

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on Mayor's Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

As the initial restrictions have loosened for adjusting to life with COVID-19 and our abilities to creatively respond have changed the Council has reviewed its local declaration to keep it current. You can find the entire declaration on the community boards in red paper or on the City's website.

- Cancellation of all City-permitted public events
- Suspension of meetings and reservations for the Community Center
- Modification of water shutoff policies to assure sanitation resources in homes and businesses
- Starting June 15th, City Hall will reopen with a walk-up window open to the public, with limited hours for public service
- Suspension of all non-essential City meetings and travel
- Suspension of in-person City volunteers (volunteer opportunities or activities)
- Closure of City Parks:
 - Effective 5/22/20 Skate Park re-opened
 - Effective 6/19/20 the Little City Hall Playground re-opened
 - The basketball court remains closed
- Suspension of City business meetings or public meetings, unless social distancing measures can be upheld
- Suspension of the Main Street Sidewalk Program's Payment Plan for property owners whose financial or physical health has been affected by COVID-19 and offering them an extended repayment plan
- Suspension of the Retail Sidewalk Permit Application fee

The City-Wide Annual Garage Sale was cancelled until 2021

City Hall Open Limited Hours

Mondays and Tuesdays: 1pm to 3pm

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9am to 11am

People are served via the new walk-up window that is built into the front door. Ring the doorbell to alert us that you are there. You must wear a mask while at the window and when you can please remain 6 ft from the window.

We have limited cleaning supplies so this walk-up window is the most effective way to serve the public while keeping our small staff safe and healthy. For now, copying and faxing services are suspended. We continue to be available by phone at 503-678-5543, or we are available by appointment outside the public hours.

For utility billing, you can also email cityhall@donaldoregon.gov.

COVID-19 Resources

- CDC website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- Oregon Health Authority website to sign up for daily notifications or learn info: www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx
- Marion County Oregon, www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/COVID-19/Pages/Default.aspx
- Phone call 211 to learn about community assistance programs and emergency management responses

City Hall:

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Donald, OR 97020-0388

Phone: 503-678-5543

City Website:
www.donaldoregon.gov

Public Works:

Director: Alonso Limones
Phone: 503-678-1411

Donald's Emergency Pager: 503-301-6479

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City Calendar for August 2020

Tue 11: City Council Meeting 6:45pm

Sat 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due

Mon 17: Street Sweeper - Move Property Off Street Please

Fri 21: Last Day to Sign Up for Run for Local Office

Fri 21: Candidates Announced for Local Office

Mon 24: Meter Reads



DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

August 2020



Councilor's Corner: 10 ways to improve your mental health.

Friendly suggestions from
Councilperson Troy Hellickson

1. Reach out to friends and family daily or as often as possible; call text, facetime, zoom, old fashion snail mail. I know receiving a letter always makes my day.
2. Go outside: walk, jog, run, bike, but soak up that vitamin D. Don't forget your sunblock and mask!
3. Find a new hobby, or allow yourself to get lost in an old one.
4. Stay on a schedule. Especially if you aren't working. Life will return to normal and keeping yourself on a schedule will help you transition back, while helping keep your mental health up.
5. Explore new foods; taste something new, cook some-

thing new, try a different way of cooking a favorite. Food can be fun.

6. Declutter. Find one thing a week to declutter. Your spice rack, cupboards, inbox, shoe closet, etc.
7. Relax. Whatever that means to you: bubble bath, laying in the grass watching the clouds, meditating, whatever it is remember to shut your brain off for a few minutes everyday.
8. While we are talking about shutting things off turn off the news, staying informed is important, but too much news can stress anyone out.
9. Start a gratitude note book. Everyday write at least one thing you are thankful for. Remind yourself daily of all you do have. This will help train your brain to think more positively.
10. And last but not least, even when your face is in a mask all day don't forget to smile. This too shall pass.

