



## City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing  
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We are extremely grateful to all of the volunteers in South Wasco County, and around the state, who responded to two fire emergencies in August. Thanks to the quick response from the volunteer firefighting crews, many homes and lives were saved from the Miller Road Fire on Juniper Flats. Unfortunately, one local family lost their home. You may or may not know Freddie and Dot Faulkner. They have been regulars at our library for years. They lost everything but the clothes on their backs when their rented home burned in the wildfire. Please do what you can to help. Find more information and donate here: [GOFUND.ME/8A8623DA](https://GOFUND.ME/8A8623DA)

In a separate incident on August 25, the Maupin Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) was called to a house fire on Elrod Place. Neighbors were able to rescue the animals on the property, and our MVFD, Juniper Flat, Tygh Valley, and Wamic fire districts quickly made it to the scene and began firefighting procedures. The quick action from all the volunteer responders kept the fire from spreading, and we are grateful for their efforts. Maupin Country Store & Hardware is holding a fundraising raffle for Mike Johnston and Madeline Rhoades. Stop by the store to buy a raffle ticket for a new patio set and help out our longtime residents who have worked for local rafting companies for years. You can also donate here: [GOFUND.ME/3B5A2F6D](https://GOFUND.ME/3B5A2F6D)

**Fall** is nearly here and school is already in session. Please remember to watch for pedestrians (students and staff) walking to and from school in the mornings, afternoons, and at lunch time. Also remember that most of Fourth Street reverts to bus parking during the school days. **Construction is underway** for the new kitchen, cafeteria, and gym at the elementary school. The viewing stands for the Deschutes River Athletic Complex are also going in this month. Please be aware of construction traffic in the area. Access to the track can either be made behind the old grade school gym or at the north end of Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue. The City is also working with the school district to make **affordable childcare** available in Maupin. We will share more details about the program as it is finalized.

**Maupin 100 Finale Weekend**, September 24-25, will conclude Maupin's centennial celebration. It's going to be a weekend full of a variety of events with something for everyone to enjoy!

- The weekend kicks off with [Cornhole](#) at The Imperial with registration beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, September 24 and continuing through the day.
- [South Wasco Connect](#) begins in Kaiser Park at 11 a.m. Saturday and runs until 2 p.m. Many local and regional companies will be there if you need a change or want to begin a new career. Entrepreneurs will share resources and helpful tips. CGCC and the Small Business Development Center will also be on hand to help you get on track for that new occupation or business venture.
- At 2:30 p.m., the Oregon National Guard and US Army Reserves will be at the new track for a dedication of the **Deschutes River Athletic Complex**. The event will also feature free Tygh Valley Shaved Ice and a chance to watch a first attempt at a sub-four-minute mile on the new track.
- **FREE FOOD** for everyone sponsored by the Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce when we return to Kaiser Park at 4 p.m. Local restaurants and food trucks will be providing food for all comers. Adult beverages will also be available to purchase.
- At 6:30 p.m., we will hold the annual **Tricycle Races**, which begin on Sixth Street and continue down Deschutes Avenue. Always fun to cheer on your favorites! This will be followed at 8 p.m. with live music in Kaiser Park.
- The [Ride Row Run 2022](#) Triathlon will be on Sunday, September 25 beginning at 9 a.m. A 26-mile bike loop along the Deschutes scenic route, followed by a three-mile paddle down river, then a four-mile run back to the finish line at the Imperial. This will be an exhausting and fabulous display of athleticism by locals and guest participants.
- The culmination of the weekend will be [Hunter Noack's In a Landscape: Classical Music in the Wild](#), a classical piano concert on Sunday, September 25 at 4:30 p.m. on The Imperial lawn. See the Chamber site for ticket info.

 The **Recycle Depot** is now open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. As we learn the needs of our residents and businesses, we may make additional adjustments over the coming months.

This is an **election year** for the City of Maupin. Every two years we elect one mayor, who serves a two-year term, and three councilors, who serve four-year terms. Carol Beatty is running for Mayor, and incumbents Mike Foreaker and Susan Wright along with new candidate Mark Roper are running for three councilor positions. **Check your voter registration status** at [SOS.OREGON.GOV/VOTING](https://SOS.OREGON.GOV/VOTING) so you can vote in November! Councilors Tom Troutman, Rob Miles, and Kathy Peck still have two years left on their terms.

**City Council** has endorsed the concept of constructing 20-30 units of affordable housing on property located west of Spey Road, below the green reservoir. Home First, currently building an affordable apartment building in Condon, would be building on property belonging to Maupin Heights Development. They asked for our endorsement as a first step in applying for special state building grants next winter/spring.

