

# Maupin Newsletter

JANUARY 2026



WE ARE A SAFE, PROGRESSIVE  
COMMUNITY THAT CARES FOR  
ALL OUR CITIZENS AND  
VISITORS WHILE PROTECTING  
OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
MAINTAINING OUR RURAL  
HERITAGE.



## Letter from Mayor Beatty

At the Winter Festival December 7, it was announced that the Person of the Year is Rod Woodside. This is the first year for this award. The following was part of his nomination form: "The most helpful, humble and generous man you will find and Maupin is beyond lucky to have him. A hard working, kind business owner who cares deeply for his community."

Each fall nominations will be open for the Person of the Year with the winner announced at the Winter Festival.

I would like to highly commend Valerie Stephenson, Library Director; Katie Sowell, Assistant Librarian; Jordan Belozar, Chamber Director, for their outstanding work organizing a successful Winter Festival.

A thank you to Dave Richmond and Kyle Marcum for their work in covering Keizer Park in lights. They lined the side walk, wrapped the hand rails and wrapped lights around four trees making the park festive 24/7.

The winners of the Lamppost Decorating contest: 1<sup>st</sup> place, the Garden Club and Library; 2<sup>nd</sup> place was 4H students; 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Maupin Middle School Leadership. People's choice award went to the Post Office.

A GIANT thank you to the Wasco Electric Company for once again sponsoring the Winter Festival as well as putting up the city Christmas tee and wrapping the lights around it. Also to Rlvermark Credit Union for their sponsorship.

I give a big welcome to Jennifer Lombardi, recently hired as the family nurse practitioner for the Deschutes Rim Clinic. She comes with varied experiences and is trained to work with all ages of patients.



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**Veteran's  
Outreach**  
**1/27 from 1:30pm-  
3:00pm**  
**at the Civic Center**

**1/13 Planning  
Commission Mtg**  
**at 4:30pm**

**1/28 City Council  
Meeting at 6:30pm**

**CIVIC CENTER  
CLOSED**  
**Monday 1/19**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**MON-FRI 9AM-4PM**  
**CLOSED 12-1 FOR**  
**LUNCH**

## Community News

Local nonprofits provide many valuable services and resources for our community. To recognize and aid these efforts, every year the City awards three \$1,000 grants to local nonprofits.

Any nonprofit located in Maupin may complete the form for a grant request. The requested funds must be used to benefit the people of Maupin.

Applications are due on Monday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> and will be reviewed and selected at the following Council meeting on Wednesday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. The selected applicants will receive the funds by check in March. If you have any questions about the grant funds or eligibility, please contact City Hall.

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 or apply online at MCCAC.COM.

### News from our City Manager

The Upper Maupin Reservoir repair project has reached a major milestone and is now fully complete. Mission Controls successfully installed the telemetry system for both the reservoir and pump, marking the final step of the project. The reservoir has been fully refilled, the tank valve is open, and the City is once again operating entirely off the refurbished upper reservoir, as it was prior to the rupture. I want to say Thank you again to Representative Greg Smith for helping us receive this grant.

*Nick Smith*

The “Oh What Fun” Winter Festival was a wonderful success. Neighbors and visitors enjoyed sleigh rides, pictures with Santa, the Elves Workshop, the lighting of our town Christmas tree, and the announcement of our very first Citizen of the Year award.

Neighbors, friends, and visitors gathered to celebrate a wonderful holiday event that strengthened our sense of community and togetherness.

The children enjoyed making crafts, getting their faces painted, and the reindeer games in Kaiser Park. Members of the MVPD participated in the event by providing grilled hot dogs as part of a donation fundraiser for the Fire Department. The Fire Department got over \$400 in donations. Hot cocoa and mulled wine was enjoyed in a take home commemorative mug.

The Chamber and the Library did an amazing job hosting the event. We also want to give a special shout-out to the people working behind the scenes to make everything shine. Christine, Kyle, David, George, Katie S. and Katie V. From setting up the lights inside and outside City Hall and helping put up the Christmas tree to creating the Elf workshop among other things. The Garden Club did a fantastic job transforming the conference room into a winter wonderland.

Winter is here. Remember that if you do any snow removal, be sure not to block fire hydrants. Please use caution when clearing snow and ice, but please do clear any sidewalks adjoining your property. If you have a little more energy, clear pathways for your neighbors who may need assistance as well.