

# DONALD MONTHLY RECORD



The Spirit of Volunteering—By Planning Commissioner Neil Strathdee

**Y**ou may be surprised to learn how many volunteers we have in our City. Community service is what makes Donald a great place to live. Some of the obvious areas are local government (Council and Committees), schools, Fire Department, churches, coaching sports, non-profits and community programs. By volunteering the community is improved and the individual benefits personally. Usually the person volunteering is not compensated; they do what they do with a desire to give back. Do you want to meet your neighbors? Do you have skills and talents to contribute? Do you want to help grow our community? Volunteering has been shown to improve both physical and mental health. Volunteering is not for everyone, maybe you are already committed elsewhere but if not consider for a moment whether you might add value in our community by getting involved.

### Briefing—What Happened at the April 2019 Council Meeting

The City Council met on April 9th under the leadership of Council President Gloria Nicholson since Mayor Oxenford was out of town. There were two presentations. One from the North Marion High School's National Art Society who discussed the club's plans for the next creative endeavors at the Skate Park. They are designing and creating stepping stones with a seasonal theme. They are also designing and working with a local contractor on a gazebo made from pieces of the old Wilco grain tower and the house that was torn down on Butteville Road (where the Donald Industrial Park is now). Both projects will be installed with a contractor in Spring 2020. The second presentation was from Capital Asset and Pavement Management regarding the condition of our City streets. Overall, the city-maintained streets received a 72% rating and would cost about \$442,462 to get an optimal 84% rating. If the City does not increase the amount it collects and spends on roadways then the rating will drop to 67% in five years. The report is on the City's website, under the *Street and Parks* tab. Under New Business, the Council passed Resolution No. 472-19, which increased the System Development Charges by 3%, matching the annual inflation reported in the Engineering News Record Construction. The Council directed Manager Bell by a vote of 4 yeas and 2 nays to work with the City Attorney on drafting the parking lot lease for GK Machine. The agreement is 10 years, no termination rights and set for \$1,850 a month. Votes: yeas: Councilors Glenn, Hellickson, Scott, and Waller; nays: Council President Nicholson and Councilor Gonzalez. The Council read the titles for two ordinances; one for the Downtown Mixed Use Zone change and the other to rezone City Hall from residential to public use. Both of these ordinances are posted on the City's website and community boards or available at City Hall for reading. The Council directed Manager Bell to work with staff to prepare an online (and paper) based survey on adding either chlorine or fluoride to the water system, see article below. A citizen submitted a proposed Social Media guide for the Council to consider but after discussion it was decided that no councilor (at this point in time) wanted to take on the large-scale responsibly and potential exposure risks to being the point-person on social media. In the future, a councilor could change their mind. They thanked the citizen for taking the time to put the proposal together. Full recordings of Council Meetings are available on the City's website for you to listen to. Next Council meeting: May 17, 2019 at 6:45pm.

City Council: Name	Term
Brad Oxenford, Mayor	2020
Councilors:	
Gloria Nicholson, President	2020
Sheryl Glenn	2020
Katie Gonzalez	2022
Troy Hellickson	2022
Rod Scott	2020
Gerry Waller	2022

The Planning Commission is recruiting to fill a vacancy. If you want to review and vote on land-use aps and serve on the public tree board, please apply. Deadline is 5/14 at 4pm. Aps are available online or at City Hall.

Keep it clean and tidy! It was a long winter and we are all hopeful that the good weather is in front of us. So, this is a friendly reminder that it is time to cut your grass, pull weeds and pick up yard debris. Also, if you have lingering garbage or piling up personal possessions outside your home it is time to energize yourself to embrace Spring and get things moved to the trash. The Council will be directing staff to issue code compliance letters to properties that are in violation of the City's nuisance rules. If you have a property that you want to alert the Council about you can fill out a City Feedback Form on the City's website at [DonaldOregon.gov](http://DonaldOregon.gov) or pick one up at City Hall. Please take the month of May and get things tidied-up!



The Council is considering adding chlorine or fluoride to the water system. The Council was approached by someone asking about the possibility of adding chlorine, which led to a Councilor asking if fluoride should be added. The Council is urging you to participate in the discussion by taking an online survey. All the feedback will be collected and used to make a decision by the Council at their June Meeting. The online survey is available for the month of May at [www.DonaldOregon.gov](http://www.DonaldOregon.gov) and will be on the June Council Meeting Agenda, 6/11/19. All system changes would be made by the City Engineer, meeting all regulations set forth by the Oregon Health Authority. There is a lot of information and government-based/non-profit organization links to websites about these additives which can be found on the City's website or picked up at City Hall. **Chlorine:** The City of Donald's drinking water is provided from a well, which the State classifies as a groundwater system, and is not required to add chemical disinfectants, like chlorine. Adding chlorine to the water system in Donald is optional but many Oregon groundwater systems choose to add it through a residual maintenance program. This program is when a small amount of chlorine is added to the water as a safety precaution to kill a biological contaminant, on the rare chance it enters the water system. Additionally, chlorine can be helpful by regenerating and adding to the life of the greensand that is in the water system's filters. **Fluoride:** The addition of fluoride to water systems is completely optional and is never mandated by the State. Most commonly, people think of fluoride for the benefits of healthy teeth. This is a controversial topic and some people can be passionate about it. Please give your feedback to the City via the online survey (or get a paper copy at City Hall.)



