



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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Spring is here! And spring cleaning has begun in preparation for welcoming visitors once again to our town.

CLEANUP TIME! As tourist season and our Centennial Celebration approaches, it is time to do our spring cleaning. As a wise local man said a few years ago, "Like it or not, we are *all* in the tourism business." On **Saturday, April 2**, Tri-County Waste & Recycle will be in front of the high school collecting **hazardous waste and electronics**. On **Saturday, April 16**, we will have our **Cleanup Day** across from City Park for non-hazardous materials such as yard debris, metal, and general junk. City Staff and Council will be doing a group cleanup along both sides of Highway 197 on the west end of Maupin as part of our Adopt-a-Highway membership on Friday, April 15.

Track surfacing at the **Deschutes River Athletic Complex** started March 28. It will take about three weeks. **PLEASE DO NOT WALK ON THE TRACK ONCE THE PROCESS HAS STARTED.** This includes your pets as well. They may need volunteers to keep deer and other wild critters off the track for the final four days as it cures. The **Big Sky District Track Meet** will be held here May 13-14. **Volunteers will also be needed** to assist with field events on those days. With the World Championships taking place in Eugene this summer, other events are already in the planning stage that could bring some world-class runners to town. There is even a group planning to come here from a large metro school, to see if they can set a world record on the new track. See the website for more details <https://www.maupindrac.org/>

Maupin Daze 2022 is just a month-and-a-half away. The event will take place on **Saturday, May 21** and will also launch an extended season celebrating Maupin's Centennial. The new **Maupin 100** banners celebrating our one-hundredth anniversary as an incorporated city are installed on Deschutes Avenue, and the annual hanging plant baskets will be coming very soon.

The **Centennial Parade** will kick off Maupin Daze at 10 a.m., and **registration for parade entries is open now at:** <https://tinyurl.com/maupindaze-parade> If you have any questions or would like to fill out a paper form, please stop by City Hall. We need 6-10 volunteers to assist with the parade among other help. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the planning and/or execution of a great community event, please contact the Maupin Chamber or 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 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 still searching for any **photos or artifacts** that could be displayed as part of the celebration. The **Legion Hall** will be open and staffed by the Town & Country Players with the displays where everyone can see them. To see a sampling of what has been collected so far, stop by the Civic Center. We have town photo albums and scrapbooks on the antique Maupin State Bank table in the lobby available to browse. Call City Hall to make arrangements for your memorabilia display.

Planning Commission is working on **zoning issues**. The Commission and City Council approved language to allow **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)** on some residential properties. Council also approved Planning Commission's recommendation 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. 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. The next Planning Commission meeting is on **Tuesday, April 12** at 6 p.m. and will be conducted in person and virtually. A combination virtual and in-person joint work session between the Planning Commission and City Council will take place at the Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 14.

Many people have called or emailed regarding some **RV Park installations** currently underway. RV Parks are an outright allowed use in the Recreation Commercial Zone along with hotels, restaurants, raft rentals and other businesses that cater to the outdoor recreation tourism business. **Deschutes RV Park (Wayne's World)** is expanding, and **the Imperial** is creating a new park west of the bridge. Both will include full hookup sites for RV camping.

The next **Maupin Main Street** meeting will take place on **Thursday, April 14 at 2 p.m.** at the Civic Center and virtually. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS! to the Boys Redsidies Basketball team on a great second-place finish in the State 1A Tournament and an otherwise undefeated season. Looking forward to seeing what this group of athletes can do during the track and field season on their new track.

Recycling is coming back soon. Councilor Foreaker has been working with City Manager Kevin Lewis, Community Liaison Brett Wesson, Tri-County Hazardous Waste, 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 Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a staff person on duty to ensure clean waste. It would include cardboard, mixed recyclable plastics, metal, and yard debris. There will not be a charge during the first year of operation as we determine how this will best work. **Watch the website for the launch date in late spring or early summer.**

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 still have one opening on the City Budget Committee for a 3-year term. 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.

The **Southern Wasco County Library** has scheduled many events, classes, and programs. The seed library is still available for spring planting. Upcoming events for April include: **Poetry Month Community Reading, Blackout Poetry Class, and Hands on Harps** workshop and concert. Be sure to check their Facebook page and website so you do not miss out! Watch for the **Library Foundation Used Book Sale** and the newly re-printed edition of the local favorite, *Chaff in the Wind*.

An onsite meeting was held with several ODOT staff in March to discuss plans for the **Donkey Trail** and **Riverwalk** projects. They plan to ask for additional Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds as well as tapping into other trail and highway safety funds to help make these happen in a couple of years. They are entering the planning and design phase now.

Maupin Madness Motorcycle Rally is coming back on June 11-12 with a Centennial Edition. In addition to the road events, there will be a **Bike Show** and **Raffles** among other fun. One raffle will even be for a brand-new BMW motorcycle so you can join the rally next year.

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	<p>Public Meetings Law Sessions ORS192.640(2)</p> <p>Executive ORS192.640</p>	