



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing  
June 1, 2020

Due to dry drought conditions, all **backyard burning is banned** for the season. This includes all burn barrels as well as open burning. This ban is County-wide. In recognition of the fact that the recent storm may have left you with a lot of tree debris and no way to dispose of it, the City will allow burnable **yard debris to be brought to the parking area across from City Park**. Public Works will remove the debris pile in a couple of weeks.

We are operating in Phase One of Oregon's Re-Opening Plan. We may be able to move to Phase Two as soon as June 6 if Wasco County applies to do so and meets all of the criteria. Exactly what will change in Phase Two is still under development by the State of Oregon. As **information** becomes available, it is being posted on the **City's Facebook page**. If you have Facebook, please pass the information on to your friends who do not. If you do not have Facebook, you may want to set up an account and "Like" the City of Maupin to keep up. <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Maupin-Oregon-135772286912061>

Any **City Meetings** (Council or Planning Commission) that take place during this time will be held online using Zoom software (<https://zoom.us/>). Please call City Hall if you need help with this. This can also be used for free as a way to communicate with friends and family as a group.

**Please comply with any requirements** spelled out by any open business such as staying 6 feet apart, wearing a mask (if asked), and limiting the number of people as well as your own time in the business. Businesses must follow State Guidelines or they will be closed, so do your part to keep them open. If you have any concerns about your own health, please call the business and ask for curbside or home delivery to avoid going out in public. You could even ask a trusted friend to pick up your mail to avoid going inside the post office. **City Hall** has a payment drop on the Grant Avenue side of the building. You can also come inside to the office window or make an appointment to meet with the City Manager, City Recorder, or Mayor. It can be used for City Utility, Wasco Electric, or Waste Connections payments if you want to save a stamp. The **Southern Wasco County Library** is also open, but you are asked to drop all books being returned into the book drop on the patio on the Kaiser Park side of the Civic Center. That way the books can be sanitized before being made available to the public.

We were able to open **Maupin City Park** May 15 to self-contained RVs only. Tent camping is also now being allowed. If you have not checked out the park recently, stop in and see what is being done. The grounds are looking great and the buildings are being freshly painted and spruced up.

The Chamber is planning on a modified version of the annual **High Desert Rally & Maupin Madness Poker Run**, a fundraiser for **Outdoor Adventures for Military Heroes**. The event will take place, primarily in Maupin's Kaiser Park and surrounding roads and byways. Even if you are not part of the event, it is a great day to see some awesome motorcycles parked around town. Live music and vendors will be at Kaiser Park and will provide hand sanitizer and encourage Social Distancing.

**Deschutes River Boater Passes** are once again available and all river access sites are open. Only camping at Harpham and White River are still closed at this time.

We are very happy to thank **Waste Connections** and **Rod Woodside** once again for our **Maupin Spring Cleanup** on Saturday, May 30. We provided Rod with multiple trailer loads of scrap metal. Two 30 yard dumpsters were filled with yard debris which will go to Dirt Huggers in Dallesport. A 30 yard dumpster and a compactor truck were filled with miscellaneous junk which will go to the County Landfill. This is all done with no cost to the City or to residents. We are the only community where it is provided twice a year.

We assisted with food box distribution from the **Columbia Gorge Food Bank** by providing the Community Building at the City Park for several weeks. The Food Bank now has a more permanent location on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street side of the building where the fly shop is located downtown. Watch the South Wasco Happenings page on Facebook for details.

The City has a position opening for City Recorder. DeOra Patton, who has held the position as long as most of us remember has decided to retire this summer. She has offered to assist a new person in getting up to speed on helping to run our city. The opening and details are posted on the city website. Contact City Manager Kevin Lewis if you have other questions. [maupincitymanager@gmail.com](mailto:maupincitymanager@gmail.com)

The City worked with the school and the parents of the graduating SWC **Class of 2020** to get banners put on the light poles downtown honoring each graduate. Feel free to contact the school to donate to this project. Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 6. A modified ceremony will conclude about 11:30 with a parade through town and on through the outlying communities to honor the graduates. **Congratulations to the Graduating Seniors** of SWCHS.

The **budget process** for the city will be completed this month. The first budget meeting was held May 21 and the Budget Committee accepted the budget with some small modifications and recommended adoption by the City Council. Council will vote on acceptance of the budget at the June Meeting. Part of the budget includes **rate increases for water and sewer**. A Public Hearing for those rate increases will be a part of the Council Meeting as well.

The **Planning Commission** has spent considerable time developing rules that would allow **Vacation Rentals** in homes currently located within a **commercial zone**. The City Council will now consider the proposal at our June Council Meeting. A Public Hearing will take place during the meeting.

The **U.S. Census** is still underway. You can complete it from home (Takes only a few minutes) and make sure you are counted. The Census will be used for 10 years to determine House & Senate District boundaries and the information is needed for many grants for local projects. <https://2020census.gov/>

If you are still using something other than GorgeNet or LSNetworks for your Internet and phone, you would probably save some money by switching. The bandwidth also creates ways to save on your television bills as well as provide a connection for tele-medicine sessions with your medical provider. During the COVID-19 shutdown, **GorgeNet is doing free installs**.

GorgeNet <http://www.gorge.net/maupin/> 888-508-2363  
 LS Networks <https://www.lsnetworks.net/> 971.361.9765

**FOR SMALL BUSINESSES** If you need financial assistance or help meeting the re-opening criteria, please contact some of these resources. Start at MCEDD: <https://www.mcedd.org/ready/> We also have a new Director at the Small Business Development Center at CGCC: Gregory Price, 541-506-6120, [gprice@cgcc.edu](mailto:gprice@cgcc.edu) Website: <https://bizcenter.org/centers/columbia-gorge-sbdc/connect-with-us/> Another statewide resource for our restaurants and motels: Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association <https://www.oregonrla.org/> Much of their information would apply to any small business. Finally, Michael Held is our local contact for Business Oregon [Michael.Held@oregon.gov](mailto:Michael.Held@oregon.gov)

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	Under shutdown conditions, meetings are being held using remote software (Zoom) that allows participation via phone or computer.	Public Meetings Law Sessions ORS192.640(2)	