

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guidance for Fully Vaccinated

The CDC has new guidance for people who are fully vaccinated. People are considered fully vaccinated if 14 days have passed since the final dose of their respective vaccine series. The CDC indicates that—outside of a health care setting—fully vaccinated people may:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are a low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing a masks or physical distancing.

If you are fully vaccinated, you should still take steps to protect yourself and others whenever you are:

- In public.
- Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household.
- Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk.

It's also important to: get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms, follow guidance issued by individual employers, and follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations.

This info taken from Oregon Health Authority Website on March 22, 2021.

City Calendar for April 2021

Sun 4: Happy Easter!

Mon 5: City Council Special Session* 6:45pm

Thurs 8: Donald Municipal Court 10:30am

Tue 13: City Council Meeting* 6:45pm

Thurs 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due

Mon 19: Red Tags Delivered for Delinquent Accts. 10am

Mon 19: Donald Beautification Group Meeting* 6:30pm

Wed 21: Late Fees Applied to Water & Sewer Accts. 8am

Wed 21: Water Shut-Offs for Nonpayment 10am

Thurs 22: Planning Commission Meeting* 6:45pm

Fri 23: Water Meter Reads

Mon 26: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Street

*Denotes Meeting held via Webex: Phone or Video



Community Notes

Donald Beautification Group: The DBG is an active group made up of community members including residents and people who work or own businesses in Donald. The DBG welcomes new members, especially those who are looking to make a positive difference in the community and that have a “roll your sleeves up” kind of mentality. Soon you will see new planters downtown that are provided by the DBG. To Join: visit the City’s webpage under the Community Tab or a City Hall Staff can take your name and email.

City Hall Hours: We are available for walk-up service to our front window Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 3:30am, and on Fridays by pre-arranged appointment. Lunch is from 12 to 1pm. We are available by phone call 8am to 4pm daily, or email manager@donaldoregon.gov anytime of day.

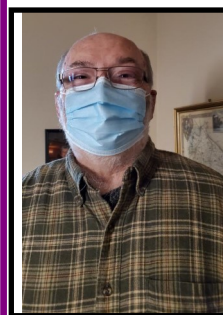
Online Water & Sewer Payments: Online bill pay is popular. Sign up on the City’s website, under the Public Works Water/Sewer Tab. After you setup your account, you can login and register for Auto Pay, see account history, or enroll in paperless billing. The City Newsletter will not come to you by mail, but there is a link to see it electronically.

(Answer to photo: north end of Ehlen Street)

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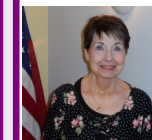
DONALD MONTHLY RECORD



Mayor’s Message By Mayor Rick Olmsted

Let’s talk about courtesy. Sometimes, small actions can have a great impact. Specifically, I am talking about parking your cars or trucks so they block all or part of the sidewalk. My wife, Chris, and I love to walk around our neighborhood. Chris uses a walker. When we encounter vehicles blocking the sidewalk, she has to navigate her way out into the street to get around the obstacle. This issue also affects parents with strollers. And, I understand how challenging it is to park a full-size pickup on your driveway. My F350 ends up having six inches separation from my garage door and six inches from the back of my pickup to the sidewalk. Parking this way prevents your passengers from being able to walk in front of the truck to get in or out. But, at least it leaves the sidewalk clear. Thanks for being courteous to your neighbors.

Councilor’s Corner By Councilor Gerry Waller



Hello Donald’s citizens! Anyone who would like to get involved in the Donald Beautification Group (DBG), we meet once a month! We would love to have you join our fun group. Here is what is happening... We just ordered the baby changing table for the Donald Hometown Park restroom and it will be installed soon. This was purchased with Marion County Economic Development Money. We are working on painting fire hydrants around town. Each person that would like to paint one will oversee keeping it up for a couple of years. We are still in process of developing this program. We want to update the NW corner of Butteville Road and Main St. and are working on a kiosk for that corner as well. The kiosk is still in process of design and development. We will be planting our new planters for Main Street soon, and with the updating of the Donald Community Center we will be choosing its paint colors. If any of these things are of interest to you, please come and join us! Of course, we continue to keep up with the semiannual clean up days, garage sales, etc. We will be doing a park dedication and fun events around the Tree City USA award as soon as we can get some nice weather. To join, go to the Donald website, under Community Tab, and fill out the brief form. This will put you on the email list. Currently we are having our meetings virtually on Webex. Come and bring your ideas with you.

