



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

October 1, 2020

**The ELECTION is coming soon!** Oregon ballots will be mailed out no later than October 20, 2020. You may return your ballot at the drop-box on the Grant Avenue side of the Civic Center if you do not wish to mail it. The ballots from this drop box are delivered to the County Clerk multiple times with the sheriff making the last pickup at 8:00 PM for delivery to the Wasco County Courthouse.

**ELECTION IN MAUPIN** For the first time in many years, we have an uncontested race for Mayor of Maupin. For City Councilors, we elect three people every two years. This year Tom Troutman (incumbent) and Rob Miles will be the only names on the ballot. That means that any person who meets the residency requirements (registered voter in Maupin for one or more years) can be elected by write-in vote (minimum of 5 votes). Two people have expressed interest in achieving this position via write-in: Kathy Peck and Brian Black.

**Fall Cleanup Day** will be on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. As usual, this will be held at the parking area across Bakeoven Road from the City Park. We will plan on dumpsters from **Waste Connections** for Yard Debris, Metal, and general garbage as well as a garbage truck. Yard debris bags are available at City Hall and some other locations around town. **As an added bonus, the Salvation Army** will be here with a truck to collect usable furniture, clothing, books, etc.

**FIRE DANGER !!** Please be aware that we are still under a fire ban. No backyard burning, either open or in barrels, is allowed at this time. This ban is county-wide. Once we get significant rain, the fire chief, in consultation with Wasco County officials, will make a determination to allow burning with a permit.

The **Civic Center is now open** during our regular hours. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** in all public spaces. Hand sanitizer is available. We want to be able to accommodate the community's needs during this time, particularly if there is a need for internet access. The reading rooms and Community Room can be reserved for 45-minute blocks during the library's open hours. The Community Multipurpose Room can have a maximum of 10 people at a time. Each Reading Room in the library can have a maximum of two people at a time. Anyone under the age of 12 needs to be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 14. No food or drinks other than water are allowed in the rooms. Statewide requirements for mask use and social distancing will apply. Please call the library at 541-395-2208 to reserve the room. Community Groups may also reserve the Community Room for meetings by calling City Hall at 541-395-2698.

Library hours:

Monday 12-4

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11-5

Friday 11-4

Saturday 12-4

City Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday 9-Noon, 1-4

**Halloween** will soon be upon us. People are making plans to continue traditions in some way in this time of COVID. This includes **Canyon Rim Senior Living**. They have planned their festivities with safety in mind. The **Haunted Carnival** will take place in the parking area on Halloween from 4:00-6:00 in the evening. Masks and distancing required, but everyone is excited to continue this popular festivity. Plans include hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and Halloween goodies along with games and prizes.

In case you have not heard, the school district is going to be seeking a **\$4 million bond** for updating and remodeling the schools here in Maupin. None of this bond would be involved in the track project, but in badly needed updates to the buildings. The great news is that if the bond passes, the school is eligible for another \$4 million from the state as well. \$4 million locally could produce nearly double that in renovations. You may be getting a call from someone conducting a poll regarding this important investment in our community. You are encouraged to take a survey regarding the bond at this site: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/92KHSDK> For more information, go to the school website <http://www.swasco.net>

The **Deschutes River Athletic Complex (DRAC)** project is well underway with the completion of levelling work by the Oregon National Guard Army Corps of Engineers. Many thanks to them for their amazing work and to the Warnock Ranch for their donation of fill material. See the DRAC Facebook page ( <https://www.facebook.com/DeschutesRiverAthleticComplex> or their web page ( <https://www.maupindrac.org/> ) for more details.

In November, there will be a **Christmas Light Show** taking place at Maupin City Park as a benefit for the Life Raft Food Pantry. Plans are also underway for a **Christmas Bazaar** at the Legion Hall. Keep watching community postings for more details on these events.

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.

The City of Maupin needs to update the **Community Vision**. This was last done in 2004 under the leadership of Mayor Denny Ross. At that time, the top need perceived in the community was economic development to create more family-wage jobs. Is that still the top of the list? Or have our needs changed? The goals centered around creating jobs and improving the quality of life for our citizens. Some of those 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, 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! Keep watching for some surveys online and in written form to help the Council know what the community wants for the future of Maupin.

Due to the pandemic, the City of Maupin has not been enforcing **late payments with fines and/or water shutoffs**. Beginning November 1, if you owe past payments on your utility bill and have not made special arrangements to get caught up on your back payments, you will be subject to late fees and possible water shutoff. Contact City Hall immediately at 541-395-2698 if you are in this situation.

*From the desk of Kevin Lewis, City Manager:*

A bit over 99 years ago (Sept 10), Maupin almost burned to the ground! A fire that forever changed the face of our town and brought changes to building code, created better water sources and drove the need for a fire dept. It worked, and here we are almost 100 years later! We need your help again to support our emergency services and we're looking for those that have the FIRE within and want to help. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6pm, so stop on by and join the fun. The Maupin Fire Department had another great meeting and training on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We have a BUNCH of new members and beginning to work through our basic training and getting outfitted with new gear! Our next meeting will be October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm followed by some hands-on practice at City Park on October 17<sup>th</sup> time to be announced. Come down, bring the kids to watch, and maybe grab a volunteer form and help your town.

Here's to a safe and healthy next 100!

Kevin Lewis  
Maupin City Manager

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