



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing  
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**The Civic Center** is quickly nearing completion. Total completion is expected in late October, 2019. The building changes daily. We are awaiting news from just a few more foundations and sale of the old library to complete the final total funding of the \$1.8 million library and meeting space. We are working toward selecting appropriate furnishings to make the building functional. Some **local artists** have submitted proposals to produce artwork both inside and outside the building. Submissions are being accepted until the end of September. Information is on the City website.

A **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Furnishings Fundraiser** is in the planning stages and tentatively scheduled on December 7. Everyone will be welcome and you will get a chance to see the building prior to it being furnished and staffed. You will also get a chance to “buy” a piece of furniture for the building. A **Grand Opening** with everything in place is being planned for late March or early April.

**Final paving** of the alley and of the head-in parking area being created on Grant Avenue will take place in mid-October. If you have an area you would like to have paved at that time, please contact 7 Peaks Paving. Call Eric at 541-550-5989 or email [ericf@7peakspaving.com](mailto:ericf@7peakspaving.com)

We have extended the deadline for the **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. If you or someone you know is interested in these properties, see the City website or call City Hall.

Interested individuals will meet September 11th regarding the proposed **school track facility** at the high school. The group is looking at needed engineering, surveying, and fundraising possibilities as they 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.

**JOB OPENINGS:** Since our current **Nuisance Abatement Officer**, Stan Suenaga, has been hired as our City Manager, we are looking for a new NAO. Our long-time **Park Managers**, Howard & Janet, have decided this is their last season. If you or someone you know would be interested in either the NAO position or this park team position, please contact City Hall.

The **Maupin City Council** in conjunction with the SWC School District, the White River Health District, and the Chamber of Commerce is planning a **Community Visioning Session** to help determine the direction of the City over the next 5, 10, and 20 years. This will include infrastructure improvements (water, sewer, streets, etc), zoning changes, parking, parks, schools, and every other aspect of our community over which we have some control or impact. Watch for details as plans become fully developed.

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.

The City is working with Wasco County and Waste Connections to bring **Recycling** back to Maupin. Councilor Mike Foreaker has been working closely with commissioner Steve Kramer on some possible solutions. Wasco County is hoping for a county-wide or even a tri-county regional recycling program. As soon as we have a confirmed plan, we will let you all know.

The **Deschutes River Alliance** will be hosting an event in Kaiser Park on Saturday, September 28 from Noon to 4:00 PM. There will be **free food, beer, games, live music** and much more. Everyone is invited. Come support DRA and their efforts to save our river.

**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. Many other communities are watching Maupin to see how we use the fiber and to see how it might change our community. A small group has met at the Chamber office twice 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 call if you have any related ideas or if you are having issues getting connected to fiber. So far, about 60% of possible customers are connected through GorgeNet or LSN.

**Fall Cleanup** has been scheduled for Saturday, October 26. This should be timely for fall yard debris and general cleanup before the winter weather arrives. There is also a Hazardous Waste Collection Event scheduled for Tygh Valley from 10:00 – 2:00 on Saturday, September 21. Location to be announced.

Sonrise Christian Academy in The Dalles is closing. They had installed some **playground equipment** a little over a year ago. The City was able to get it at less than half price. It will be installed at the City Park down by the river after the busy season is over. We are confident that the many families who visit in the summer as well as our own local kids will enjoy this new facility. Express thanks to Councilor Randy Bechtol and our Public Works crew.

**Renewable Energy** in the form of Solar & Wind farms is coming to South Wasco County. A small solar farm is expected to be constructed north of the Oak Springs Fish Hatchery Road between September and January. Two much larger projects are expected to get approved and started in the coming year. The first will be the Bakeoven Solar project a few miles out of town along Bakeoven Road. The second will be even farther out Bakeoven toward Shaniko and is being called the Imperial Wind project. It is expected that each of these projects will provide significant economic development dollars to the County and to the City of Maupin. A lot of details are still being worked out with the state Energy Commission.

**DOGS** "A dog that repeatedly barks, whines, screeches, howls, or makes other sounds heard beyond its own property can be deemed a continuous annoyance if it does so for 10 minutes or in intermittent episodes lasting a minimum of 30 minutes" is in violation of state and local ordinances. A constantly barking dog is also not a happy dog. Sometimes a barking dog is a sign of animal neglect or related problems. In court cases, the state has required dog owners to choose between three options: 1) Give up the dog; 2) Require the owner to place a bark collar on the dog; or 3) Have the dog's voice box surgically removed. A better solution would be to take the time to train your pet to only bark at actual intruders onto your property. Dogs running loose outside of your property also violate ordinances. If the dog should bite or show aggressive behavior, it will be removed by Wasco County.

The **2020 Census** is coming next Spring. We will soon have more info regarding that undertaking. The Census is very important to each state, county, and region as those numbers are used to determine seats in the House of Representatives and for many grant opportunities.

To stay informed in case of weather, fire, or other emergencies in Wasco County, be sure to sign up for the Citizen Alert. You can find the link on the Wasco County home page or use this one: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612392#/login> The system can use phone calls, text messages, or emails to notify you when there is an emergency in our area.

<p><b>Phone Numbers &amp; Email Addresses</b></p> <p>Mayor Lynn Ewing Office: 541-395-2811 Cell: 541-993-5956 City Hall 541-395-2698 <a href="mailto:maupinmayor@gmail.com">maupinmayor@gmail.com</a> Visit our City of Maupin Website @ <a href="http://www.cityofmaupin.org">www.cityofmaupin.org</a></p>	<p><b>Meeting Schedules</b></p> <p><b>Planning Commission</b> @ City Park Community Building 6:00 pm 9/10/19</p> <p><b>Council Meeting</b> @ City Park Community Building 6:30 pm 9/25/19</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>
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