



## City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing  
November 1, 2022

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. 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. **Free daycare will be available** for your kids. There will also be **door prizes from local businesses!** The Library will be closed, and Snapdragon Yoga will take place at the daycare.

**Congratulations to the Lady Redsidés Volleyball Team** and their accomplishments this year. First place in the League and a run into the State Playoffs. Job well done! The Redsidés Football Team is still going. They have a home game on Saturday, November 5 at 1 p.m. This is the quarterfinal of the six-man state playoff. (We will allow you to leave Community Visioning a little early to cheer on the team! 😊)

**City Hall will be closed** on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day and on Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, for Thanksgiving. Due to the holiday, our City Council meeting will be moved from November 23 to November 30.

The annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** will take place on Sunday, December 4 at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center and Kaiser Park. Come and enjoy the lights and treats and sing a few Christmas carols with your friends and neighbors.

Outdoor burning is now allowed in city limits, and **Burn Permits can be accessed online** at [CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG/BURNPERMIT](http://CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG/BURNPERMIT). If you plan to do any Open Brush or Burn Barrel burning, please complete this form on our website. Our outdoor burning rules are on our website as well. If you need assistance or have questions about outdoor burning, please call or stop by City Hall.

**VOTE!** Remember your ballot is due by Tuesday, November 8. It can be mailed or dropped off at an election box like the one on the Grant Avenue side of the Civic Center. 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. There are also very important state-wide ballot measures and candidates and a very close and important three-way race for Governor.

Our first **Electric Vehicle Charging Station**, donated by Wasco Electric Cooperative, is installed at Maupin City Park (near the shower building) and is now operational. 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. A small dedication ceremony was held in October with two vehicles plugged in to charge.

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.

The Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 2022 **Maupin Winter Holiday Bazaar**. It will be held at the Legion Hall on Saturday, December 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information about the event and to sign up as a vendor, go to [MAUPINOREGON.COM](http://MAUPINOREGON.COM)

We had another successful city-wide Clean-up Day the last week of October. The new location proved to work well and some people got their first introduction to our recycling efforts. As a reminder, no plastic bags in the yard debris or other recycling areas. Either take the bags home with you or leave in a trash receptacle near the mixed recycling dumpster.

We have seen an increase in **off-leash dogs and failure to clean up** after them in our parks and at the school track. We do not have an official off-leash area at this time. Even if we did, you would still be required to clean up after your pet. Thank you.

The library has some exciting new stuff in SWCL's Library of Things. Did you know that at the you can check out a Telescope? a Microscope? an Instant Pot? a Ravioli pasta maker? a Ukulele or a Mountain Dulcimer or a Guitar? They have these things and more. Come in and check it out! Julie Whetzel will be giving a demonstration on how to use a spinning wheel at 4 p.m. on November 10. Come learn how fun and easy it is to use.



**From City Manager Kevin Lewis:** If you've walked or driven down Main Street, you've probably noticed the new wooden structure at the entrance to Kaiser Park and the Civic Center. When the Kaiser family originally donated the land to be used as a park, they requested that a grape arbor be installed when there were any improvements. Thanks to a grant from Travel Oregon that we received in 2021, we were finally able to complete the vision for this space, which included the new walkways and new picnic tables among other improvements.

This property was the former location of a bank and a hotel that was leveled in the early 1980s. The land was designated as the "Greenway" for years. It was an open space to picnic and provided a rest stop for locals and travelers. With the addition of our Civic Center in 2019, plans were developed by our Parks Committee to complete the space. After more than a year of construction, and with the donation of two memorial benches under the arbor from the families of local residents, the improvement project is now complete. A future dedication ceremony is in the works.

Special thanks to Matt Kemper of Oregon Log Homes for his generous donation of the four log posts, Ben and Margo of Maupin Works for their design donation and to Maupin Country Store and Hardware for coordinating our lumber purchase and finding us that gorgeous cedar! And finally, this could not have happened without the talent of our very own Gary Burnett of Public Works. He took our paper concept of the arbor and made it come to life with beautiful precision and craftsmanship. Thank you all for your efforts. The result is a perfect addition to the park. Please check out this new addition to Kaiser Park and enjoy a rest while you take in Main Street!

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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, November 8 at 6 p.m.  
City Council | Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
There will be no Council Meeting in December.

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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