Five **new single-family homes** are currently in the planning stage or have started construction in Rivercrest. Two new single-family homes have started construction city limits, and one site plan review has been approved for a single-family home. An application has also been filed for a home to be used as a Short-Term Rental on property zoned Recreational Commercial. The City is considering a **Derelict Building Ordinance**. This would apply to any building that has not been used for a significant period of time. Such non-use contributes to the deterioration of the building and creates a hazard or nuisance for the surrounding properties. It also removes usable properties from the available housing inventory. Remedies could include rehabilitation, occupancy, or even demolition.

Our long-awaited **City Visioning** will take place in October. This is your chance to have a say in Maupin's community development over the next two decades. Our last visioning process was held in 2004. It resulted in our Main Street improvements, high-speed broadband, a new Civic Center and Library, a new track, a retirement community, and countless other improvements to our town. Where will we go next? We need all of you to help with those decisions.

[Hood to Coast's Ride the Rapids](#) is back on October 8. After a successful inaugural ride last year, they are back again supporting youth sports and activities in our community. The event will begin and end at the Wasco County Fairgrounds, with courses that take cyclists through Maupin throughout the day. Watch for cyclists on the roads if you're driving around the area that day.

Our Librarian, **Valerie Stephenson**, has been selected to be on the Board of Directors of the [Libraries of Eastern Oregon](#) (LEO). LEO works with rural libraries all over the eastern part of the state to help with bulk purchasing, community programming, and professional development. Congratulations, Valerie! The **Southern Wasco County Library** has also been showing summer movies (often first-run films!) in the Civic Center and the Legion Hall. Please check the Library Facebook page for details. The Library of Things is now available. There are a variety of items that can be checked out such as a ukulele, a mountain dulcimer, a pizza oven, yard games, a telescope, and more. Come check it out!

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**From City Manager Kevin Lewis:** With a busy summer wrapping up, I wanted to share an update on our emergency response services in Maupin and **express our gratitude to our volunteers.**

Thank you to Mathias and Randy for their quick response in the Miller Road Fire. Both of these Maupin Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) members go above and beyond with their willingness to help our town and others.

The recent house fire on Elrod Place was a horrible event that affected two of our residents. With the extremely dry conditions, this fire could have been so much worse if it weren't for the volunteers. MVFD was able to respond within 10 minutes of receiving the dispatch call. A brand new and recently installed fire hydrant provided much needed water to our team as well as several mutual aid departments. We are extremely grateful to our MVFD firefighters Mathias, Mark, John, and Eddy. We also extend a huge thank you to Juniper Flat, Tygh Valley, and Wamic fire districts who quickly responded and joined the firefighting efforts. The team and I appreciate all you did for us.

It's also been a busy season for EMS. From August 19 to 22, our EMTs responded to 12 emergency calls. We've recently hit multiple record-high call volumes in recent months. People often ask what types of calls we go on. We receive emergency calls for just about everything, from car accidents, tractor accidents, falls, and general health emergencies. I want to extend a special thanks to our longtime ambulance drivers Virginia and Rod. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and your work is greatly appreciated by the whole community. I also want to thank our ambulance drivers Nace and Willie. You guys always get us there safely and make our jobs easier. Thanks must go out to my partner in EMS, Alex. We made it through the first-ever online EMT training that helped develop more flexible training for future EMTs in Oregon. You also tirelessly run call after call with a smile, and your positive spirit is loved by your team and our patients. I am thankful to be part of such a great team of volunteers.

As a final note, **we need more volunteers in every capacity.** Almost all of our residents have volunteered over the years for EMS, Fire, Council, Planning, various committees, etc. We need to keep up that volunteer spirit as we grow. If you're new to town, haven't volunteered yet, or just looking for more ways to get involved, reach out to us at City Hall and we'll get you connected. We don't just need EMTs and firefighters. Each group needs support folks like drivers and organizers. No matter what your skillset, you can help. I am grateful for the past, present, and future volunteers, and look forward to my continued service in our community.

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***We are a safe, progressive community that cares for all our citizens and visitors while protecting our natural resources and maintaining our rural heritage.***

#### **Public Meetings**

Planning Commission | Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m.  
City Council | Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are being held in person at the Maupin Civic Center (507 Grant Ave.) and virtually on Zoom. Find the links to join on the agendas. Meetings are ADA accessible. For special accommodations, please contact the City Recorder in advance.

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