

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donald Beautification Group Meeting

We are looking for people to give feedback about the Santa Sing-a-Long event and ways to improve it next year. Feel free to email information to City Manager Heidi Bell at manager@donaldoregon.gov. Make it your New Year's Resolution to volunteer for your small City and support this fun group's efforts to make Donald a better place! The next meeting is Monday, January 13, at 6:30pm at City Hall. Usually the group meets on the third Monday of the month but that is a federal holiday in January, so the meeting will be held on the second Monday. DBG's Mission Statement is *to keep Donald a great place for families to live, friends to visit and businesses to thrive*. Please join the DBG!



It's Bingo Time!

The District 63 Firefighters are hosting the 46th Annual Bingo Night at the Donald Fire Station on **March 7th, 2020**. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., unless sold out earlier. Bingo games start at 6:30 p.m, Dinner is hamburgers or hotdogs, bag of chips and a drink for \$5! Dessert is pie and ice cream for \$4. Bingo costs \$0.50 per Bingo card per game. There will be a total of 20 games played. Bring your family to this fun community event. Not only are there a lot of Bingo games and great door prizes, but the best part is the proceeds go to the Wayne Yoder Memorial Scholarship Fund and community events. For more information call 503-678-5966.

City Calendar for January 2020

Wed 1: Happy New Year - City Offices Closed
Mon 13: Donald Beautification Group Meeting at DCC 6:30pm
Tue 14: City Council Meeting 6:45pm & Mayor's City Address
Wed 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
Thurs 16: Red Tags Delivered 10am
Mon 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Offices Closed
Tue 21: Late Fees Applied to Water/Sewer Accts 8am
Tue 21: Shut Offs for Delinquent Water/Sewer Accts 10am
Thurs 23: Planning Commission Meeting (if needed) 6:45pm
Sat 25: City Council & Planning Commission Goal Setting 10am
Mon 27: Street Sweeper—Please Move Property Off Street

New Restroom at Little City Park

Valley Pacific Construction is in the midst of placing the utilities and constructing the restroom kit. It should be available for use by mid-February. This project is funded by an Oregon State Parks Grant.

City Receives Outstanding Performance Award for Water

The Oregon Health Authority awarded the City of Donald its prestigious Outstanding Performance Award. Donald was the only municipal water system in Marion County to receive this award. Every three years an inspector from Oregon Health Authority evaluates public water systems for overall operations and compliance. There were no violations, and the City was in compliance with all testing and report requirements. The water system is also maintained with a high level of professionalism and care and maintenance of the facility and infrastructure. This year the City of Donald qualified as an Outstanding Performer, which is the highest rank possible. Thank you Public Works for your dedication to delivering safe drinking water to our homes and businesses!



The Donald Hazelnut Festival is coming...

July 2020! Get involved! They need volunteers. You can volunteer for the day or a project. You can also

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8am to 4pm
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DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

Mayor's Message



Many in our community selflessly go out of their way to make Donald a better place to live, work and call home, and most do so without anyone knowing it. For example, Lauren Ostrander took it upon herself to complete the training to become a Master Recycler in an effort help and support the community of Donald on clean-up day and be a resource for the community to become more informed and aware about recycling and reusing items. Krista Fogelson and her family volunteer for the Beautification Group and present story time; Gerry Waller holds sewing and crafting events and Jan Olsen presented opportunities for art at the community center. This is just an example, and I am certain there are more that even as Mayor I am unaware of. As a reminder, the Council accepts nominations for community member of the month throughout the year to recognize the efforts our community members put forth in making Donald a better place to live, work and call home. If you have someone that you know embodies these qualities, please visit the City website to submit them for community member of the month. Many of the events that the city holds are not possible without people sacrificing their personal time to make events a success; this year is no exception and we as the community thank you for your selfless service!

