



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

August 1, 2021

The **DRAC (Deschutes River Athletic Complex)** is building this summer! Construction will start this week. 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** with 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

The City has hired Brett Wesson as our **Community Liaison** and **Park Assistant**. He will help residents solve issues with code compliance, resolve ordinance violation complaints filed with the City, and will also assist with Park projects. Our **new Library Director Valerie Stephenson** is planning lots of events and programs. Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram for more information @southernwascolibrary.

Join us at the library to celebrate local author **Nancy Wesson** and her new book, *I Miss the Rain in Africa*. Nancy will read a passage from her memoir about her time as a Peace Corps volunteer in post-war Uganda and adjusting to a new life back home in the United States. Local author Donna Henderson will lead a conversation with Nancy and a Q&A with the audience. We hope you'll join us for this fun event featuring two of our local authors! The event will take place at the Southern Wasco County Library, on Tuesday, August 10 at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. *I Miss the Rain in Africa* will also be available to purchase at the event.

Planning is already beginning for **Maupin's Centennial!** 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, along with more events commemorating the centennial. 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 that we hope to display along with the Maupin Marshall's revolver and badge.

If you see any issues with **parks or playground equipment** or have other comments or questions about Maupin's parks, please call 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 have installed irrigation systems at Kaiser Park and in the picnic area at City Park. Sidewalks, a grape arbor (as requested by the Kaiser family), and some new picnic areas will be going in soon and grass will be re-sodded in the fall. Contact City Hall if you want more details about the project or to volunteer to assist in some of the work.

Glass Entertainment will be filming a show called "**Wild Ride**" for the **Discovery+ network** through September. They have rented the community building at City Park for that time period and will be filming around town as well as on the river. Basically, it is a documentary about being a whitewater guide on the Deschutes River. If they are filming you or your property, they must ask for a signed release to do so.

South Wasco Community Health is under construction at this time and plans to open on November 1, 2021. On August 7 they are going to have a Question & Answer Session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the clinic located at 505 Deschutes Avenue. Please come visit with Dr. LaPlante and others about the plans for this new clinic.

The **US Census Bureau** has released new data from the 2020 census. Maupin is now shown with a **population of 508 people**. This is a gain of almost 90 residents since the 2010 census and more than 75 residents in the last three years. Your opportunity to help plan the next 20 years of Maupin's future is coming in October when we will conduct a series of community events to craft our new Community Vision.

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 information. In October, the organization that puts on Hood-to-Coast is creating a new event called “**Ride the Rapids.**” 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. Visit <https://hoodtocoast.com/partner-events/ride-the-rapids/> for more information.

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 technical assistance and some grant funding to assist small businesses in improving their commercial districts. The program would apply to all commercial buildings over 50 years old fronting on Highway 197 from Oregon Log Homes, through downtown, and across the river and down Bakeoven. Contact the **Chamber** for more information. Once the application is accepted by Main Street Oregon and Main Street USA, we will hold a meeting and invite all interested business owners.

With the **Oregon State Fair** taking place August 27 through September 6, Oregon Retired Educators are searching for volunteers to host the **1912 Criterion School**, which is located on the Fairgrounds in Salem. (For those that don’t know, this school building was moved in 1976 from Criterion, south of Maupin, to the State Fairgrounds.) In pairs, the volunteers will “greet & meet” visitors during a three-hour period. Free parking and admission is available. Interested persons may contact Carol Greeno at 503-362-6015.

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.

Maupin’s Fire Department is growing and still looking for more volunteers. They meet monthly in Maupin and join Juniper Flats and Shaniko for specialized firefighter training. The next **drill is Monday, August 30 at 6 p.m. at the Fire Hall** (390 3rd St.) and anyone is welcome to join.

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><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 p.m. Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. 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>8/10/2021</p> <p>8/25/2021</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> | |