



## City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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Please join us for our **Community Visioning** event from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 5 at the Legion Hall**. See the enclosed flyer and [Facebook event](#) for details. Our last Community Visioning was held in 2004 with more 160 citizens involved. The ideas generated during that meeting were crafted into a long-term plan for community improvement and enhancement. Our beautiful Main Street, the medical clinic, Canyon Rim, our Chamber of Commerce, and improvements to Mt. Fir and Kaiser parks were part of that vision. The Civic Center/SWC Library building, city acquisition of the Legion Hall, high-speed broadband, and the current facilities improvements at the school were also part of that vision. Where will we go next? We are excited to craft a new vision for the next 20 years, and we need all of you to help with those decisions. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Daycare will be available for your kids, too.

As reported last month, City Council has endorsed a letter of support for [Home First Development](#) in their application for state building grants to build 20-30 units of affordable housing on a property located west of Spey Road (below the green reservoir and owned by Maupin Heights Development LLC). Please be aware, there are more multiple “Home First” company listings on Google. One is a builder of homeless shelters from Southern California and has nothing to do with this proposal. [Home First Development](#) is a Portland-based development company currently building an affordable apartment building in Condon.

Our first **Electric Vehicle Charging Station**, donated by Wasco Electric Cooperative, is installed at Maupin City Park (near the shower building) and will be operating soon. Usage of this station will help us determine the need and practicality of adding others in select areas around town. All profits made from the charging fees will be used for the station’s operation and maintenance.

**Do you recycle?** Our [Recycling Depot](#) is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. It is located at 604 Water Avenue in the water reservoir yard. **Why recycle?** Anything that is recycled does not go into the county landfill, meaning it will have a longer usable life before another has to be created. Recycled materials are used to create new products without using as many raw materials. Our site accepts the following: yard debris (no plastic bags), corrugated cardboard, glass (no pottery), and mixed recycling material (metal cans, paper, and many plastics). If you are unsure about whether or not something is recyclable, the employee tending the drop site will be able to assist you. Recycling can also **save you money!** When we recycle, we do not need our garbage picked up as frequently. At our house, we went from weekly service to twice a month simply by recycling and composting.

**Fall Clean-up Day** is on Saturday, October 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place at our [Recycling Depot](#) (604 Water Avenue). If you leave Highway 197 next to the log home, you will be directed into the west entrance, deposit your load, and then exit via the east entrance to the yard. All regular recycle bins will be available along with a dumpster and a garbage truck for junk too large for a garbage can. Metal, including non-refrigerant appliances, will also be accepted. The Dalles Habitat for Humanity ReStore will be available to collect your usable donations of building materials, usable furniture, and working appliances including refrigerators. They ask that you not bring baby items, upholstered furniture from households with pets or smokers, or any fluorescent bulbs.

The **final weekend** celebration of **Maupin’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** was a huge success. Saturday’s events were primarily at Kaiser Park, with the exception of the Cornhole Competition at Imperial and the Deschutes River Athletic Complex dedication at the track. The National Guard personnel on hand were proud of their part in the final product and the world-class athletes on hand were impressed and look forward to running here next spring when it is rainy in the valley. Many thanks to the Chamber for sponsoring the day’s events and for getting Tygh Shave Ice, The Stockyard, and Pizza by The Don to provide some great food for more than 200 people who attended the community dinner. Sunday’s Ride Row Run went off without a hitch. The culmination of the weekend with Hunter Noack’s classical piano concert was a perfect, relaxing ending to the festivities. More than 350 people attended the concert.

**Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP):** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the ACP, providing eligible households up to \$30 a month off internet bills and a one-time \$100 discount off a connected device. The Administration secured commitments from internet service providers across the country to offer high-speed plans that are fully covered -- meaning millions of families can get high-speed internet at no cost. An estimated 40 percent of households qualify for the ACP, including those with an income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$55,500 for a family of four) and those participating in certain federal programs (without regard to income). [GETINTERNET.GOV](#) is a one-stop shop to check eligibility and sign up. Moreover, the Department released a [Back to School ACP Toolkit](#) with a ready-to-use backpack flyer that schools and community partners may use to help students and their families enroll.

Mid-Columbia Community Action will be scheduling **energy and/or water bill pay assistance** appointments for the new heating season beginning in November. To schedule an appointment, please call 541-298-5131, ext. 206 or email [kbuckles@mccac.com](mailto:kbuckles@mccac.com) with your name and contact information. The following dates are available for appointments: 11/4/22, 12/2/22, 1/6/23, and 2/3/23. You can also apply online in English or Spanish at [MCCAC.COM](http://MCCAC.COM) anytime.

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. The candidates for Maupin are: Carol Beatty for the Mayor position; incumbents Mike Foreaker and Susan Wright for councilors; and new candidate Mark Roper for councilor. Councilors Tom Troutman, Rob Miles, and Kathy Peck still have two years left on their terms. Ballots will be mailed on October 20 and must be returned by November 8. A ballot collection box is located outside City Hall on the Grant Avenue side.

[Hood to Coast's Ride the Rapids](#) is back for the second year on October 8. This is a cycling event to raise money for the Deschutes River Athletic Complex. After a successful inaugural ride last year, they are back again helping to support youth sports and activities in our community. This year's event will take place starting and ending at the Tygh Valley Fairgrounds, with courses that take them through Maupin throughout the day.

[Maupin Main Street](#) is hosting a meeting on October 20 at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center for business and property owners who are interested in applying for a **Main Street grant**. The matching grant could provide up to \$200,000 to acquire, revitalize, or improve a building on our Main Street. Questions? Get in touch with us at City Hall.

Among the many happenings at the **Southern Wasco County Library**, starting October 1, they will host Snapdragon Yoga for kids every first and third Saturday morning. It's a great opportunity if you have little ones around. At 4 p.m. on October 4, Delson Suppah will be here for a viewing and discussion of the movie *Three Warriors*, which was filmed on the Warm Springs Reservation. Check the library's [Facebook](#) and [web page](#) for many other activities.

When the Kaiser family donated the property for **Kaiser Park** to the City, one requirement was that we build a **grape arbor** in the park. Oregon Log Homes donated four prepped logs. Public Works employee Gary Burnett has been busy building the rest. In the next couple of weeks, the structure will be put up in the park. Grapes will be added (along with deer protection) this winter. We look forward to having the finished project with grapes growing before next Spring.

**Fall** is 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. 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.

**From City Manager Kevin Lewis:** You may have noticed the orange fencing around the front of the grade school and wondered what that's for. Well, I'm thrilled to tell you it's to keep children in since the school expanded its childcare! What great news for all of our parents in the area and a welcome addition to the school. The City dedicated a portion of our ARPA funds to help support childcare and approached the school with that proposal a few months ago. Our local school leadership was so receptive and put together a plan that has come together with great success and have filled most or all of the spots. I have heard nothing but positive feedback and we are so happy that local families are getting the support they need. Keeping our families and youth here is important to our future and we've put major efforts into making that happen and will continue to do so. If you have any ideas or ways to help, please reach out. Maupin is committed to building a strong community, so be part of our future.

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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, October 11 at 6 p.m.  
City Council | Wednesday, October 26 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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