



## City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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**MAUPIN DAZE 2022** is only a couple of months away. The event will take place on **Saturday, May 21** and will also kick off an extended season of celebrating Maupin's Centennial. Maupin became an incorporated City in May of 1922 after a devastating fire ravaged the business district 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. The new **Maupin 100** banners celebrating our centennial are up on Deschutes Avenue and the annual hanging plant baskets will be coming soon.

The **Centennial Parade** will kick off Maupin Daze at 10 a.m., and registration for parade entries is open now. **Calling all neighbors, schools, businesses, non-profits, car clubs, etc.:** bring your decorated float, marching band, cars and trucks, animals, and more to represent our culture and heritage during our centennial anniversary! Be a part of this Centennial Parade fitting for a 100-year celebration. Find more information and register now at the link: <https://forms.gle/BYCrhqkgBHVJzyd87> If you have any questions or would like to fill out a paper form, please stop by City Hall.

There will also be a **street fair** offering specialty foods, handmade items, and other goods from local makers and merchants. Interested vendors should get in touch with Leslie Lusk at [keyofsea78@gmail.com](mailto:keyofsea78@gmail.com) or stop by City Hall. The Dig N' Hoe Garden Club famous plant sale, live music from local bands, and local history storytelling will all take place in Kaiser Park, where we will also be welcoming dancers and drummers from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for a performance.

We are also still searching for any **photos or artifacts** that could be displayed as part of the celebration. We hope to have the **American Legion Hall** open with the displays where everyone can see them. To see a sampling of what has been collected so far, stop by the Civic Center now. On the old Maupin State Bank table in the hallway (which now has a new top) we have begun displaying old photo albums and scrapbooks. They are great to look through whether you have lived here for a year or 90 years or anything in between.

Our next **Maupin Main Street** meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 10 at 2 p.m.** at the Civic Center and on Zoom. If you are a business owner in Maupin, this is a vital organization for you to participate in. How can the businesses of Maupin work together to keep our community vibrant over the coming years? Contact Bronte Dod in City Hall with any questions.

Every year the **City of Maupin awards three \$1,000 grants** to area charities and nonprofits. With additional funds from the Feds this year, we are able to increase that to **five grants** for this year only. Council awarded the grants this year to Life Raft Pantry, Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation, Town & Country Players Legion Hall Projects, Southern Wasco County Library Foundation, and South Wasco Community Health. Thank you to all of these organizations for the things they do to support our community.

Watch for a meeting announcement to create an improvement plan for the **Maupin Legion Hall**. The transfer of ownership from Post 73 to the City of Maupin should be completed soon. Ben Gates of Maupin Works (Old City Hall and Library) has volunteered his architectural and restoration experience to assist in the planning. A new **heating and cooling system** has already been installed and the last five new replacement windows will be going in soon.

Our **Planning Commission** is working on some **zoning issues**. They approved language to allow **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)** on some residential properties, and City Council also approved the changes. The Council approved the Planning Commission's creation of a **Craft Industrial** zone, which has yet to be applied to any particular sites. An allowance for residential homes in the Recreation Commercial zone was also approved by both bodies. This cleans up some existing non-complying properties. The rezoning of some of the property on both sides of 197 near River Drifters is still on their agendas of both groups. A nearly 24-acre property adjoining 197 and Spey Road is asking for some zone changes to allow a small commercial development along with multiple types of residential development. The City Council agreed to support rezoning the Log Home (Canyon Wren) from Industrial to Recreation commercial as promised when it was sold a few years ago. This should be considered at the March PC meeting. If you want to learn more, contact City Hall or attend a PC Meeting. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.** and will be conducted via Zoom.

**Recycling** is coming back. Councilor Foreaker has been working with City Manager Kevin Lewis, Community Liaison Brett Wesson, and Waste Connections to create a viable recycling alternative. The plan is to locate it inside the fence at the lower reservoir yard and open it during limited days and hours with a staff person on duty to ensure "clean" waste. It would include cardboard, mixed recyclable plastics, glass, metal, refundable cans and bottles, and yard debris. We should have more details by the March Council Meeting.

You can now pay your City Utility Bill one year at a time and receive a discount of 3%. Contact Bronte Dod at City Hall for more details.

**BLM** has quite a bit going on. They will be installing a new SCAT machine for cleaning port-a-potties for river users at City Park. They have a contractor already building new housing at the compound on Bakeoven to replace the old mobile homes and camp trailers that were there before. They are also looking for volunteers to man the **Depot House** during the summer. They are hoping to coordinate this through the Maupin Chamber.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** To the Lady Redsidies on a fourth-place finish in the Big Sky 1A District Basketball Tournament. **CONGRATULATIONS!** also to the Boys Redsidies Basketball team on a first-place finish in the tournament and moving on to the State 1A Tournament in Baker City! First game at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2. Check here for 1A bracket: <https://www.osaa.org/activities/bbx/brackets>

A young group of local citizens asked for the **restrooms** to be open at **Mt Fir Park** year-round so they do not have to leave the park to find a bathroom when playing there on sunny winter days. The Park Staff will have them open in early March and work to find a way to keep them open all year round for next year.

Hopefully you have begun to notice the cleanup efforts being spurred on by the City’s Community Liaison, Brett Wesson. The changes and improvements are quite noticeable. This effort will continue as long as any Code Violations are reported to the City. You can check on our city website to see copies of Nuisance and Zoning ordinances to see if you are inadvertently in violation.

We currently have 3 openings on the City Budget Committee for 3-year terms. The **Budget Committee** typically meets for one to three meetings in the spring to establish the City Budget for the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). This is a great opportunity to learn more about your city’s operations.

Don’t forget the **Deschutes River Athletic Complex** is still seeking donations so finishing touches can go in this spring and summer. The rubber surface will go down in the spring. Lighting, bleachers/grandstands, event spaces, and more are still in the works. See the website for more details. <https://www.maupindrac.org/>

The **Southern Wasco County Library** has scheduled many events, classes, and programs. Upcoming events for March include: Read Across America, March 2; Zentangle, March 5; and mathematics Pi Day on March 14. Be sure to check their Facebook page and website so you do not miss out!

**MEMBERS ARE STILL NEEDED** for the **Fire Department**. Stop by City Hall for details and to get signed up. New equipment has been coming in to replace the outdated stuff and new trainings are going on to get all volunteers up to speed.

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