Councilor's Corner * Gerry Waller



Hello Everyone from Councilor Gerry Waller! We had our annual Santa's Sing-A-Long on December 7. This year the Donald Hazelnut Festival sponsored a craft table for the children and our first ever 11 table bazaar! The Donald Beautification Group (DBG) and Councilor Katie Gonzalez's Focus Group (which I assist in) also sponsored the event, which included Santa and the DBG sponsored crafts and games for the children. The North Marion High School's Jazz Band and Roger and Carol Westendorf also performed. A short survey is included with your water bill and on the City Website to have your feedback so that we can make improvements to the Sing-A-Long next year. Stay tuned for new park equipment and the restroom at the Little City Hall Park. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and the new year will be happy and prosperous for everyone!

Gloria Nicholson Community Member of the Year!



The City Council received several nominations for the Community Member of the Year Award and after consideration voted in favor of approving Council President Gloria Nicholson for this distinguished award (Gloria did not participate in the discussion or vote.) Upon hearing the vote, she said "I am excited to be acknowledged for the work that I have done in the past, and continue to do". She was nominated because of the countless number of hours that she has given toward the betterment of the City over five years. "Gloria is a shining example of giving, tirelessly. She helps at City Hall with projects, she takes leadership on the Council by pushing forward conversations into action, she volunteers to serve on the Beautification Group and gives time to other Donald-based activities and organizations including the Aurora Fire Board. She is an extraordinary person who deserves recognition." said City Manager Heidi Bell. Gloria takes time to represent the City at meetings for traffic safety. Councilor Rod Scott touted her amazing work at the Council Meeting and ended by saying "and she is a great cook!" Everyone agreed that Gloria is unquestionably a perfect example of community service. She said "my favorite thing to do is volunteer at City Hall, it gets me out of the house and I love doing the odds and ends activities that I get assigned." The project that brought her the most joy was purging old paperwork. "What an eye-opener it has been: looking back at the history of Donald and how far we have come and how things have changed for the good." City Accountant Lisa Hassel remarked "We don't pay her enough, I just bring her a few chocolates from home and it keeps her going!" Planning Commission Vice Chair and Hazelnut Festival Chair Neil Strathdee said "Gloria is everywhere!" Gloria shared that she is very excited for the Council's involvement in the CERT project and the new sidewalks. "Gloria is a very special lady, phenomenal cook and someone I look up to. I am so lucky to know her," said Randi Meadors, City Clerk. Jenny Strathdee wanted to share "Gloria is always dressed for the festivity." We are all lucky to have Gloria in Donald and even if you don't know her, she has given her time to serve you. Thank you Gloria for caring, your love, time and heart.



Welcome Sean Public Works Maintenance Worker

Please give him a friendly Donald welcome if you see him out working in our parks, streets or at a public facility.

Recycle Donald 2020

Announcing “Recycle Donald 2020”. Meet with a Master Recycler to learn about how to reduce, reuse, recycle and much more. Donald is participating in a yearlong project to reduce the amount of waste in our recycle bins. Contact Lauren at laurenstrand-er@gmail.com or 503-453-9228, if you would like more info.



Winter is Here Traffic Safety by Councilor Rod Scott

3 Key Elements to Safe Winter Driving:

1- Stay Alert 2- Stay in Control 3- Be Prepared

**Remember EASY on the gas,
Easier on the Brakes,
Always have your Headlights ON**

Make and carry an **Emergency Kit** with these items

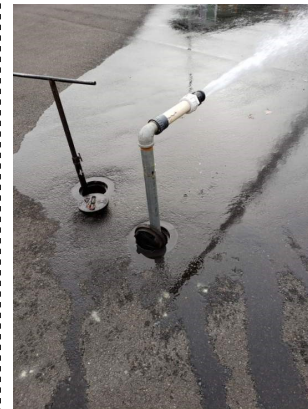
Ice Scraper	Snow Shovel	Bag of Cat Litter
Flares	Flashlight	Jumper Cables
Water	Non-Perishable Food	Blankets

Last but not least, keep your fuel tank full

Flushing Lines

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

The Public Works Staff has completed flushing the City’s main line that supplies water to your homes and businesses. This is done two times a year. The purpose is to move sediments and to bring you the freshest water possible. When we flush the system we open up fire hydrants and the blow-offs and let the water out for about 5-10 minutes. A blow-off is a pipe with the valve that is on a dead end line. There are three blow-offs and 54 fire hydrants in Donald.



