



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. We want to have 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. Unfortunately, with COVID rules and fears, we cannot start this in October as planned and still have the wide participation we really want. City Council decided to postpone the event until we can be sure of getting wide participation. That cannot happen right now. We will continue to monitor the rules and regulations and watch for a time when we can all get together.

In mid-September, I spoke (online) at the Oregon Infrastructure Summit, an online conference attended primarily by small cities throughout the state. My presentation was "**Using Infrastructure and Planning for Economic Development**" and was attended by many mayors and city managers from around the state. While reviewing our 2004 plan and the results of that plan, several people who have never been to Maupin vowed to come. Afterwards, I was also invited to virtually attend some other city council meetings to help them understand the importance of planning and community engagement. We can all be proud of what has been accomplished in our town! My favorite comment, from a related conversation, was "Sunriver wants to be just like Maupin."

TRAFFIC CHANGE With the ongoing construction at the school, there will be a change on 4th Street. A new crosswalk will be installed at 4th and Grant where the stairs come up from the Elementary School. Students walking to and from the High School will cross 4th Street there instead of at 4th and Slusher Avenue near the cafeteria. Drive carefully and watch for students when you are in that area.

The **DRAC (Deschutes River Athletic Complex)** is nearing completion of the first phase. The curbs are in and the base road surface is in. Whether the rubber surface goes down this fall or next spring is dependent on the correct weather window being forecast. It is fantastic to see this great new addition to the school and community take shape. DRAC is still looking for donations to fully develop the facility.

Fall Clean-up Day is on Saturday, October 16 at the parking lot across from the RV Park on Bakeoven Road. There will be dumpsters for yard debris, metal, and general garbage as well as a garbage truck. Yard debris can be loose or in paper compostable bags. You can pick up a few bags at City Hall. Garbage can be anything except appliances containing freon (refrigerators, freezers, etc.) or wet household garbage. Have something that is too good to go in the garbage? The Salvation Army truck will be here to take donated furniture, clothing, books, and other household goods and equipment. Thanks to Waste Connections, Dirt Huggers, and Salvation Army for helping us clean up our town!

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT Brett Wesson has taken on a long-standing issue in Maupin. We have ordinances designed to help us keep Maupin clean and inviting as well as safe and healthy for all. Some ordinances also restrict what types of activities can be conducted in each zone. For many years, some people have assumed the ordinances do not matter because the City did not have enforcement capabilities. Brett is now working with homeowners and businesses to get everyone in compliance. Anytime a claim of a violation is reported to the City, he will conduct an investigation to see if there is a code violation. If a violation does exist, he will work with the property owner to abate (correct) the issue. Of immediate concern are junk cars parked on city streets. Clearing these vehicles out increases available parking and spruces up the neighborhoods. Take a look at your property and think about what it might look like to others in your neighborhood. If there is a problem, just be a good neighbor and clean it up.

The organization that puts on Hood-to-Coast is hosting a new event in Maupin called **Ride the Rapids** on October 9. 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/>

I welcomed **Cycle Oregon** to South Wasco County for two weekends in a row. The first weekend involved a lot of gravel roads and the second one focused on two paved routes. They rode through Dufur Valley on Saturday and then on Sunday the loop from Tygh Valley to Maupin to Sherar's Falls and back to the fairgrounds. It was great to see many local students and community groups raising money by volunteering to assist Cycle Oregon's **Tygh Valley Rally** a success.

Our **Planning Commission** is working on some **zoning issues** and considering language to allow **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)** on some residential properties. If you want to learn more, contact City Hall or attend a PC Meeting.

Thanks to **additional funding** from the Wasco County Library Service District, we are able to expand the hours of operation at our library. New hours are: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 10-5, Wednesday 11-6, Thursday 11-7, Friday 10-4, and Saturday 10-4. It is fantastic to have it open six days a week and to include some evening hours as well. Watch the **Southern Wasco County Library** Facebook page for special events.

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.

Construction is kicking off at the **Deschutes Rim Clinic** for their new updated facility. They will be holding a groundbreaking ceremony at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 9. Everyone is invited to attend this important event.

The City is working on a grant application to fund a consultant to design, fund, and permit a **new boat ramp at Maupin City Park**. The river bank there has severely deteriorated over the past few years. If you would like to write a letter of support for this grant application, please talk to Cheryl at Maupin City Park for particulars.

Our library is now an official **Oregon Library Association Passport Library**. Being a part of the OLA Passport program means that if someone with a card from a participating library (say Multnomah County Library system) visits our library and wants to check out materials we can set them up with a passport account and they will have access to check out 2 books or DVD's. Likewise, if one of our patrons is traveling and visits another Oregon passport library, they have the same benefits available to them in that location. Currently there are 188 participating library branches in Oregon.

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 soon 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-seeded.

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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