



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

July 1, 2021

Maupin has lost a leader that did more than anyone to bring about "Modern Maupin". **Dennis "Denny" Ross** passed away on Friday, June 11 surrounded by family. Denny was Mayor for 10 years, and we have completed many—and are still working on—projects that he conceived during his term. These include the obvious, like the City Hall and Library, as well as his signature improvement to the streetscape in Downtown Maupin. You can also thank Denny for acquiring Kaiser Park and for helping put Maupin on the map through his work with the League of Oregon Cities and other regional and statewide organizations. You may not know that over a dozen years ago, Denny was working on getting the track built and creating safe sidewalks in East Maupin and on the Donkey Trail. These projects will be completed over the next few years. I personally miss having my mentor to talk over ideas and dreams. For these and his many, many other contributions to Maupin, we owe Denny a great deal of thanks. We are looking for an appropriate way to more formally recognize Denny's contributions to our community.

The **DRAC (Deschutes River Athletic Complex)** is building this summer! Construction will start mid-July. It has just recently been awarded a major grant on July 1! Susie Miles (DRAC) and Warner Munro (Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund) have worked diligently the past few months for the **\$250,000 grant**. In the agreement with the MCM Fund, \$125,000 of the grant will need to be matched before it's issued. For **every dollar you donate your money will double** through the MCM fund. Please help to make this dream a reality for the city of Maupin, the county of Wasco and the great state of Oregon. Your check donations can be made out to/sent to:

Maupin Area Chamber Endowment
PO Box 220
Maupin, OR 97037

The DRAC also accepts PayPal and donated stock. Visit the project website for more information on these options. <https://www.maupindraca.org/> Have another question? Email Susie: susie@deschutesriver.com

Also related to the DRAC, **Cycle Oregon** is hosting the "Tygh Valley Rally" in September at the Wasco County Fairgrounds. There will be some fundraising opportunities associated with the event. Visit <https://cycleoregon.com/ride/tvr/> for more info. And then, the organization that puts on Hood-to-Coast is creating a new event called "**Ride the Rapids**" to be held in October. This year, the funds will benefit DRAC, but in the future, they will work with the City and Chamber to select other local public projects worthy of funding, as they hope this will be an annual event. <https://hoodtocoast.com/partner-events/ride-the-rapids/>

MAUPIN PARKS Maupin has three parks. Funding for all three comes from visitors to the RV Park down by the Deschutes River. Upkeep is the responsibility of the Parks Managers. If you see any issues with parks or playground equipment or have other comments or questions, please call the City Park (541-395-2252) or call Christine at City Hall (541-395-2698). The City received a Travel Oregon Grant of more than \$35,000 for **Kaiser Park** improvements. We will be installing an irrigation system, sidewalks, a grape arbor (as requested by the Kaiser family) and some new picnic areas. Most of the park will remain open throughout the project and will be re-sodded in the Fall. Contact City Hall if you want more details or to volunteer to assist in some of the work.

We will have a **new librarian** as of mid-July. However, our new librarian is our old librarian, **Valerie Stephenson**. After leaving to work in Tillamook County Libraries and completing her library certification, she missed us so much, she just had to come back. Watch for Valerie and her husband Scott to be at the library and around town.

FIRE SEASON is here! No outdoor burning either in barrels or open burn piles. With **Independence Day** coming, PLEASE celebrate safely and save those fireworks for New Year's Eve or some other event when fire danger is much lower.

Emergency Service News:

- Maupin Fire Dept is still looking for more volunteers. We meet monthly in Maupin and join Juniper flats for specialized training. Come up to City Hall and sign up to join the fun. We have 8 new members, are getting new gear and firefighter training classes are beginning soon.
- South Wasco County Ambulance is still in need of EMTs, EMRs and drivers! I can't believe our "NEW EMTs" had to already renew their annual license, time flies! Special thanks to Rod and Virginia for all the drives you've taken us on over the last year! Your skills and time are much appreciated.

By the time you read this, **all Maupin businesses** will be able to **open at full capacity and without any mask requirements**. On June 25, Governor Brown declared an end to mask mandates and capacity limits effective June 30 or sooner. Let's help our businesses get on a path to full recovery from the effects of the shut-downs. We had our first in-person Council Meeting June 23!

Maupin Madness was successful in bringing people to Maupin and in raising money for Veterans' groups. You may have noticed some changes in the makeup of the group. It was not all Harleys but included European bikes and other road bikes as well. Instead of the same old route they have traveled before, two new routes were added to create more interest.

Planning is already beginning for **Maupin Daze 2022!** Maupin was incorporated as a city in 1922. That means 2022 will be the 100th birthday of our fair city! For that reason and to bring back more tourists and visitors, the plan is to have Maupin Daze be a big deal again. Remember some of the activities and events from past years and even from the Wine and Fish Festival or Riverfest before that. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the planning and/or execution of a great community event, please contact the **Maupin Chamber**. Also, if you have **mementos from Maupin's early days**, we would love to see photos, documents, or anything else related to the history of Maupin. We have recently received some local documents and scrapbooks we hope to display and also have the Maupin Marshall's revolver and badge.

Maupin has applied to be a part of the **Main Street Oregon** and the **Main Street USA** programs. We are starting with a small committee to get the ball rolling and may need additional members going forward. These programs provide assistance and some grant funding to assist small businesses and cities in improving their commercial districts. The program would apply to all businesses fronting on Highway 197. Contact the Mayor for more information.

The City would like to work with local business and property owners to provide **temporary housing space** for the work crews so that their per diem funds might be spent locally rather than out of town. If you have a **space available, please let us know** at City Hall and we will pass that along to the construction foremen and managers for the many projects going on in Maupin and South Wasco County.

The City has posted an opening for a **Community Liaison**. The main duty for this part-time person will be to work with people to solve issues with Code Compliance and to resolve ordinance violation complaints filed with the City. See the City website for details.

We are already planning for the **Community Visioning** process which will take place this Fall. This will be your opportunity to help shape Maupin's future for the next 25 years. Contact City Hall for more information and start thinking about your vision for Maupin in 2040!

CONGRATULATIONS!! to the SWC Redsides basketball teams. In a year when schools and sports seasons have been topsy-turvy, they made their way to Baker City for the 1A State Championship. The **Lady Redsides** came away with a 4th place finish and the **Redsides Boys** finished in 3rd. We are all proud of your hard work and thrilled that you got to have a great basketball season, even if it is late June.

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><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 Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm Meetings are being held IN PERSON while also using remote software that allows participation via phone or computer for those that cannot attend at the Civic Center.</p>	<p>7/13/2021 7/28/2021</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>	