Clean Up Day: Saturday, September 12

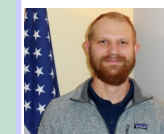
**Parking Lot Across from GK Machine on Donald Road
8am to 12pm (or until dumpsters fill up)**

You can dispose of your garbage and yard debris or recycle household batteries and glass. There may be a pharmaceuticals and Sharps drop-box, this will be announced in the September Newsletter. To maintain compliance with COVID guidelines volunteers will not do curbside pick-up, you have to take your disposals to the event. There is a suggested \$5 donation and it can be placed in the drop-box at City Hall or you can bring it with you to the event. Must show your water/sewer bill to enter. Donald's own Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander will be onsite to answer any of your recycling vs. garbage questions. As more info becomes available, it will be posted on the City's website and Community Boards.

**Submit your pictures of Donald, or surrounding area for a chance to be in this community newsletter.
Email them to manager@donaldoregon.gov**

**Go on the City's website to nominate someone for
Community Member of the Month!**

What's Up with That Old Building? By Planning Commissioner Daniel Afonin



We've all seen and wondered about that concrete building on the SE corner of Main St. and Williams St. It's the most recognizable building in our town, but not many people know its history. Before the city was incorporated the railway was known as the Oregon Electric (OE) and carried passengers from Portland to Eugene. The electric technology of 1908 required a substation every 12 miles along the railway. Donald was a location for one of these substations. The OE reached peak ridership in 1920, but by 1933 the last train had left the Donald station. The city was only 21 years old. The railway is now a short haul freight railway and the substation is a reminder of the city's history. Several other stations around the valley including Wilsonville and Waconda serve as reminders of the railway's history.

**Sign up at
<https://DonaldOregon.MerchantTransact.com>
to pay your water/sewer bill online. Other features include 24/7 access to your account, paperless and auto pay!**

Summer Lunch Program

Mondays and Thursday from 10:30 am to 10:50am at the Donald Skate Park kids ages 0-18 can pick up free meals. There are several breakfasts and lunches that come in a box for the kid(s) that get them nutrition between the next lunch day at the Park. The meals are provided through the North Marion School District. For community assistance programs for individuals or families phone call 211.



Public Works Team

Alonso Limones,
PW Director
(Not pictured)

Jesus Rios, Operator
(Back)

Sean Beauchamp,
Maintenance Worker
(front)

The Public Works
Team operates out of
an office at the Don-
ald Wastewater Plant
on Donald Road.
They are available
24/7 by the pager:
503-301-6479

Recycle Donald 2020 * Beauty Product Containers

By Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander
Recycle or Trash it? Metal Cans



Many beauty products come in plastic contain-ers. Great news! There are many that can go in the blue recycling bin, by following a few guidelines. Con-tainers must have a neck. Rinse them well; so, they are clean and free of product. Lids go in the trash. And lastly the container must be 12 oz or larger. Tiny aspirin or lotion bottles need to go in the trash! Got questions on specific things in your house? Send me a message or phone call me. Contact me, Lauren, for more ideas or to participate in Recycle 2020 at: 503-453-9228 or laurenostander@gmail.com.

Recap of July 14th Council Meeting & Public Hearing

The Council met at the Donald Wastewater Treatment Plant on July 14th, 2020. This meeting was accessible to the public by in-person attendance or through Webex, which allows for phone call or video call. The Council held a public hearing for the Harvest Gardens Planned Unit Development and Subdivision. People were able to give testimony in-person, calling or videoing in to the meeting, or submitting written comment beforehand. It resulted in a vote of 6-0-0. The Council conducted the second reading the ordinance for the annexation and zone change to bring more land into the City limits, as requested by the land-owner. The Council approved the ordinance with a 6-0-0 vote. In other news, the Council reviewed the monthly expenses and a quarterly finance report that compares the budget to actual spending. They heard a presentation from a Marion County employee about a community development block grant, which resulted in the Council approving a resolution to get the benefits of this grant program for people in Donald. They also re-approved the City's membership in a mutual assistance agreement with other public agencies for emergency needs. The Council established their priorities for the League of Oregon Cities lobbyists for the upcoming year. Briefly they include: supporting mental health service delivery, infrastructure financing, broadband infrastructure and technical assistance funding, and (finally,) local speed setting authority. The Council also responded with a "no comment" to a request about the Siletz Indians of Oregon building a casino with other hospitality facilities in Salem. The Council reviewed a report from the third-party company hired to analyze the City's well and water. The recommended next step is to conduct a siting report, which will tell the Council the best location to drill a new well including establishing the strongest likelihood of getting water and/or effects on nearby waters. The cost is \$20,000 for the study and it also includes the costs for permitting a new well. They also reviewed the Mayor's Emergency Declaration for COVID and made adjustments. Please see more about the adjustments on the last page of this newsletter. If making decisions re-garding these topics is interesting to you, consider running for Mayor or Council. Last day to complete election paper-work is Aug. 21. Don't forget you can listen to previous Council Meetings on the City's website. The next City Council Meeting is August 11th at 6:45pm, location is to be determined. You can check the meeting's agenda on the community boards or the City's website for the location and topics.

