

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Information

- 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 Calendar for December 2020

Tue 8: City Council Meeting at 6:45pm
 Thurs 9: Donald Municipal Court at 10:30am
 Tue 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
 Wed 16: Red-Tags for Delinquent Accts. delivered by 2pm
 Mon 21: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Street
 Mon 21: Donald Beautification Group Meeting at 6:30pm
 Tue 22: Meter Reads
 Thurs 24: Christmas Eve—City Offices Closed
 Fri 25: Christmas Day—City Offices Closed
 Thurs 31: New Years Eve—City Offices Closed



City Hall:

City Manager: Heidi Bell
 10710 Main Street
 P.O. Box 388
 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
 Subscribe to
Flash Alerts to receive
 Urgent & Emergency Notices

Community Notes

City Hall Closed to Public: Until January, City Hall will now be closed to the public. Please phone call us and we will be happy to help you 503-678-5543. If no one answers, leave a voicemail and we will return your call as quickly as we are able. Please know that we enjoy serving the public but due to our small staff size and office setup we are restricted in our abilities to work in City Hall.

Distribution Events: Free KN95 Masks: If you need a mask, call City Hall 503-678-5543, to make an arrangement for a KN95 mask to be delivered to your home. These were gifted to Donald from the Marion County Emergency Management Department and are for the City to disseminate amongst our residents.

Business Connections

Mane Haven: Hair Salon

Mane Haven is the hair salon located at 10760 Main Street NE. Kate McLissac is open and welcoming new clients. In March, her business was shut down but now is opened back up. She wanted to share that it is just her in the salon, and she feels it makes it even safer for her clients. Kate has been doing hair for 8 years and came to Donald in June 2019. She offers hair services for women, men and children. Please make an appointment and support our local business. She provides gift certificates or you can get a gift set of hair care products at a great price. Both would make wonderful holiday presents! Call Kate at 208-553-3921.

Donald Tavern

General Manager Olyvia Rodriguez says "Thank you for all of your support! We are so sad to see our doors close, again. But hoping to see all of our customers again soon." You can follow the Donald Tavern on Facebook.

DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

Councilor's Corner: Sheryl Glenn



2020 is certainly a year to remember. We survived forest fires, endured a pandemic and witnessed an historic election. As this year draws to a close let's reflect on the positive aspects of this very unprecedented year. As we look forward to Thanksgiving, which will be much quieter than in past years, let's try focusing on all the positive aspects rather than dwell on the negative. Let's look forward to a Merry Christmas and a much brighter New Year. I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2021.

City Council	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

Spectacular Christmas Parade: Entries Needed!

The City Council, Donald Beautification Group, GK Machine, Aurora Rural Fire District, and Gervais Police are planning a Spectacular Christmas Parade! The parade will drive through as many residential streets as those big fire trucks and agricultural machinery can twist around the corners! And, the **BIG GUY SANTA CLAUS** will be joining the Parade! Plan on getting your mug of hot chocolate and your lawn chair in your front yard on Friday, December 18th. The participants will line up at the GK employee Parking lot at 4:30pm and then start wondering through town at 5pm. The parade route can be found on the City's website or on a City Community Board outside the Community Center, City Hall or in the Little Park. Also a copy will be at the Post Office. No candy will be thrown because of it being dark, and COVID regulations. Also, Santa has to make it quick to get back to the North Pole to keep working on toys for our good girls and boys; so, he will just be in the Parade. Do you want to participate in the Christmas Parade Spectacular? We would love to have you! Online entry form is available at donaldoregon.gov or phone call Heidi at 971-715-8571. Vehicle entries only please and you must decorate your car, truck, tractor, equipment, etc.



Donald Business COVID-19 Financial Assistance Program

For our local businesses who are financially effected by COVID-19, the City Council has a program to help. There is money to help your business recover some of the extra expenses and losses due to COVID. The application and agreement is available on the City's website or you can call City Hall to arrange a pick up time for a paper copy. The specific criteria that you have to meet is included in the paperwork. There is \$15,000 reserved from the City's State of Oregon CARES Act money for this program. The money will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis for qualifying businesses and expenses.

Holiday Lighting Competition

Are you getting that holiday spirit? Well, take it to the roof! It is time to get out all those sparkling bulbs and yard décor and get creative. The City Council is holding their annual Holiday Lighting Competition. This year, we are hoping to see people catapult this contest to a new level! Let's show our support for each other by lighting up our houses and businesses. How fun will it be to walk or drive around in the evenings to see our cute little City bright and festive?! The City Council will visit each street during the week of Christmas and will keep note of their top two favorite homes or businesses. Then at their January Meeting they will award the winners a first and second place cash prize!