Tree City Activities—First Annual Arbor Day Activities

Oregonians value trees and as a part of the Tree City designation, the City Tree Board has events and activities planned to celebrate our first annual Arbor Week. The Donald Planning Commission serves as the Donald Tree Board. The City gained recognition as a Tree City from the Arbor Day Foundation in February 2021. Here are the planned family-fun activities.



- Mayor Rick Olmsted will read a Proclamation at the April 13th City Council Meeting.
- Scavenger Hunt for Trees in Donald—help the Tree Board with our Local Tree Inventory
- On Wednesday, April 21, at 6:30pm, Jim Gersbach with the Oregon Forestry Department will identify your tree. This is an online event. Please show these photos during the meeting: the whole tree, a close-up of the bark, leaf or needle, and nut/fruit. He should be able to ID it and give you a little information on it.
- Promotion of OSU Extension Office’s Webinars: **Native Trees of Western Oregon:** April 6th from 3-4:30pm and **Trees on the Move: Migration of Tree Species in Response to Climate Change:** April 13th from 3-4:30pm.
- Holding a coloring and drawing contest. Print a coloring sheet off City’s website, pick one up at City Hall, off front door of Community Center, or get one out of the Little Library at City Hall. Drop off completed entries through the front door of Community Center by April 26th. Vote for your favorites from May 3rd –May 5th.
- Fun tree facts and trivia will be posted on the City’s website and Friends of Donald Facebook page daily.
- Arbor Day Celebration: Friday, April 30, at 6:30pm: Mayor’s Proclamation, Planting a Tree, Storytime & More.

More details to come! Please check the community boards and City’s website!

Summary of City Council Meetings

The Donald City Council met twice in March.

City Council	Term
Rick Olmsted, Mayor	2022
Councilors:	
Katie Gonzalez, President	2022
Troy Hellickson	2022
Amanda McCracken	2024
Lauren Ostrander	2024
Rod Scott	2024
Gerry Waller	2022

March 1st: Special Session—The Council postponed, until further notice, a presentation and vote on system development charges. They continued with the review of the Council Rules of Procedure and set a meeting date for Goal Setting on April 5, 2021 at 6:45pm. The Planning Commissioners are invited to participate too.

March 9th: Regular Meeting—At this Meeting, Council heard a presentation on projections for increases to the water and sewer rates for the next five years, the Fargo District's rate increase for processing whole sewer, and the status of the System Development Charges by Steve Donovan. He is an outside consultant, who performed our last water and sewer rate study five years ago. The water and sewer rates for customers are under review. Getting a second working well is a Council priority and 50% of the project's cost will be funded by water rates. The other 50% will come from developers.

The Council voted to:

- Approve the Budget Committee Applications for Jan Olsen and Tammy Weese for 3-year terms.
- Approve the nominations of Loren's Sanitation and GK Machine as Community Members of the Month for April and the Sarah and Naomi Fogelson (sisters) for their work on the Donald Beautification Group for May.
- Approve the annual increase to the System Development Charges.
- Adopt an updated version of the Council Rules of Procedure. These are the Council rules of Conduct.
- Heard a report from the Mayor and Councilors on their activities during February.

Next Meeting: April 13, at 6:45pm
The Public Can Connect By WebEx or Phone



Happy Spring! Can you see the double rainbow? Do you know where this is in Donald? (Answer on back)

Water and Sewer Rate Study

The City Council will hear another presentation about the recommended water and sewer rates for the next five years. This meeting is on April 13, 2021 at 6:45pm and is held through Webex, you are invited by phone or video to attend. At the last meeting, we only had one member of the public join.

Development Code Update

The Planning Commission will meet on April 29, 2021 at 6:45pm to discuss the responses that were received from the public and developers about using the Donald Development Code (DDC). This is a set of rules that are applied when any sort of building is done in a City. This can be anything from a fence to a large factory to home occupation to a new home. The meeting is via Webex and you are invited by phone or video to join. Please email your input about the DCC to manager@donaldoregon.gov or drop off a letter to City Hall by April 15, 2021.