Business Connections: Happy Street Market and Café By Maricelle and Julio Jeante

We are very glad to have opened Happy Street Market & Café in the City of Donald. The people of Donald have been very welcoming and we have gotten a lot of positive feedback from the locals. Opening just a cou-ple of weeks before the Covid-19 Pandemic started, certainly has made it an adventure. The biggest chal-lenge has been being able to get the products from our suppliers because many are experiencing supply shortages. Back in the spring, just finding toilet paper was an accomplishment! We have all your typical con-venience store items at affordable prices. We always appreciate suggestions for any new products people would like to see at our store and will try our very best to get them. We have hot food in the mornings, such as crisritos and \$3 breakfast burritos, as well as free hot coffee for Donald community members (no purchase necessary). Our summer hours are M-F 7am-9pm and Sat-Sun 8am-8pm.



If you see a
traffic sign that
needs repair,
report it to
Public Works
503-678-1411

Donald Beautification Group

At the time the newsletter was printed the volunteers of the Donald Beautification Group (DBG) had setup an online meeting for July 27, 2020. The main purpose of their meeting was to discuss how to spend a grant of \$1,180 from the Ford Family Foundation. The other topics that were posed for discussion includ-ed the installation of the new City Signs and the Little City Hall Park project. To join the DBG online meetings, you can click a button on the City's website and be connected in-stantly. You can join the DBG right from the comforts of your own home! The DBG typi-cally meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm and meetings are an hour.

Want to Run for Mayor or Councilor?

Donald is holding a Mayoral and City Council election. This year there will be three open Council positions, as well as Mayor. Qualifications are 1) must be 18+ years of age, 2) be a registered voter for the last 20 calendar days, and 3) have lived in Donald for the last 12 months. More info can be found on the

City's website or on a community board. Email manager@donaldoregon.gov or phone call City Hall to setup an appointment to get election materials and to turn them back in.

At the time this article was written, no one has officially applied for Mayor or Council.

Election Schedule for Mayor and Councilor:

- June 3 at 8am: First Day to Sign Up to Run
- August 21 at 12pm: Last Day to Sign Up to Run (it is good to give yourself 2+ days to do the paperwork.)
- August 21, by 4pm: Announcement of who is running on City's Website & Community Boards
- November 3 by 8pm: Vote in General Election

Update on Harvest Gardens Project

By City Planner Holly Byram

The "Harvest Gardens Agrihood" development has been formally approved by the Donald City Council, at the recommendation of the Donald Planning Commission. Staff and the local review bodies would like to thank the members of the public and local businesses who engaged in the public hearing process by submitting testimony and participating in the hearings. There was a great deal of infor-mation to review and consider. In summary, what has been ap-proved is a unique Planned Unit Development/Subdivision com-posed of 297 single-family home lots ranging in size from 4,000 to 6,000 SF, a 2-acre site for future commercial development, a 2.5-acre site for at least 49 future multi-family residential units and townhomes, open space, walking pathways, park, demonstration gardens, event space, farm stand, etc. The Agrihood development is adjacent to and centered around agricultural activities and themes. Development of the site will be phased out over the next 12 years, keeping pace with local infrastructure capacity expansion projects. A full project description and the applicant's presentation is availa-ble on the City's website.