



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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The City has a new **City Recorder!** Kristy Kurtz comes to us from Bend. She is quickly learning the intricacies of the job. DeOra Patton, who has held the position as long as most of us remember, has decided to retire this summer.

With the resignation of a Councilor, there is an **opening on City Council** for a term ending Dec. 31, 2020. Apply at City Hall. City Council meets once, and sometimes twice, each month. Great chance to try it out for a short time.

2020 Elections are coming as well! Every two years there are elections for a Mayor and three Councilors. The Mayor serves for 2 years and Councilors serve for 4 years. **NEW THIS YEAR:** You must go to City Hall to pick up a petition signature sheet and fill out some information **prior to collecting signatures.** Petitions, with 5 or more signatures, are due no later than August 18 at City Hall.

The City also has an opening on the **Planning Commission.** The PC meets once per month. Duties include acting on Conditional Use Permits, making recommendations to Council for Zone changes and amendments, recommending changes to any Ordinance related to Land Use, and providing initial approval of building or commercial use site plans and subdivision plat plans. Please contact City Hall to apply for a position on the Planning Commission.

The **Deschutes River Athletic Complex (DRAC)** project is underway with the arrival of the Oregon National Guard Army Corps of Engineers. They are encamped on school property and will be operating heavy construction equipment on school grounds. They will also be hauling fill material from the Warnock Ranch on Bakeoven Road. See the DRAC Facebook page for more details. <https://www.facebook.com/DeschutesRiverAthleticComplex>

The City of Maupin needs to update the **Community Vision.** This was last done in 2004 under the leadership of Denny Ross. Some of you probably remember the huge gathering in the Grade School Gym where the citizens helped to plan where Maupin should be headed and how to get there. The goals centered around creating jobs and improving the quality of life for our citizens. Some of the goals included: playground, trees, and restrooms at Mt Fir Park; creating a Chamber of Commerce and building a medical clinic; building an assisted living facility; replacing the City Hall & Library; and improving Internet access. These and many other goals have been met, so it is time to make some new ones. With current meeting restrictions, it will not be the same, but we are working on ideas for online groups, paper and digital surveys, and different ways to meet and tap into the collective ideas and opinions of as many citizens and community members as possible. Let us know if you have ideas!

The **U.S. Census** is still underway, but time is running out. 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/>

SLOW DOWN Several people have mentioned excessive speed on some of our streets, particularly Dufur Avenue and Elrod Avenue. Please remember that there are children playing and riding bikes as well as adults out for a walk that could be injured if everyone is not careful. Speed limits are 25 mph in residential areas and 15 mph in alleys. Speed has also been a problem on the section of 197 from the bridge up to the sharp corner. Slow down and watch out for each other.

FIRE DANGER !! Please be aware that fire danger is extremely high. Cut down dry grass and weeds. Remove dried or dead shrubs and trees. Make sure any equipment or tools that could emit sparks are in good working order and use them wisely, with a water source at hand.

We are still operating in Phase Two of Oregon's Re-Opening Plan. This includes masks in all indoor spaces and in any outdoor spaces where 6 feet distance cannot be maintained. 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>

The **Southern Wasco County Library** is 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. When coming into the Civic Center, ring the bell for admission, sanitize hands, and wear a mask. Thank you.

All **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. **City Hall** has a payment drop on the Grant Avenue side of the building. It can be used for City Utility, Wasco Electric, or Waste Connections payments if you want to save a stamp. You can also come inside to the office window or make an appointment to meet with the City Manager, City Recorder, or Mayor.

Please comply with any COVID-19 requirements spelled out by any open business such as staying 6 feet apart, wearing a mask, 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. A coronavirus infection of a single employee at a business could cause the business to close so that all employees can be isolated for 14 days. **Help them stay open and help yourself stay safe!** If you have any concerns about exposure, please call the business and ask for curbside or home delivery to avoid going out in public.

By this time next month, we will know what the **State and District have planned for the school year**. The plan may be all online, all in the classroom, or some combination of the two. Remember that some tough discussions are occurring and that even though you may not agree with the plan when it comes out, our students, parents, and teachers all need your support. The City and County have been working with the District to get some Internet HotSpots into outlying communities in the event that better online access is needed.

***From the desk of Kevin Lewis, City Manager:** I have had a few recent questions regarding cardboard recycling so I dug up some info to pass along. The **ONLY** materials we should be putting into this container are **FLATTENED CORRUGATED CARDBOARD**. The Dalles Disposal told me that **"SLICK"** cardboard is a **NO, NO**. It can't be recycled and ends up costing extra labor to separate and ultimately goes in the trash. Another item to avoid tossing in the cardboard bin are food boxes and any cardboard that is **"waxed"**, like frozen food/juice containers. For the businesses that use this, please do not leave boxes if the bin is full, they end up blowing around and are unsightly. I also learned there are some exciting recycling things coming to our County soon so I'll keep you posted. Thanks for keeping Maupin beautiful!*

Reminder: Governor Kate Brown announced that Oregonians statewide are required to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces. The guidance applies to businesses and members of the public visiting indoor public spaces. **Maupin Civic Center requires masks and the use of hand sanitizer before doing any business in the building.**

If you would like a digital copy of the city newsletter, please email any of us at City Hall. It will make it easier to use all of those links!

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<p>Public Meetings Law Sessions ORS192.640(2)</p>	<p>Executive ORS192.640</p>		