



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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Your opportunity to help plan the next 20 years of Maupin's future is coming **Saturday, October 23** (dependent on COVID rules) at the Maupin Grade School Gym when we will begin a series of community meetings to craft our new **Community Vision**. The previous vision, created in 2004, was an incredibly successful blueprint designed by citizens and used in bringing about many of the changes and improvements that you see in Maupin today, such as high-speed internet, a new library, the main street landscaping, and many other projects. **Mark your calendars and be ready to get involved in our future!**

The City has hired Brett Wesson as our **Community Liaison**. The main duties for this part-time person will be to help people solve issues with Code Compliance and to resolve ordinance violation complaints filed with the City. **Please take a look at the brochure included in this mailing to help you better understand this program.**

PAID VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Cycle Oregon is holding the Tygh Valley Rally, based at the Wasco County Fairgrounds, on September 10-12 and on September 17-19. The Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help at the event. Contact Suze Riley at 541-993-1708 for details and to get signed up. Nonprofit groups are encouraged to volunteer so members can earn **funds for your organization**.

School starts September 7, so remember to watch for kids on their way to and from school as well as at lunch time. "Home" football games will be played in Dufur or Sherman County this year as work continues on the Athletic Complex. Players will practice at Mt. Fir Park. Try to make it to a game or two and support the Redsides!

Maupin Works, a new entrepreneurial hub, is hosting a community event with a handful of South Wasco County entrepreneurs. Meet local established companies and those in their incubation phase. Help us build a map of South Wasco County's small businesses. **Come join us Saturday, September 25 (the same weekend as Maupin's Ride-Row-Run) from Noon to 4 p.m. at 410 Deschutes Ave (across from Maupin Country & Hardware)**. All are welcome. Thank you sponsors for the generous support and partnership: The City of Maupin, Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce, South Wasco Alliance, Columbia Gorge Community College, Business Oregon, America's Small Business Development Center, Oregon, and U.S. Small Business Association. The City of Maupin is partnering in a public/private project with the Columbia Gorge Small Business Development Center, the Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce, Urban Patterns, and the South Wasco Alliance to sponsor the launch of Maupin Works. Read more about this partnership at <https://southwascoaliance.org/blog>

Ride-Row-Run is back for 2021! A fun-packed two days on September 25 and 26 is planned with a Cornhole Tournament, downtown Trike Races, beer tasting at Maupin Market, and more events on Saturday followed by the main event (running, cycling, and kayak paddling) on Sunday morning. <https://www.xdogeevents.com/riderowrun.html>. Music and food will be featured at multiple locations.

The **DRAC (Deschutes River Athletic Complex)** is under construction! Susie Miles (DRAC) and Warner Munro (Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund) have worked diligently the past few months for a **\$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

CONSTRUCTION! The Solar Farm project is expanding to a crew of about 250 this month (from 25), the Clinic is about to start building, DRAC is underway, and the school has some projects coming up. We will have a full City RV Park all winter for the first time ever and will probably continue to allow RVs at Mt. Fir Park. 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.

On September 1 the Southern Wasco County Library will start **Maupin Reads 2021**, a project that Bronte received the Wasco County Cultural Trust Grant to fund. The library will offer free copies of the book *Whiskey When We're Dry* by John Larison for the community to read, share, and discuss. Then on September 30, John will come to the library for an author event with a reading, a Q&A, and discussions. The event will be held on the patio outside the library (weather permitting) and Zoom will also be used for those who cannot physically attend but want to participate. Check the Southern Wasco County Library Facebook page for details about this and more upcoming events at the library.

Oregon Retired Educators is searching for volunteers to host the **1912 Criterion School during the Oregon State Fair**, which is taking place through September 6 this year. (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 with "greet & meet" visitors during a three-hour period. Free parking and admission are available. Interested persons may contact Carol Greeno at 503-362-6015.

The organization that puts on Hood-to-Coast is hosting a new event on **October 9** in Maupin 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. <https://hoodtocoast.com/partner-events/ride-the-rapids/>

The City received a Travel Oregon Grant of over \$35,000 for **Kaiser Park** improvements. We have installed an irrigation system and sidewalks at Kaiser Park. Work is ongoing on two "bump-out" picnic areas along the alley. Additional areas along Deschutes Avenue will have new concrete pads added for other tables. A grape arbor (as requested by the Kaiser family) over the new sidewalk, some signage, and few additional features will be going in before the completion deadline at the end of October. Any yard areas needing it will be re-sodded in the Fall.

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! **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.

RESCHEDULED! 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. The event has **been rescheduled for October 15 at 6 p.m. at the library**. Light refreshments will be available. *I Miss the Rain in Africa* will also be available to purchase at the event.

Fall is coming with cooler weather. You can also start planning for upcoming events such as our **Fall Clean-up Day on October 16** as well as the **Community Visioning on October 23**. It is always amazing what we can do when we work together.

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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