Wasco County Fair** in Tygh Valley. The fair signals that summer will soon end, with the hope that we will be rid of smoke and fires in the area very soon. That also means school is starting and we need to be extra careful to watch for students going to and from the schools.

City elections will be held at the regular General Election in November. There are two candidates for Mayor, which is a 2-year term: Lynn Ewing and Sue Knapp. There are five candidates for 3 seats on the council, which is a 4-year term: Randy Bechtol, Kathie Richey, Susan Wright, Mike Foreaker, and Jim Holycross. I expect you will be hearing more from each of them in the coming months. Remember that lawn signs should not go up before September 6 and should come down before the official election day on November 6. Also, posting signs of any kind within the City, County, or State right-of-way is not allowed. Please do not attach to street sign posts, power poles, etc. Keep them on private property. I am sure we will have a fair, honest, and civil campaign season.

There are always a lot of things going on in and around Maupin. If you have access, please watch the Facebook and web pages of the City of Maupin, the Maupin Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Wasco County Library, and the South Wasco County School District to stay current on what may be coming up.

As with many of you in the same age group as my wife Theresa and myself, we have been spending a lot of time recently assisting our parents. Sadly, Theresa's Dad passed away in August. Thank you to all who have sent cards or expressed your sympathy in person. The people are what makes Maupin great.

Feel free to stop by or call City Hall if you have questions or concerns. I am back on my normal schedule at City Hall. My schedule is posted on the city website. The city staff and I are always glad to help out if we can.

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