



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing
March 1, 2021

STREET CLEANING will occur on Deschutes Avenue Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 1-3. Please have all vehicles off of the street by 6:00 PM so that ODOT can do a thorough job. Thank you.

In **COVID News**, the numbers have finally come down to the point where we have been moved down in the State's risk assessment level! As a county, we are only the second to drop 3 full levels in one testing period. We are now at "Lower Risk" which allows restaurants to be open 'til midnight for indoor dining at 50% capacity, among other things. At this point, masks are still required indoors, except when eating or drinking. See our Facebook page for more details.

While some have no desire to get the **vaccine**, other have anxiously awaited an opportunity. If you are interested, you can go to <https://www.ncphd.org/phase-notifications> and sign up to learn when you are eligible and when there are appointments available. This only requires basic information like name, address, phone, birthdate, etc. If you do not have an email address, you can use that of a friend or relative. If you have difficulty with web-based forms, feel free to come in to our Library for assistance in filling out the form. **Deschutes Rim Clinic** also is receiving a batch of vaccines each week. If you call them (541-395-2911) you can be placed on their list to be contacted when you are eligible and a vaccine is available for you.

If you need any **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** the City has an extensive supply provided by the federal and state governments. You can pick up masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, wipes and other items at the Civic Center for free. Items are located on a table in the Lobby.

Avangrid Renewables is set to start construction on the **Bakeoven Solar Project** beginning April 5. We have a meeting scheduled next week to discuss details like their project schedule, probable traffic, and what else to expect. We are looking forward to getting all of the details and information we can.

We have one opening on the **Planning Commission** (meets one evening per month) and two openings on the **Budget Committee** (meets one to three times each spring). If you are interested in becoming more involved in our City, this is a great place to start. To qualify, you must have been a resident of Maupin for a year or longer. Please pick up an application at City Hall.

It seems like every month we have a **new homeowners** moving in or a new resident joining our community. Get to know your new neighbors! Invite them to **join one of our community organizations**. We welcome all to our little slice of heaven. With this change in population, our housing supply is diminished. It is a seller's market in Maupin with reasonably priced homes being snapped up quickly. We should have the results of a grant-funded Housing Needs Analysis by the end of the month. This study will help us to determine what the city can do to help expand the housing availability for both owner-occupied and rental properties.

In addition to new homeowners, we have also seen **several local businesses** change hands in the last year. This includes Mark and Lindsay at the Maupin Country Store and Hardware, Ben Gates of Urban Patterns at the old City Hall and Library, Sara and Emily at Maupin Market, and at least two rafting companies. We would like to welcome these new owners to the community and thank them for investing in Maupin.

The **Southern Wasco County Library** has ongoing take-home craft projects available and some outdoor events are being planned for Spring. One of those will be a **Seed Exchange** planned for April 3. Watch the Library Facebook Page for more details.

A **Spring River Cleanup** is planned for Saturday, March 6. Washington County Flyfishers will be hosting the event. If you are interested in participating either by land or by river, please meet at Maupin City Park Community Building by 10:00 AM. Safety vests, bags, and gloves will be provided. Free coffee and donuts will also be available at the Community Building for participants.

The **South Wasco County High School** is beginning very short **Football** and **Volleyball** schedules. Games begin this week and will continue only through April 2. Attendance at home games will be extremely limited. No visitors will be allowed at away games. If you wish to watch the games online, contact the school for details about logging in. **Go Redsides!** Contact Paul Keefner at 503-828-8400 for more information.

Our Annual **Hazardous Waste Cleanup** Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 3. It will take place on 4th Street in front of the High School from 10:00 Am – 2:00 PM. Some of the items collected include: Oil & Latex Paint; Yard & Garden Products; Household Cleaners & Chemicals; Automotive Fluids; Old Gas & Kerosene; Pool & Spa Chemicals; Hobby Solvents & Glues; Propane Bottles & Tanks; All Batteries; Ballasts and Fluorescent Tubes & CFL Bulbs; Thermostats & Thermometers; Fire Extinguishers, Computers, Printers, and other E-waste. A general cleanup for garbage and yard debris is being planned for later in the Spring.

Surplus Vehicle: 1984 Chevrolet 5/4 ton Diesel pickup. Newer transmission, but the engine does not run. Body is in decent shape, but it has no tailgate. Heavy duty 4X4 military model. Minimum bid is \$100. Bids will be accepted in a sealed envelope dropped off at City Hall or mailed to Maupin City Hall, ATTN: 1984 Pickup Bid, PO Box 308, Maupin, OR 97037. Bidding closes March 12 with the winner being notified by March 19. Be sure to include contact information with your bid. For more information, contact Kevin Lewis, City Manager, at City Hall.

Our **Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce** has a new and enthusiastic Director, Suze Riley. She is busy working to promote local businesses and plan some events. **Maupin Daze** will be limited to the Garden Club Plant Sale this year, but she is already working on some plans to take the event to the next level in 2022 (Which will also be Maupin’s 100th birthday). The annual motorcycle event, **Maupin Madness**, will go on this year with some modifications for COVID safety. It will be limited to 200 participants which more than complies with state mandates for outdoor events. The Bike Show has been left off to prevent large crowds gathering. It will begin at Kaiser Park and end at **The Imperial**. Suze has also started a GoFundMe effort to raise money for art to be placed in the Civic Center. Emphasis will be on local pieces and local artists. This will hopefully include a bronze by Greg O’Neil, some glasswork from Nichol’s Art Gallery in The Dalles and many additional pieces.

Winter finally arrived as the second half of February proved to be quite snowy. We were fortunate not to experience the ice storms and power outages that hit large portions of the Willamette Valley. With snow in the forecast, it is great to remember a few things about **snow removal**. Sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of the property or home owner. Once snow stops falling, it should be removed that day. If you happen to have a fire hydrant near your home, clearing snow from around it would be very helpful in the event that it is needed. **Thank you to all** who were seen plowing, scraping, and shoveling not only your own, but your neighbors’ sidewalks and driveways.

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!

From the Desk of the City Manager: The City is working with the Chamber of Commerce and has secured a deal to dispose of old tires! Please call City Hall for details and we can help coordinate the clean up effort. We are looking for a business in town that may assist with the delivery to The Dalles. The cost per tire is \$3.50 which is a deal from the normal \$14.50/tire so get those yard and garages cleaned out today!

Our Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 17th. Bags will available at City Hall on a limited basis beginning in April. The Maupin Country Store & Hardware normally has some if we run out.

The City Fire Dept is looking for volunteers! We are in desperate need of help to ensure the future safety of our town, as well as keeping our insurance rates low. Please stop by CITY HALL FOR AN APPLICATION AND COME JOIN THE FUN!

<p><u>Phone Numbers & Email Addresses</u></p> <p>Mayor Lynn Ewing Office: 541-395-2811 Cell: 541-993-5956 City Hall: 541-395-2698 maupinmayor@gmail.com Visit our City of Maupin Website @ www.cityofmaupin.org</p>	<p><u>Meeting Schedules</u></p> <p>Planning Commission @ 6:00 PM</p> <p>Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</p> <p>Under shutdown conditions, meetings are being held using remote software (Zoom) that allows participation via phone or computer.</p>	<p>3/9/2021</p> <p>3/24/2021</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>	