### What is the beeping sound?

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

It is critical for you to call the City's emergency pager number when your sewer's control box sounds its alarm. This indicates that there is a problem, like the wires getting wrapped up in the septic tank, the float fails to operate, an electrical mishap, or air getting trapped in the discharge side of the pump. Occasionally weather causes problems with the septic tanks. If it's hot, methane gas can built up inside the tank and needs to be manually released. In a rain-storm water can infiltrate the septic tank's lid and can overwhelm the float. It is important to call immediately to prevent an overflow of sewage on your property. The pager number is 503-301-6479.

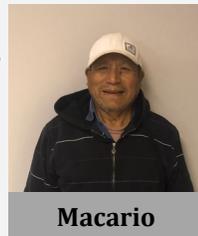


### Welcome Jesus Rios, Public Works Operator

Jesus is one of the two people that answer the 24/7 Donald Pager. In Donald, the Public Works Operator is responsive to meet the needs of the City's utilities, help with the repairs at City properties and works in the streets and parks.

### Welcome Back Macario Gonzalez, Seasonal Laborer

The Seasonal Laborer will work weekends mowing City properties, right of ways, and keeping facilities and parks clean.



Picture: Public Works flushes out the water system twice a year. Water is released from fire hydrants or valves throughout the City.

### Budget Committee Meeting—May 21st at 6pm

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, 2019 to June 30, 2020 will be held at Donald City Hall, 10710 Main Street N.E., Donald, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 21, 2019 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 17, 2019 at Donald City Hall, 10710 Main Street N.E., Donald, Oregon. City Hall is open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Fridays. This notice will also be posted on the City's website at: [www.DonaldOregon.gov](http://www.DonaldOregon.gov). Questions may be directed to Heidi Bell, City Manager at 503-678-5543 or emailed to [Manager@DonaldOregon.gov](mailto:Manager@DonaldOregon.gov).

### Budget Committee Training—May 9th at 6pm

Also, the Donald Budget Committee will have a training session on May 9 at 6pm at City Hall. Public may attend but no public comments will be taken at this meeting and the budget doc will not be released yet.



Bring your little one to **Storytime** at the Donald Community Center. The third Monday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30 am. We want to offer a huge thank you to Jenny Strathdee for putting together a special Easter Egg hunt for April's Storytime. The kids had a wonderful time! -The Fogelson Family

#### City Hall:

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

**City Website:**  
[www.donaldoregon.gov](http://www.donaldoregon.gov)



#### Public Works:

Director: Alonso Limones  
Phone: 503-678-1411

**Emergency  
Pager: 503-301-6479**

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### Donald Beautification Group

The Donald Beautification Group (DBG) meets regularly on the third Monday of the month. At the last meeting, the group discussed applying for a grant to employ a temporary, part-time person to fulfill the requirements for joining the Main Street Oregon program. They also provided feedback on the new playground equipment proposed for the Little City Park. The group worked on setting up a design contest regarding the tires that will added to the park and overcame the obstacles regarding turning tires into safe playground equipment. The contest will be further discussed at the May 20th meeting. The DBG is looking for someone to create a public street tree brochure and add pictures of trees. If you are interested in helping out but can't make the meetings, then this could be a great project for you. Please contact Heidi at City Hall for more information. The DBG is also reviewing samples for new City metal signs that will be donated by GK Machine. To be involved in these projects join the DBG!

### City Calendar for May 2019

- By May 1: Ballot Box at City Hall
- Tue 14: City Council Meeting at 6:45pm at City Hall
- Tue 14: Planning Commission Applications due by 4:00pm
- Wed 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
- Thurs 16: Red Tags Delivered at 10:00am
- Fri 17: Proposed Donald Budget on website or pick up at City Hall
- Mon 20: Shut-offs for delinquent utility accounts at 10:00am
- Mon 20: Storytime at 10:30am at Donald Community Center
- Mon 20: Donald Beautification Group Meeting at 6:30pm at City Hall
- Tue 21: Late Fees Applied at 8:00am
- Tue 21: Election Day - Ballot Box open until 8pm
- Thurs 23: Planning Commission Meeting at 6:45pm at City Hall
- Mon 27: Memorial Day—City Offices Closed
- \*Tues 28: Street Sweeper—Please move property off streets (Typically, the last Monday of the month)

**City Hall will have a box for you to drop off your ballot for the May 2019 Election. Election Day is May 21.**