



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!** The City of Maupin needs to update the Community Vision. Please take the survey to help us steer Maupin in a direction you would like to see. Be sure your opinion is heard! <https://bit.ly/maupinvision> We need your thoughts and ideas! The results of this survey will likely help steer our City for the next 10-15 years. 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.

We announced the Kids' Community Vision Coloring Contest at the Tree Lighting celebration back in December. Winners of gift certificates to Maupin Market are Lillie and Juniper Lewis. Their work is on display at the Southern Wasco County Library.

The Wasco County Economic Development team has made recommendations for the top 10 projects in the entire County. Both the Deschutes River Athletic Complex and the Donkey Trail made that list. While this does not provide funding, it does give us more clout when applying for grants. Grantors note that the projects are not only of local importance but also to the County and region as a whole. Related to that, the City Manager and Mayor met with representatives from several States agencies to discuss our needs and dreams for the future. We learned from ODOT that the "Maupin Riverwalk" is slated for design and engineering in 2022 and completion in 2024. The Riverwalk is a walking/biking path from the upriver access road along 197 and then along Bakeoven Road to the downriver access road. Funding comes from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP).

As many of you know, there has been one or more **active car prowlers** in Maupin and elsewhere in South Wasco County. The thieves have taken anything not secured, including wallets, cash, keys, guns, etc. The investigation is ongoing and so are car prowls. If you discover you are missing property from a vehicle or elsewhere, 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 do not leave valuables inside. Remain vigilant. Many people pass through our community and not all are honorable.

We recently learned of a very short window for a special grant application. Councilor Carol Beatty is the head of the Parks Committee and she quickly convened a committee to determine what could be done to secure these funds for the improvement of Kaiser Park. Using previous plans and the grant focus of creating something that would benefit businesses impacted by COVID, it was determined that providing clean, neatly landscaped outdoor dining space would benefit the deli at the Maupin Market, the Rainbow, and the coffee shop at DRA. It will also provide a great spot for outdoor community events. We should learn the results of the effort by mid-February. If successful, we may be looking for volunteers to assist in March and April.

New Councilors have been sworn in for 4 year terms and the Mayor for his last 2 year term. At the January meeting, Councilors were each assigned to one or two areas. In each of these areas, the councilor will head any related committees, attend related events at the County or State level, and work with employees to see that they have what they need to do their jobs or help formulate plans for future improvements. Tom Troutman was also elected as Council President at that meeting. **Committee assignments** are as follows:

Parks & Recreation: Carol Beatty

Economic Development: Mike Foreaker

Recycle & Hazardous Waste: Mike Foreaker

Library Foundation: Kathy Peck

Housing: Kathy Peck

City Infrastructure (Water, sewer, streets): Tom Troutman

Capital Improvement & Financial Planning: Susan Wright

City Buildings: Susan Wright

School Liaison: Rob Miles

Civic Pride and Nuisance Abatement: Rob Miles

For over 40 years, the City has been working to gain ownership of the property above our City Springs water source in order to better **protect the drinking water** for our citizens. Thanks to Tom Troutman and some funding from the State of Oregon, we have finally made a trade to accomplish that. The deeds have officially been recorded. In addition, the area has been fenced to help keep large animals and people out of that sensitive area.

**Oregon Business magazine** featured Maupin in an article in their December issue. You can see it online here: <https://www.oregonbusiness.com/article/tech/item/19236-rural-connections> The article emphasizes the need for high speed Internet connections in rural areas being a requirement for growth.

A handful of homes were missed by the original engineering plan for serving our City with **High Speed Broadband**. We are working closely with Q-Life, Wasco County, and our Internet providers to ensure that everyone inside the City Limits has access to our network. For our friends outside the City Limits and unable to access it, we are also working with those same entities to find ways to expand beyond the City Limits. In the meantime, our Southern Wasco County Library has some digital Hotspots that may be checked out and used for Internet access anywhere cell service is available.

**Skateboarders!** Please be safe while skateboarding. We have had reports of several skateboarders riding dangerously on some city streets and even on the state highway. Some reports have also come in from residents about those same skateboarders coming on to private property and causing problems. We have a skate park. Please use it and avoid riding in dangerous area or private property.

Rivermark is reaching out to rural business owners with funding for COVID payroll protection. I will post on Facebook when details come in.

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