

DONALD MONTHLY RECORD





Councilor's Corner: By Councilor Fred Hartley

Well, another year comes to an end and so has my term as City Councilor. I want to take the time to thank the current Council and Mayor for their time and dedication to making the City of Donald a great place to live. A lot has happened in the last four years of my term and I believe we are on

a positive path for responsible city growth. I'm glad I had the chance to be a part of it. I hope the positive momentum will continue with the new Mayor and Councilors that have been elected to their new positions. Again, I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to serve. Merry Christmas and may everyone have a Happy New Year!

Mayor	Term
Rick Olmsted	2018
Councilors:	
Jan Olsen, President	2020
Fred Hartley	2018
Abby Hungate	2018
Katie Gonzalez	2018
Brad Oxenford	2020
Gloria Nicholson	2020



Holiday Lighting Competition

It's time for the Annual Holiday Lighting Competition. Each Councilor will drive (or walk) by homes and businesses during the week of Christmas. Then at their January Council meeting they will award a prize to the most decorated home or

business in Donald. The prize is \$50!



Santa Sing-A-Long

Good news kids! Mayor Olmsted called the North Pole and Santa Claus is coming to town! The City

of Donald's Annual Santa's Sing-a-Long event will be held on Fri., Dec. 7, at 6pm at the Donald Fire Hall. The event is supported by the City & the Aurora Rural Fire District's staff, volunteers and board members. There will be cookies, hot drinks, and healthy treats. Feel free to bring a treat to share. The caroling event will be led by Daroll and Gloria Nicholson. This year a volunteer has offered to provide family photos with Santa, if you choose. Years ago, it had to move from City Hall to the Fire Hall to accommodate all the joyful people.

Ornaments on the City Tree

Please feel free to add an ornament to the City Christmas Tree outside of City Hall. You can add it anytime. Feel free to add your name to the ornament. Heavy duty plastic ornaments are best because sometimes the winter wind can blow them down. Also, feel free to rehang ornaments if you see them laying down. Merry Christmas!

Sew, Quilt, Craft, etc... By Gerry Waller

Would you like to meet once a month at the Donald Community Center (DCC)? Please contact me at email gerrywaller68@gmail.com or 971-216-1296. If there's enough interest I will start a group on one or two Wednesdays a month 10 am to 4 pm. Suggested donation to help cover the costs of the DCC.

Citizen of the Year: Gerry Waller

The City Council unanimously supported appointing Gerry Waller as Donald's first-ever Citizen of the Year. In 2018, Gerry wrote and received an Oregon Parks and Recreation grant for \$75,000 to add an ADA bathroom and equipment to the little City park. Since 2015 she served as a Planning



Commissioner and on the Donald Budget Committee. Recently, she assumed the role as the Secretary for the Donald Beautification Group. Other activities include hosted the Summer Fun (crafting event for kids at the DCC), created the Welcome to Donald packet for new residents (included a history section), volunteered to run the blood drive the Hazelnut Festival, helps with City events, showcases the DCC any chance she gets like her annual Christmas Craft Bazaar or painting the DCC's windows, and she is an avid volunteer for the Sherwood Cat Adoption Team. It should also be mentioned that her sister, Carol Lively also helps at many City events, volunteers for the DHF and does the Summer Craft classes too. Donald Saxton wrote to the Council saying "I would like to nominate Gerry as our Citizen of the Year award for all the hard work, and devotion to our City. She's very effective and organized in her endeavors, and shows others what a great difference a single person can provide with just some effort!" Gerry said she is humbled by the award. She grew up as a bashful kid who couldn't even give an oral presentation in school. She doesn't know what the turning point was but now she serves in public roles for Donald. First as a Planning Commissioner and newly elected to the City Council. This is important to share to kids because you may be shy now but it doesn't mean that you will be later in life. There is one trait that has always been a part of Gerry, she is a giver. She sees the need, wants to fix the problem and then works to solve the need. Although she has to rein herself in sometimes because of budget and time restrictions. Like many of her fellow Donald'ites Gerry enjoys the town's small town feel and the friendliness of the people. Her goal for 2019 is to finish the park improvements and then see if she can write another park grant to get a bathroom at the Skate Park. Gerry encourages you to speak up and get involved if you have the time. The wisdom she has to share is

Donald Hazelnut Festival Leadership Takes a Year Off—See you in 2020!

