



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing  
November 1, 2020

Summer ended abruptly, Fall lasted a couple of weeks, and Winter was here for a weekend! Even though we are back into very temperate weather for now, Winter weather will soon be settling in. Be sure to properly **insulate your water meter** as well as pipes around your house. This is the property owner's responsibility. A small piece of carpet or carpet pad, some plastic wrapped insulation, or any other insulating material will protect your meter from freezing and creating a loss of household water supply in sub-freezing temperatures.

**Fall Cleanup Day** was very successful. Thank you to **Waste Connections** for supplying the drop boxes as well as a garbage truck to make this possible. They report 7.57 tons of trash, 3.73 tons of yard debris, and 2.69 tons of scrap metal. Total tonnage was 13.99 tons, which is equivalent to 9 VW Beetles! The **Salvation Army** was also here with a truck and felt it was quite successful with the truck leaving 75% full. They hope to be involved in future clean-up events. If you **still have yard debris**, we will allow it to be taken to the parking area across from City Park from now until Sunday, Nov. 15. Hopefully that will get us past most of the leaf removal. **Waste Connections** has offered to bring out an additional drop box and transport the additional materials to Dirt Huggers at no cost to the City! No other debris except yard debris will be allowed.

**Burn Permits** are available at City Hall. Stop by during regular business hours. Burning in a barrel or incinerator is allowed on days with little or no wind as long as we are not under air stagnation conditions. All burning must be done during daylight hours and fire safety equipment such as shovels, rakes, and water hoses must be available. Fires may not be left unattended. As soon as weather conditions allow, the Fire Chief will authorize open burning.

The **Civic Center is OPEN** during our regular hours. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** in all public spaces and hand sanitizer is available. Please feel free to come in to check out a book or video or to use the high-speed Internet access. 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 for small meetings. Community Groups may also reserve the Community Room for meetings by calling City Hall at 541-395-2698. 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. Please call the library at 541-395-2208 to reserve a room.

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

**City Hall and the Library will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans' Day and Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving.**

A **Christmas Country Bazaar** will be happening at the Legion Hall November 27-28. It will be open 2:00-7:00 both days. Wear a mask and come get some local crafts and support local artists and artisans. A Bake Sale will benefit Women in Need. For more info, [keyofsea78@gmail.com](mailto:keyofsea78@gmail.com)

In November, there will be a **Christmas Light Show** taking place at Maupin City Park as a benefit for the **Life Raft Food Pantry**. It will be open for drive-through or walk-through viewing every weekend from Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve. Admission is by donation (suggested \$1 per person). Cookies, hot chocolate, and hot cider will be available. Carolers and a live Nativity will be among the lights. On Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, Santa will be there for the kids!

Many thanks to the **Gorge-Grown food network** for the twice-monthly visits. They are done for the Winter, but will return next Spring. It was great to have this fresh food source. We also thank the **Maupin Market** for approving the operation of this food source.

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. An **ONLINE SURVEY** will be available later this month.

I am sure most of you are aware that we have a full-time City Manager, Kevin Lewis, and a new City Recorder, Kristy Kurtz at City Hall. This has resulted in a new “division of labor”. The Council is responsible for all political and legal issues including enacting ordinances, approving contracts, etc. The City Recorder is responsible for all financial and documentation issues. The City Manager is responsible for all administrative tasks such as employee management, building permits, planning, and the writing of policies. If you need to work with the city on an issue or have questions, please call the front desk at 541-395-2698 and your call can be directed to the appropriate individual.

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

Community engagement and transparency are a couple of my top goals and we are working hard to keep you all aware and involved. We have several things happening in Maupin showcasing that already. While COVID has caused some disruption, it also has provided us with a HUGE opportunity, the City has secured thousands of dollars in special grant money designed to help support our need for remote Technology and improved security and communications. We’ve already invested in a server to provide remote access for employees while giving us plenty of storage room to house documents to share on our City website. We have cloud storage coming next and all of our City Council members and Planning Commission Members will have iPads and standardized City email addresses to better communicate with YOU! Our community visioning will also be helped by this with portable shelters for holding committee meetings and electronic reader boards to showcase ideas and concepts of our future. Your local volunteer Fire Department also has had an injection of people that are being trained and talking about the need for more help with our emergency services. Our COVID grant funds can assist our emergency teams with new gear and training too! Stop by City Hall and ask how you can help. We need your ideas and talents!

**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!**

<p><b><u>Phone Numbers &amp; Email Addresses</u></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><u>Meeting Schedules</u></b> <b>Planning Commission @ 6:00 pm</b> <b>Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</b></p> <p>Under shutdown conditions, meetings are being held using remote software (Zoom) that allows participation via phone or computer.</p>	<p>11/10/2020 11/18/2020</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>
<p>Public Meetings Law Sessions ORS192.640(2)</p>	<p>Executive ORS192.640</p>		