



*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., Jan. 9 at 4:30 p.m.

**City Council**

Mon., Jan. 8 at 10 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 24 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:
  - Monday, January 1
  - Monday, January 15
- 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**

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to another year serving as your Mayor. I've learned so much about this town and the people who make it special over the past year, and I'm excited about everything we have in store this year.

In January, we will host an open house for the public to meet the candidates for City Manager. Please join us at the Civic Center on Wednesday, January 10 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meet the candidates, ask questions, and enjoy light snacks and refreshments. Interviews will take place on Thursday, January 11. We hope to have a new City Manager in place by February.

This month also kicks off the Transportation & Growth Management program grant. There will be a walking tour of Maupin on Tuesday, January 23 at 1 p.m. and the public is welcome to join. This is a long-range planning project to update our Street Design Standards Plan and the Donkey Trail. These are two important planning projects that will create opportunities for more active transportation in town.

City Council is holding a work session and special meeting on January 8 to discuss funding options for water system improvements. A temporary patch was placed in the upper water reservoir in late December after a leak was detected, and now we are looking at funding options to repair the tank this year. Councilors will

also decide on priorities for more water system improvements as well.

Two new programs will launch this year that will help us reduce the risk of a wildfire spreading through Maupin. There are funds available to assist qualified residents for dead tree, shrub, and yard debris removal that will help reduce fire fuels. We will also be launching a city-wide incentive program for all property owners to reduce fire fuels on their properties and encourage landscaping with fire-resistant materials. Look for more information on our website and in your mail on how to participate.

Maupin Main Street will continue to seek funds to support economic development in the City. Business and property owners are encouraged to apply for the Oregon Main Street Revitalization grant, which can provide up to \$200,000 to renovate a property in commercial districts. More information will be shared with the businesses on social media and through the Chamber.

I'm excited to see what this year will bring to Maupin. We have many projects underway that will move Maupin forward and make it a place where people want to live, work and play year-round. I'm always open to new ideas and conversations. Come talk to me in City Hall, in the park, or at one of our local coffee shops anytime.

## The Dalles Disposal Rate Increase

In December, City Councilors approved a 2.65 percent rate increase from Waste Connections, the garbage and recycling service provider for the City. If you have any questions about garbage rates for your home or business, please contact The Dalles Disposal [THEDALLESDISPOSAL.COM](http://THEDALLESDISPOSAL.COM)

## Debris Removal for Maupin Residents

Thanks to a generous grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, the City is able to offer financial assistance to qualified residents for dead tree removal, fire fuel reduction and debris hauling.

Residents may qualify for assistance due to income, physical, or social barriers. Residents in 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. Please contact Community Liaison Melissa Napoli at [MNAPOLI@CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG](mailto:MNAPOLI@CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG) for more information or visit [CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG](http://CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG)

## 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. Please contact Administrative Assistant Bronte Dod at [BDOD@CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG](mailto:BDOD@CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG) with any questions.

## Open House for City Manager Candidates on January 10

City Council and Prothman, the agency hired for recruitment, have selected the candidates to move forward in our search for the next City Manager. The public is invited to an open house at the Civic Center on Wednesday, January 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to meet and talk to the candidates. There will be light snacks and refreshments. Contact City Hall if you have any questions.

## Stop the Spread Challenge

The City is incentivizing property owners to do their part to reduce the risk of wildfire by creating defensible space through the Stop the Spread Challenge, a program funded through a generous grant by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office.

Activities which may qualify for credit in the program are: Removing organic fire fuels like grass, dead trees, or shrubbery; replacing bark dust or wood chips with fire-resistant materials like river rock or gravel; or removing flammable products like paint or chemicals from under decks and porches. These tasks, in addition to having a current emergency plan for your household, greatly reduce the risk to life and property in the event of a wildfire.

Here's how it works! Residents who wish to participate in the Stop the Spread Challenge can register their project online at [CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG](http://CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG) or by coming by City Hall, completing the form, and picking up a Stop the Spread information packet. When the project is complete, send before and after pictures (or request a site visit) to [MNAPOLI@CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG](mailto:MNAPOLI@CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG) to receive a \$50 gift certificate for Canyon Gardens Nursery to be used towards the purchase of fire-resistant plants.

Roger Pearce, owner of Canyon Gardens Nursery, has been hard at work cultivating plants for the Stop the Spread Challenge and will have a host of options to meet your gardening needs this spring.

Hours worked to complete projects will be counted towards Maupin's goal of becoming a certified Firewise USA community. More information on the Firewise USA program and its benefits are available at [NFPA.ORG](http://NFPA.ORG)

## Free Smoke Alarms and Installation

The Maupin Volunteer Fire Department is teaming up with the American Red Cross to host a community-wide service day in 2024. The organizations are combining volunteer forces to offer Maupin residents the opportunity to receive a free smoke alarm with complimentary installation. This service, along with other hazard mitigation projects and partnerships, are part of an increased effort to reduce risk and increase resiliency in the community. A date for this service will be announced in the coming weeks.

Did you know?

- Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms. *Source: "Smoke Alarms in U.S. Fires" Report, NFPA*

## Transportation & Growth Management Program Grant

In November, staff and consultants launched a large planning and land use project. We received a \$120,000 grant to update our Street Design Standards Plan and begin long-range planning for the longtime vision of the Donkey Trail project. The process will take about a year, and the result will be two planning documents that will help guide the City in active transportation planning for the future. The first public meeting will take place at the Maupin Civic Center on Tuesday, January 23 at 1 p.m. when we will complete a walking tour of Maupin. Contact City Hall with questions.

## South Wasco Garden Expo

The second annual South Wasco Garden Expo and Seed Exchange will be held March 9 at the Civic Center. Last year's event drew more than 100 people from around South Wasco County and we look forward to an expanded event with even greater participation in 2024. The event features vendors, booths, presenters, a robust seed exchange organized by the Oregon State University Extension Office and Master Gardener program, as well as kid's activities in the Library. More information coming soon!