



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
December 1, 2020

We have had an ever-changing schedule of events this year. Be sure to check the City Facebook and Web site for updates and changes.

A **Christmas Country Bazaar**, originally scheduled in November, will take place Dec. 11th & 12th and Dec. 18th & 19th at the Legion Hall. It will be open 2:00-7:00 on those 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

The **Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting** will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 6:00 PM in Kaiser Park and on the Civic Center patio. Hot cocoa provided by Maupin Market. Come join in some socially distant caroling and festivities!

The **Deschutes River Athletic Complex** is holding a “Let’s Build a Real Track” fundraising event online and at the Imperial Resort on Wednesday December 9th. The **Online Auction** is already open so you can do some Christmas shopping. This is your chance to support a local project that will benefit us all and really make a difference. Nike will **MATCH** all of our donations. See the website for further details. <https://event.gives/REALTrack> Let’s show our support for this great cause. Local donations get attention from other donors. Even Alberto Salazar has made a donation to our track!

As many of you know, in the very early hours of November 9th, there was an **active car prowler** in Maupin and Tygh Valley. As many as 25 vehicles were accessed. (Most were unlocked.) The thief took anything not secured, including wallets, cash, keys, guns, etc. A suspicious vehicle with stolen plates was located in The Dalles with many stolen items, identifiable as having come from our area. But the investigation is ongoing and so are car prowls. If you discover you are missing property from a vehicle, please call the Wasco County Sheriff’s **non-emergency line at 541-296-5454**. It will be helpful if you have your vehicle license plate and an inventory of anything taken. Serial numbers from property are also very helpful. Please lock your vehicles and be vigilant. Many people pass through our community and not all are honorable.

Winter weather seems to 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.

With snow in the forecast, it is great to remember a few things about **snow removal**. We are all very lucky to have Ed Ingram taking care of many of the downtown and school area sidewalks. However, sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of the property or home owner. Once snow stops falling, it should be removed that day. The City will plow paved streets as they are able once snow has reached a depth of 5 inches. Plowing of gravel streets or alleys only occurs when we get a rare very deep snowfall. While this removal may create a berm next to your vehicle, it will still be less to shovel than it would be otherwise. We do appreciate those residents who use their own tractors, 4-wheelers, or other equipment to remove snow from roads and driveways. Please be careful not to block access for others or to block access to fire hydrants. If you happen to have a fire hydrant near your home, clearing snow from around it would be very helpful if it is needed.

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! 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, Dec. 6. Hopefully that will get us past most of the leaf removal. **Waste Connections** brought out two additional drop-boxes so far and transports the additional materials to Dirt Huggers at no cost to the City! No other debris except yard debris will be allowed.

Burn Permits for barrels, incinerators, or open burning are available at City Hall. Stop by during regular business hours. Burning 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.

Planning Commission (Dec. 15) and **City Council** (Dec. 16) will both have hearings this month regarding changes to our Zoning Ordinance. For more information or to get the Zoom link for the meetings, contact City Hall.

The **November Election** results are in. Mayor: Lynn Ewing (Incumbent), Council: Tom Troutman (Incumbent), Rob Miles, and Kathy Peck will all be sworn in at a special meeting January 4th. Councilor Jon Helquist chose not to run again, so his last meeting will be this December. Thank you, Jon, for your 8 years of service to the Council and your continued efforts with the Maupin Volunteer Fire Department.

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. Community Groups may reserve the Community Room for meetings by calling City Hall at 541-395-2698. Anyone under the age of 12 needs to be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 14.

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 Dec. 24 after noon and all-day Dec. 25 for Christmas and Dec. 31 after noon and all-day Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

IT'S HERE! THE ONLINE SURVEY: <https://bit.ly/maupinvision> 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. Let us know if you have ideas! Please take the survey to help us steer Maupin in a direction you would like to see. If you provide an email address, **you will even be entered into a prize drawing**. Paper versions of the survey are also available at City Hall.

In regard to interest in the facts relating to the **sale of the old City Hall and Library**, several documents have been placed on the City website including the original RFP and associated responses. Of the two proposals received, one was later rescinded by the proposers. The other was accepted. Sale documents and documentation regarding asbestos removal and sewer line replacement are also included. All are under the heading of "Documents and Resources" and then "City Documents". In the list, look for "Old City Hall and Library."

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>		