Left Side:
Blow-Off



Right:
Flushing
out of Fire
Hydrant

Council Meeting Recap: December 2019

The City Council met on December 9, 2019 to discuss and approve their monthly business. They met with Judge Lori Coukoulis to discuss reinitiating the municipal court system in Donald. Council directed Manager Bell to go forward with the contact and unanimously approved Resolution No. 489-19 an Intergovernmental Agreement for municipal court services. The Council voted 7-0-0 to affirm the Planning Commission’s recommended appointments of Lauri Morris and Neil Strathdee to the seats on the Planning Commission, for terms ending 12/31/2022. The Council discussed the funding mechanisms surrounding the Main Street Sidewalk Program. A bid was awarded to Emery and Sons for the sidewalk improvements. Also, the Council reviewed nominations for Community Member of the Year and awarded it to Gloria Nicholson. They awarded Community Member of the Month for January to Connie Lindsay. The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 14 at 6:45 pm at Donald City Hall. The Mayor will give his State of the City Address at this meeting.

Sidewalks on Main Street: A True Partnership

The City of Donald Council and Staff have worked for over a year on finding solutions to replacing the sidewalks on Main Street and adding ADA curbs. The City received a grant from the State of Oregon for \$50,000 to help offset the costs for ADA curbs. During 2019, we have worked with a diligent and friendly staff at Marion County Public Works to provide surveying, engineering and bid work at no cost to the City. At one point, the bids were not affordable so the project went back for bid with some modifications to hopefully bring the price down. The bids were still larger than expected but Marion County stepped up to provide \$42,400 in additional funding to help offset costs for property owners. With this, the County was able to accept the bid from Emery and Sons. The start date is unknown. However, it will be before the Hazelnut Festival in July 2020. In December Manager Bell met with the property owners affected to go over new construction estimates. The Council will discuss possible funding mechanisms, including a payment plan with zero interest to the Main Street property owners who ultimately will pay for all this work. This is a great example of three governments working with property owners to solve a problem that serves all of us in Donald. It will be wonderful to have new sidewalks downtown. Thank you to the property owners for your cooperation and financial support.



Community Member of the Month Connie Lindsay

Connie is the Chair of the Donald Beautification Group (DBG) and the Marketing and PR Manager at G.K. Machine. She’s been involved with the DBG since inception. She was honored to be selected by the Donald City Council of a 7-0-0 vote to be January’s Community Member of the Month. Her initial reaction to the Award was “I was surprised and so very flattered for the recognition leading the DBG group. It’s been fun for me to see a small group of volunteers (4 or 5) grow into the group it is today of (10-12). Connie continued by saying “I really have enjoyed volunteering for the DBG since its beginning, such a nice group of dedicated people (and the group is growing each year!) Our meetings are fun, interesting and I believe everyone feels good about their contribution to the community. We like to set goals and we love to celebrate our successes when they are accomplished.” Here is her message to others: “volunteering is a great way to give back to the community, get involved and get to know others in the area and have a little fun in the process. I would encourage people to volunteer in any capacity they can, if just a few hours a month, or on a more regular basis. There’s opportunities for anyone in the community that would like to get involved and connect to the great things that are happening here in Donald. From the DBG group, to the Hazelnut Festival to serving on boards, there is a place for everyone would like to volunteer. Thank you Connie for this wonderful message and your community spirit!

Welcome Center-Market

A new market is moving into 10801 Main Street N.E.; it is a Center Market. This is the owners’ 29th store! There are other stores Dayton, Turner, and Willamina and throughout Oregon in small towns. The owner, Mr. Singh said that he was attracted to Donald because he likes supporting smaller communities. They are projected to open the doors on January 15th, assuming that all the permitting is on track. They will be open 24/7, 365. Mr. Singh said “we never close!” They will offer a big variety in their store including hot deli food, milkshakes, groceries, chips, beer, lottery, frozen foods, donuts, hot coffee and cappuccinos, and cigarettes. They will have at least three newspapers including the *Oregonian*, *Statesman Journal*, and *US Today*. If there is a demand for healthier foods, like fruits they will offer that too. Please take your time to welcome Center Market #29 to Donald!