What To Do If You Hear Your Sewer Alarm

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

It is very important that you understand Donald's septic tank system and report sewer emergency alarms when the alarms sound. Your responsibility is to call the City's emergency pager number as soon as you hear your alarm go off. The pager number is **503-301-6479**. This indicates that there is

Sewer Control Box: Press Red Button

a problem like the wires getting wrapped up around the floats that operate the pump in the septic tank, the pump and/or floats failure to operate correctly, an electrical problem, or air getting trapped in the discharge side of the pump. Occasionally, weather causes problems with the septic tanks including hot temperatures because methane gas has built up inside and needs to be released. Even too much rain in a 24-hour period can make the alarm sound because rainwater can infiltrate the septic tank by going under the lid and this can overwhelm the system. It is important to call Public Works



Sewer Tank Lid/Components
Inside = Keep Clear!

immediately to prevent an overflow of sewer onto your property or backing up into your home. Fail to do so, could result in a very expensive repair to the

City's septic tank or its equipment and/or damage to your home. Someone is on-call 24/7, every day of the year.

Please make sure that everyone in your home knows this information and phone number. Se Hablas Espanol!

Red Tags Delivered On December 16th

The City started delivering delinquent notices for past due water and sewer accounts. If your account is carrying a past due balance of more than 60 days, you will receive a door hanger. **You will have 48 hours to either make the payment or setup a payment plan to get the balance back to zero.** Payment Plan Agreements can be found on the City's website or call City Hall to setup it up. For the months of November and December there will be no additional fees applied. If you are experiencing financial troubles and need assistance, please visit the City's website for a list of helpful agencies or call City Hall for a copy of the list, 503-678-5543.

City Council Update

The City Council met on November 10th to conduct a regular business meeting. Here is a summary of the outcomes from their meeting.

Resolution approved to increase land-use application fees. This sets the fee more in line with the amounts that applicants are billed and therefore reduces the "sticker shock" of how much it costs for these actions. Resolution approved to add municipal court fees for actions like reporting to the DMV a suspended license. Discussion on the Christmas Parade and the support needed to make it happen.

The Council received two requests to open the Community Center for local social gatherings but due to the two-Week Freeze the Council postponed the decision until the December Council Meeting.

The Council decided to move forward with issuing delivery of door hangers to customer's houses for delinquent bills for water and sewer. However, through November and December still no fees will be added.

The next City Council Meeting is Tuesday, December 8 at 6:45pm. The public can attend by video or phone, the directions will be at the bottom of the meeting's agenda. At this meeting the City Engineer will give a presentation about the next steps for the City's wells.

Do you like taking pictures? Email it to manager@donaldoregon.gov and it will appear in the newsletter with your name!

Donald Beautification Work

The Donald Beautification Group will announce the name for the little park that received the most entries at the December Council Meeting. They are hopeful that the new City signs will be installed by the end of December. These were donated by GK Machine, designed by the Donald Beautification Group and approved for production by the Council. The Group is wishing that you would join! The next meeting is early because of the holidays it is on December 14, 6:30pm. DBG Meetings are virtual and you can join with a click of a button on the City's website or by phoning in. The Agenda is posted on the Community Boards or can be found on the City's website. We hope to see you!

Thank You For Your Public Service!



Mayor Brad Oxenford served for two years as Mayor and two years as a City Councilor for Donald.

Council President Gloria Nicholson

served for four years as a City Councilor, and two of those years she was the Council President.



Councilor Sheryl Glenn served for two years as a City Councilor.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on November 19th and approved the renewal application for the Fire Tacos Food Cart. The owners have experienced trouble getting their new cart build because of supply chain issues due to COVID-19. However, they are still planning on putting their cart next to the Happy Street Market and Café. How wonderful to have a food cart coming to downtown!

Recruitment for Open PC Seat

The Planning Commission received two applications for the three open seats. They are recruiting again to fill the open third position. The Commission voted to recommend that the Council appoint Jack Crawford and Mike Mader to additional term as Planning Commissioner. If you are interested in serving please email manager@donaldoregon.gov or visit the City's website for more info and an application. Applications are due January 20, 2021.

Photo: Councilor Troy Hellickson



Local Election Results

Mayor is a two-year term and Council is a four-year term.

Mayor: **Rick Olmsted**. He previously served as the Mayor for the years 2017 and 2018; before that he served on the City Council from 2013 to 2016 and spent time as the Council President. "If I am elected Mayor, I will work with the City Council to solve our second well issue, and protect the people's interests in the proposed new housing development."



City Council: **Councilor Rod Scott** was elected to the City Council. Previously he was appointed to a vacant position on the Council in 2019. He was voted in for a 4-year term.



New to the City Council:



Amanda McCracken "As a business owner and a mother, I am excited to help bridge the gap for economic and domestic aspects of our wonderful community".

Lauren Ostrander "It is an honor to serve on the City Council. Thank you for the opportunity."



You can watch the Mayor and Councilors take their oath of office and conduct their first meeting on January 12, 2021 at 6:45pm. Council Meetings are accessible to the public via Webex or listen by phone. A button you can click to see the Council meetings is posted a few days before on the City's website.