



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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Thank you to everyone who attended our Maupin Daze celebration last month! About 500 people were in attendance, and it was great to see the community together in our parks and streets. About 100 people joined the Centennial Parade—our largest participation in years—and we had more street vendors than ever before. Thank you to the City employees, Chamber staff, and all of the volunteers who made Maupin Daze a success. The new centennial banners showcasing the region's heritage will be on Deschutes Avenue all year, along with the blooming flower baskets from our local Canyon Gardens Nursery. Follow the Chamber for more updates on centennial events happening throughout the rest of the year.

Maupin's Main Street Committee is pleased to announce that the City of Maupin was **awarded the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant** for Maupin Works' project to turn the old city hall and library into an entrepreneurial hub. Maupin Works will receive \$188,000 to complete façade improvements, accessibility upgrades, roof replacement, interior upgrades, and energy efficiency upgrades to the vacant buildings on our Main Street. The City of Maupin will receive \$12,000 for grant administration. Maupin Works will provide \$217,129 in matching funds for this project. If you would like to join the Maupin Main Street program, please contact Bronte Dod in City Hall.

This is an election year for the City of Maupin. Every two years we elect a mayor, who serves a two-year term, and three councilors, who serve four-year terms. Candidate Filing SEL 101 form is now available at City Hall. Any resident who has lived in Maupin city limits during the 12 months immediately before being elected and is a registered voter in Maupin is eligible to run. If you are interested in running for office, please stop by City Hall for forms and instructions. Contact City Recorder Christine Wolfe if you have any questions. Everyone can check their voter registration status at SOS.OREGON.GOV/VOTING

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. Learn more at MAUPINOREGON.COM

You may see some **food carts** around Maupin this summer. Our brick & mortar restaurants have consented to allowing food carts for the summer to keep up with demand during the high tourist season. The Planning Commission and the City Council have agreed to a trial period lasting through the summer that would allow food carts on existing business properties. Rules and applications are available at City Hall.

It is budget season. The **Budget Committee** will meet on Wednesday, June 1 at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. If the budget review is not completed at that meeting, another will be scheduled. **Planning Commission** is working on **zoning issues** and the many **land use applications** that have been coming in. The next Planning Commission meeting is on Tuesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. and will be conducted in person and virtually.

Our new **Recycling Center** will be open soon. Beginning this summer, the recycling center will be open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. It will be located inside the fence at the lower reservoir yard on Water Avenue. It includes provisions for recycling 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 and social media for more information as we get closer to opening, hopefully in late June.

The **Donkey Trail** and **Riverwalk** projects have hit a big snag with ODOT and the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). Since applying for funds, costs have increased exponentially. The previous budget of \$650,000 will not nearly cover the current estimate of nearly \$3 million. **ODOT** has determined that they will go back to FLAP for additional funds in order to complete the Riverwalk from the upper access road to about the driveway at Imperial. This construction would take place starting in the Fall of 2024. The Donkey Trail cannot be constructed in compliance with ADA requirements without significant expansion of the trail area. Because of this, ODOT recommends we seek a local solution. They would continue to assist in helping to find funds to provide safe access across 197 to access the trail at the upper end.

Our engineers, Anderson-Perry, have completed a **water system study** and have nearly completed a **wastewater system study**. These two major documents will help in guiding updates to both city systems moving forward.

The **Legion Hall Restoration Committee** has been meeting every two weeks to discuss plans for the building. Councilor Susan Wright is taking the lead to work with all parties and with designers to determine a step-by-step plan to completely update the building in phases moving forward. Currently building systems are being evaluated for lifespan and needs. If you would like to be part of the planning, the next meeting is at **10 a.m. on June 15** at the Legion Hall. We know the Legion Hall is important to many different groups for many different reasons and would like to see all parties represented in the plan.

The **Southern Wasco County Library** still has copies of the new edition of *Chaff in the Wind*, which chronicles the history of the Maupin area through the memories of many local residents, past and current. The updated version includes several new chapters to help cover the 40+ years from the initial printing to now. Be sure to stop by and pick up a copy at the library. Proceeds benefit the **Southern Wasco County Library Foundation**.

We're going into fire season, and our **Volunteer Fire Department** is still seeking new members. If you are interested in becoming a trained volunteer, stop by City Hall. The fire trucks are being updated to make sure all pumps and valves are in good working order. City employees and a local contractor have replaced all outdated fire hydrants around the city to bring those up to date.

On Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day) the City and the Dig and Hoe Garden Club held a re-dedication ceremony for the **Blue Star Memorial Garden**. The garden is located at the base of Redside Hill (3rd St.) where it meets Elrod Ave. and Highway 197. It is in front of ROW Adventures, formerly Henry's Deli. Many thanks to the **Dig & Hoe Garden Club** for the updates to the garden.

Track surfacing and striping at the **Deschutes River Athletic Complex** was completed just in time for the **Big Sky District Track Meet**. With the World Championships taking place in Eugene this summer, other events are in the planning stage that could bring some world-class runners to town. See the website for more details MAUPINDRAC.ORG

Our longtime **City Attorney**, Paul Sumner, of Madras has moved away from representing small cities to accept a new position. Mr. Sumner has been a valuable part of our city governance for many years. The City has contracted with Ruben Cleaveland, of Hood River, as our new City Attorney.

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