



# City of Maupin Newsletter

## By Mayor Lynn Ewing

### November 1, 2021

The holiday season is approaching. **City Hall and the Library will be closed on Thursday, November 11** for Veterans' Day and **November 25-26** for Thanksgiving. Both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Saturdays, so **Friday, December 24** and **Friday, December 31** we will also be closed.

The **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** is scheduled for **Saturday, December 4 at 5 p.m.** at the Civic Center and Kaiser Park. Come and enjoy the lights and treats and sing a few Christmas Carols with your friends and neighbors.

The **Holiday Bazaars** are back this season! Make your calendars for **November 13-14** and **December 11-12** at the Legion Hall. We would also like to see Maupin lit up for the holidays with Christmas lights and decorations all over town. For more information, contact Leslie at [keyofsea78@gmail.com](mailto:keyofsea78@gmail.com)

Congratulations to **Redsides Volleyball** on second place in the Big Sky District Tournament, and good luck in the state playoffs!

Based on the redistricting done by the Oregon Legislature, Maupin will have a **new State Representative** and a **new State Senator**. We are very sorry to lose Rep. Daniel Bonham (The Dalles) who has been an ardent supporter of Maupin since his first day in office and Sen. Lynn Findley of Ontario. The boundaries place all of Wasco County, except The Dalles, into Senate District 29 and House District 57. This means all of our School District, Health District, and Library District will share the same representation for the first time in 10 years. I will be meeting with Rep. Greg Smith of Heppner later this month. I met with Senator Bill Hansell of Athena earlier this month and gave him a tour of Maupin and projects we have completed and those in our future. While the Senator was here, he also met with a group to discuss water quality in the river and fishing closures that both have negative impacts on our economy. Senator Hansell has pledged to work with us to positively impact those concerns.

In October, Maupin was accepted into the **Oregon Main Street Network!** Our application included all commercial properties in Maupin and was accepted by the state organization. This makes property owners eligible for planning assistance, training, and more to help revitalize our business district. This also makes grant funds available to those businesses who wish to participate in crafting a cohesive revitalization plan. Watch for an opportunity to attend an organizational and planning process meeting in the near future. Because this is a joint venture of the **City of Maupin** and the **Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce**, only businesses located in Maupin who are Chamber members would be eligible to participate.

**Maupin Works** (located in the old Maupin library) will launch an entrepreneurial hub offering co-working space, community building events, and co-located resources to small businesses and entrepreneurs in South Wasco County. Working with the City to plan this endeavor, Ben Gates, owner of Maupin Works and Urban Patterns, applied for and has received a \$150,000 Rural Opportunities Initiative Grant from Business Oregon that will leverage several hundred thousand dollars in private funding to complete the renovations and initial operating costs of the facility. What a great asset for the community!

The **DRAC (Deschutes River Athletic Complex)** is nearing completion of the first phase. The curbs are in and the base road surface is in. The hydro-seeding has been done so we will have a beautiful field in the spring. It is fantastic to see this great new addition to the school and community take shape. The track surface will most likely go in next spring. DRAC is still looking for donations to fully develop Phase 2 of the facility.

Construction has also kicked off at the **Deschutes Rim Clinic** for their new updated facility. Expect to see a lot of activity in that area over the winter and into the spring.

Brett Wesson, the City's Community Liaison, has taken on a **long-standing code violation** in Maupin: **junk cars** parked on city streets. Clearing these vehicles out increases available parking and spruces up the neighborhoods. Progress has been made as junk vehicles are being moved off the streets, and many are leaving town. Huge thanks to Barnett's and to Rod Woodside for the obvious efforts they have put into clearing what they have control over. Next on the list will be RVs that are being used while parked on city streets.

There have been some issues recently with teens **breaking into unoccupied homes** to "party" and some damage has been reported. Please keep an eye on your neighbors' property and report any signs of a break-in to the Wasco County Sheriff's Office. If you are an absentee property owner, get to know your Maupin neighbors and ask them to keep an eye on your home.

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.

The City is applying for a grant from the Oregon State Marine Board to fund a consultant to design, fund, and permit a **new boat ramp at Maupin City Park**. The riverbank there has severely eroded and deteriorated over the past few years. The City would like letters of support from any that wish to provide them. Contact City Hall for a sample and with questions.

As many of you are aware, ODOT is entering the planning phase for development of the **Donkey Trail** and the **Riverwalk Trail** in East Maupin. Since portions of the Donkey Trail are on private property, we wanted to make sure it was being cared for as a lot of people already use it. Kevin, Cheryl, Theresa, and I spent a couple of hours picking up garbage there last week. Ended with a good pickup load. If you walk the trail and see garbage, please pick it up and drop it in a City garbage can. We will be making some additional trips to pick up some of the antique (very rusty) garbage as well.

Planning is already beginning for **Maupin Daze 2022 and the Maupin Centennial Celebration!** Maupin was incorporated as a city in 1922 after a devastating fire in 1921. **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 to display at City Hall and the Library.

The City is wrapping up work this month to complete 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. One is also being wired for use as a stage when needed. Stair railings are coming soon. A grape arbor (as requested by the Kaiser family) over the new sidewalk, some signage, and few additional features will be going in as soon as practical. By spring the grass should be green and Kaiser Park will be a great space to host the centennial celebration.

**Fall Clean-up Day was on Saturday, October 16.** We collected over five tons of yard debris, one ton of metal, and just under seven tons in trash. You can continue to leave clean yard debris in the parking lot across from City Park until we burn it later in the year. If you missed the clean up day, the event will take place in the spring. You can find more information about recycling, donating, or throwing away hazardous and non-hazardous household debris at [tricityrecycle.com](http://tricityrecycle.com)

Councilor Mike Foreaker has been working with Tri-County Hazardous Waste, DEQ, and Waste Connections. With his efforts, we **hope to have recycling available** in Maupin sometime next spring if all goes well.

There is currently **one home listed for sale in Maupin**. If you have an empty home that is deteriorating due to lack of use, now may be the time to get your best possible offer. Most homes going on the market have sold within days if they are priced reasonably. Fortunately, there are some proposals for development that would add new homes, but completion is probably a year or more away.

**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><b>Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>Meetings are being held <b>on Zoom</b> that allows participation via phone or computer. Find the links on the meeting agendas on our city website. <b>NOTE DATE CHANGES DUE TO HOLIDAYS.</b></p>	11/17/2021	
	<p>Public Meetings Law Sessions ORS192.640(2)</p>	<p>Executive ORS192.640</p>	