The Donald Hazelnut Festival has been run successfully over the past six years. During that time the Committee has faced a number of challenges and overcome them. We have continually tried to recruit volunteers to share the work required for an event of this size. Major areas include the car show, website and email, permits, entertainment, both food and product vendors, parade, raffles, logistics (tent, stage, toilets, trash, parking), Bloodmobile, kid's entertainment and professional demonstrations at the skatepark. We truly appreciate our sponsors who have been extremely supportive in funding most of our expenses. We also wish to thank the amazing volunteers who have given their time on the day and throughout the year. Unfortunately, we have not been able to garner the necessary volunteer support and, due to health issues, people moving away and volunteer attrition, the decision has been made to postpone our Festival for 2019 and plan for 2020. We regret having to take this step, and if you have any comments please contact the festival at info@donaldhazeInutfestival.com.

Winter Season Emergency Preparedness

Preparing for the winter and cold temperatures is a job for everybody. Although periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes provide you with several days' notice. Here is a short list of emergency numbers for you to know:

- If you have an emergency dial 911 immediately
- Northwest Natural Gas emergency for gas odor: (800) 882-3377
- Portland General Electric for power outage: (503) 464-7777
- Portland General Electric for a downed power line: (800) 544-1795
- City of Donald Emergency line Water/Sewer/or any other City emergencies at: (503) 301-6479
- Marion County Roads: (503) 588-5304
- Marion County Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency): (503) 588-5032
- Marion County Public Works for trees not on a powerline, litter, streets, traffic signs or other roadway concerns: (503) 588-5169

December Council Meeting

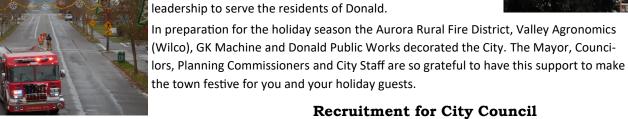
The Donald Council will meet next on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:45 pm. There are several items of business that they will vote on. The Council will consider requiring property owners in the downtown area to improve their sidewalks by spring or taking advantage of the sidewalk program offered by the City and Marion County. In Nov. the Planning Commission met to review four applications for three open seats. The Commission recommended to the Council Cammi Hungate (reappointment) and Debby Hawk to fill the three year terms and Rod Scott to fill the partial term that was vacated when Gerry Waller was elected to the Council.

Thank You To...

Rick Olmsted deserves a big thank you for all of his hard work and stepping up to make tough decisions. He provided leadership on the City Council for six years, two as Mayor and four as a Councilor. The positions are all volunteer work and sometimes require tough decisions. Thank you for your hard work and devotion to making the City a better place. Rick has also stepped forward to serve as the new editor for the newsletter. Abby Hungate (4 years on Council), Fred Hartley (4 years on Council & 2 on Planning Commission) and Rick

> Perdue (3 years on Planning Commission) all worked with their cohorts asking questions, researching, and providing sound leadership to serve the residents of Donald.







Election Results

Newly Electeds take an Oath of Office on January 11th at 6:45 pm

Mayor: Brad Oxenford City Councilors: Katie Gonzalez Troy Hellickson



meeting. Training is provided. City Calendar for December 2018

Fri 7: Santa's Sing-a-Long 6pm to 8 pm at Donald Fire Hall, Feller St.

Since, City Councilor Brad Oxenford will assume the role of Mayor in Janu-

ary 2019 there will be an opening on the Council. Applications to serve as a

City Councilor, can be picked up at City Hall or completed on online. The

meetings are the second Tuesday of the month and the Friday prior a 50-

150 page packet is sent to you for review to prepare you to vote at the

deadline to return them to City Hall is December 29 at 4pm. Council

Tue 11: City Council Meeting at 6:45pm

Thurs 13: Planning Commission Meeting at 6:45pm (if needed)

Sat 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due Mon 17: Red Tags Delivered at 10:00am

Wed 19: Shut Offs at 10:00am

Fri 21: Late Fees Applied at 8:00am

Mon 24: City offices close at 12 pm Tues 25: Merry Christmas, City offices closed

Mon 31: Street Sweeper—Please move property off streets

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City Hall:

Gerry Waller

City Manager: Heidi Bell 10710 Main Street P.O. Box 388

Donald, OR 97020-0388 Phone: 503-678-5543

City Hall Hours: Mon - Thurs = 8am to 4pm Fridays = 8am to Noon

Public Works:

Director: Alonso Limones Phone: 503-678-1411 Water/Sewer Emergency Pager: 503-301-6479

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