Illegal Dumping

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

Why is illegal dumping a problem?

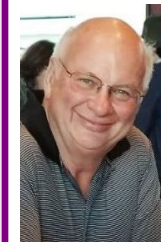
Illegal dumping diminishes the quality of life and livability of the surrounding area. Illegal dumping of garbage, discarded appliances, old barrels, used tires, furniture, yard debris, oil, antifreeze and pesticides can threaten human health, wildlife and the environment. Illegal dumps can pollute local waterways and groundwater, or cause injury to children playing in or around the dumps. Tires retaining water become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other noxious insects. Some dumps become home to rodents. Illegal dumps depress the value of surrounding land and neighborhoods. In addition to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS 164.775, ORS 164.785, and ORS 164.805), The City of Donald Code, Chapter 91 Nuisance; Health and Sanitation. 91.16 C. Unauthorized Dumping. Protects against illegal dumping and littering. Help keep the environment clean and safe by disposing of litter, garbage and other debris in the dump or garbage. Call Loren's Sanitation to schedule removal of large items. You can also contact Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander to find out if the items can be recycled and where they can be dropped off.

Community Members of the Month Loren's Sanitation and GK Machine

City Council awarded the title of Community of the Member of the Month to two big helpers during the February Ice Storm. Loren's Sanitation and GK Machine. Mayor Olmsted said "The ice-storm damaged well over 100 trees in town. Loren's Sanitation donated 3 dumpsters, which saved the City over \$500. GK Machine provided people and machinery to assist Donald Public Works remove the literal mountain of limbs and other storm-damaged vegetation at City Hall and the Skate Park. When they were done, you couldn't tell that anything was ever there. Thank you Loren's Sanitation and GK Machine." The clean up time took the whole day. With these outstanding partnerships it made clean-up a little easier in Donald.



Loren's Sanitation: "We are happy to be in Donald, a good town with lots of great people! Thank you for the nomination" - John Sullivan, General Manager of Loren's Sanitation.



GK Machine: "Thank you so much. We appreciate the kind recognition, said Connie Lindsay, Communications and Marketing Director for GK Machine

(Pictured: Gary Grossen, Owner)



Update from Donald CERT

Submitted by Neil Strathdee



Donald CERT is recruiting new team members. CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team. This program is FEMA-sponsored, locally Implemented and teaches people basic disaster response skills. In an emergency CERT volunteers assist until professional help is available. There is a small group of DONALD CERT members.

Emergency preparedness is currently top of mind given recent events. No one could have predicted the 2020 wildfires, the COVID pandemic or the February ice storm. These affected thousands of people across the region. The natural disasters left many without food, power, heat and cell/internet service.

Some excellent resources to learn more in general are Red-cross.org, Ready.gov and Oregon.gov/OEM/hazardsprep. If you are interested in learning more about being better prepared for future emergencies, contact NorthmarionCERT@gmail.com.

Recycle or Trash It? Pizza Boxes



By Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander

What about pizza boxes that come from your local store? Can they go in recycling? Great questions and a tricky one. If the cardboard has any kind of food on it (like on the bottom of the box with cheese) this part should go in the garbage. If the top part of the box is clean (no food on it at all) you can detach it from the bottom and put the top part only in the blue bin. Remember, when in doubt throw it out. Contact Lauren for more ideas about recycling. laurenos-trander@gmail.com or 503-453-9228



Public Notice

Budget Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Donald, Marion County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 will be held outdoors at the Donald Sewer Treatment Plant, 10501 Donald Road, N.E., Donald, Oregon. COVID-19 Procedures will be mandated (i.e., social distancing and masks). The meeting will take place on May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after Friday, May 14, 2021 at Donald City Hall, 10710 Main Street N.E., Donald, Oregon by appointment: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. This notice and the budget will also be posted on the City's website at: www.donaldoregon.gov.

Questions may be directed to Heidi Bell, City Manager at 503-678-5543 or manager@donaldoregon.gov.