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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**
Tues., Nov. 14 at 4:30 p.m.
- City Council**
Wed., Nov. 15 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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CITY HALL NEWS

- City Hall will be closed:
 - Fri., Nov. 10
 - Wed., Nov. 22 (Closed at noon)
 - Thurs., Nov. 23
 - Fri., Nov. 24
- You can access many services on CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG, including:
 - Utility payments
 - Facility rental requests
 - Burn permits
 - Maupin Municipal Code
 - Meeting agendas and minutes
 - Planning and land use forms
 - Code compliance information

LETTER FROM MAYOR CAROL BEATTY

Come by City Hall and check out the newly installed donor wall, a beautiful tribute to everyone who contributed money to help build the Southern Wasco County Library. Maupin resident and Library Board Member Kathy Middleton spearheaded the project. The City is very grateful for her time, energy, and vision that made it come to life. Special thanks to Donna Henderson for writing the poem, to Pam Racs, who designed the wall, and Derek Inkens with Infinity Images, who brought Pam's design to life. As we begin looking forward to future community projects that will serve Maupin for the next generations, this piece is a reminder of how much we can accomplish as a small town.

At the October City Council meeting, Council appointed Nick Smith to be the temporary City Manager. Nick has been the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator for seven years and has been working with City Hall staff during the last few months on our infrastructure project planning. Nick will serve as City Manager Pro Tem until a full-time City Manager is hired.

The search for our next City Manager has begun, and the position description and application information will be available on our website. The City has hired Prothman, an agency that specializes in executive recruitment, to conduct the search to find the person who will be the best fit for Maupin. The first round of applications will be considered in early December.

Staff and community leaders across South Wasco County met with Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) to discuss and prioritize our community enhancement project list for 2024. The top five priorities are:

1. City water system improvements
2. City wastewater system improvements
3. City Park Boat Ramp replacement
4. South Wasco County School District childcare expansion and support
5. Entrepreneur support through Maupin Works, South Wasco Alliance, the Maupin Area Chamber and other partners.

This list of projects will be reviewed by the Wasco County Economic Development Commission and considered for placement on a regional list that will be seen by legislators and funding organizations.

As we move forward on our big infrastructure projects over the next few months, look for more details on our website and for future meetings where residents can ask questions.

We hope you will join us on December 3 for the first annual Maupin Holiday Festival: Merry & Bright 2023. The event will include the traditional Christmas Tree Lighting at 5 p.m. , but there will also be lots of activities for kids and families. Big thank you to Wasco Electric Co-op for sponsoring this event. Gather friends and family and kick off the holiday season with the community.

SWCSD Presents “Little Women” November 10-12

The South Wasco County School District Theatre Program will be presenting the play “Little Women” November 10-12 at the grade school gymnasium. The stage has been built by the manufacturing class along with community members volunteering their time. Don't miss this production! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students/seniors and free for veterans.

New Short Term Rental License Pause for Six Months

At the October City Council meeting, councilors approved Planning Commission's recommendation to place a moratorium on new short term rental license applications for six months. This will allow Planning Commission time to work on a draft amendment to the City's short-term rental ordinance. The general purpose of the amendment is to incorporate a maximum cap of short-term rentals allowed within the City and equitably regulate the licenses.

Legion Hall Remains Closed

City Staff is working with the Legion Hall Restoration Committee on a master plan to update the building. While they seek more information about the construction needs of the space to keep it safe and functioning in the future, the building will remain closed to the public to use for any events or meetings. Look out for a future public meeting where citizens can discuss future plans for the building.

Burn Permits Available Online

Burn permits are now available on our website. Please follow all outdoor burning rules, which are also available on our website. Residents are encouraged to use other methods of disposal for yard debris such as composting or chipping. Yard debris disposal is available year-round at the Recycle Depot. We thank everyone for their cooperation in keeping our community safe and fire-free. Please call City Hall with questions.

Utility Bill Assistance

Do you need help paying your utility bills? MCCAC may be able to help even if you already received a bill assistance payment. You may apply even if you do not have a past due bill. Call MCCAC at 541-298-5131, ext. 206 or apply online at MCCAC.COM.

Save the date! Maupin Holiday Festival Set for December 3

On December 3, gather family and friends and join the community for the Maupin Holiday Festival: Merry & Bright 2023!

During the event, kids and families can make holiday crafts at the Library. Santa will arrive at 2:30 p.m., and kids can visit and take pictures in the North Pole.

Buy a cup of hot chocolate or mulled wine on the patio and receive a free commemorative mug. Nonprofits, businesses, sports teams, or groups of friends can join the lamppost decorating contest for a chance to win \$250 (more details to come on the Facebook event!). There will also be carols, Christmas music, and warming stations in the park.

The event culminates with the traditional Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. We hope you'll join the community for this festive event!

Special thanks to Wasco Electric Co-op for brightening our holiday season with their sponsorship of this event. The Holiday Festival is hosted by the City, Chamber and Library. Call City Hall or visit the Facebook event for more information.

Fall and Winter Library Programs for Youth and Adults

The Southern Wasco County Library continues to host a number of events each month for youth and adults. Youth involved in 4H are currently taking a series of cooking classes in a program hosted by Oregon State University. The Cookin' the Books Cookbook Club meets monthly, along with the Read What You Want book club. There are also creative writing and yoga classes for youth. Visit the Library or call 541-395-2208 for more details about these programs and how to join.

Tobacco Prevention & Education Programs

Ready to ditch tobacco? North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) shared information about their tobacco prevention and education programs with City Council in October. Residents can sign up for local, in-person help with quitting tobacco, vaping, or other nicotine products and receive Get free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges. Go to NCPHD.ORG/TOBACCO-PROGRAMS or call 541-506-2609 for more information.

Dead Tree & Shrub Removal for Maupin Residents

Need help removing dead trees and shrubs from your property? The City is able to offer financial assistance to residents for dead tree removal, fire fuel reduction and debris hauling. Residents may qualify for assistance due to income, physical, or social barriers. All residents who reside within city limits and need these services are encouraged to apply at City Hall or on the city website.

Dead trees, overgrown vegetation and other fire fuels can have devastating consequences for neighborhoods and families in the event of a wildfire. It's important to do our part to mitigate the risk of a fire spreading to or through Maupin or its neighboring communities. For more information contact Community Liaison Melissa Napoli at mnapoli@cityofmaupin.org or 541-395-2698.

Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Available in 2024

Maupin Main Street invites business or property owners interested in the Oregon Main Street Revitalization grant to reach out to us at City Hall. This state grant is an opportunity to renovate, repair, and revitalize a property in our commercial district and grow our year-round economy.

Maupin Main Street has been awarded two Revitalization Grants in the past. Maupin Works received the grant in 2022 and turned the old City Hall and Library into a coworking space and entrepreneurial hub. Rod Woodside received the grant in 2023 and is working on revitalizing Richmond's Service Station. Look out for more information from Maupin Main Street about future meeting dates and the application process.

The Life Raft Pantry Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Community Clean-up Day and donated nonperishable food to The Life Raft Pantry. They will continue to collect bags of 50 cans and bottles next year at the Recycle Depot. To date The Life Raft Pantry has returned \$3,500 worth of refundables and used the funds to fill the shelves at the Pantry. Anyone who is interested in donating or volunteering should contact Barbara Pierce at 541-980-0488 or THELIFERAFTPANTRY@GMAIL.COM