

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donald Beautification Group Meeting

At the next DBG meeting they will review the submissions for the contest to officially name the Little City Park (next to City Hall). The name will be approved by the Council and publicly unveiled at the Park Dedication Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, April 11 at 12pm. Bring your family and a picnic and come to the Park to try out the new equipment and give credit to the funders for the grant. If you have a raffle prize to donate for the contest's winner, please contact City Hall and we will relay the info. The next meeting is Monday, March 23 from 6:30-7:30pm at Donald City Hall.



Welcome Lauri Morris to the Planning Commission!

There are seven people on the Commission.

Donald Hazelnut Festival Update

Preparation for the festival is kicking off! We were happy to welcome new faces at our last committee meeting, and would love to get more people involved. Interested in being part of a really fun event and meeting some great people? We have availability for those that want to take charge of a project, and also shorter term commitments during planning and the day of the event. Contact us at [in-fo@donaldhazelnutfestival.com](mailto:info@donaldhazelnutfestival.com) to **get involved**.

Vendors are reserving spots, our parade is shaping up, and our raffle committee is gathering amazing prizes. Also **check out our new website** – it has details about the festival and forms for participation.

Mark your calendars for July 11, 2020.

City Hall:	City Website:
City Manager: Heidi Bell	www.donaldoregon.gov
10710 Main Street	Public Works:
P.O. Box 388	Director: Alonso Limones
Donald, OR 97020-0388	Phone: 503-678-1411
Phone: 503-678-5543	Donald's Emergency
City Hall Hours:	Pager: 503-301-6479
Mon - Thurs =	Subscribe to
8am to 4pm	Flash Alerts to receive
Fridays = 8am to Noon	Urgent & Emergency
	Notices

Community Center



Thank you to Daroll and Gloria Nicholson for their generous donation of a great refrigerator to the Community Center. You can help support the Community Center by reserving it for your social gatherings. There is a deposit of \$1/person, we encourage people to donate the deposit back to the DCC. The donations pay for electricity and paper and cleaning supplies. The City's website has an events calendar and the application to reserve it!



Christmas Tree

With a heavy heart the wonderful community Christmas tree was cut down on 2/13/20. The tree was leaning over and other hazards were surfacing. With the new side-walks coming in, it (sadly) made sense to cut it down. Let's plant a new tree at a location with more space or a different varietal.



It's Springtime Lets Get Outside!

- **Woodburn Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm Festival**
Starting March 20, 2020
- **Cherry Blossom Day at the Capitol, Salem**
Saturday, March 21 from 10am to 2pm

City Calendar for March 2020

Mon 2: City Council Work Session 6:30pm
Thurs 5: Budget Committee Applications Due 4pm
Tue 10: City Council Meeting 6:45pm
Sun 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
Mon 16: Red Tags Delivered for Delinquent Accounts 10am
Tue 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Wed 18: Shut Offs for Delinquent Accounts 10am
Mon 23: Late Fees Applied to Water & Sewer Accounts 8am
Mon 23: Street Sweeper - Please Move Property Off Street
Mon 23: Donald Beautification Group Meeting 6:30pm
Tue 24: Water Meter Reads
Thurs 26: Planning Commission Meeting (If needed) 6:45pm



DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

March 2020

Councilor's Corner Gerry Waller

Hello Community Members! I have been working on our Little City Park since October, 2018. We received \$75,000 in grant money and with it we got a new restroom which has facilities for washing hands. I also selected, with the help of the Beautification Group and City Council, a piece of climbing equipment which is designed for the older kids and a tether ball set. This will all be in place for our Park dedication on Sat. April 11 at 12pm. You have the opportunity to submit a name for our park, winner will be announced at the dedication. Additionally, we are also adding a Tire Land area, interactive play area, and installing sun shades. These things probably will not be ready for the dedication, but shortly after. In April's Newsletter, I will include a short questionnaire to find out what kinds of things you would like next. I'm applying for more grants to update the Skate Park, and play surface for the Little Park. We are also planning out the future by looking for other park areas. The Parks Focus Group and I will greatly appreciate your input and/or participation for future parks.



Bingo Time!



The District 63 Firefighters are hosting the 46th Annual Bingo Night at the Donald Fire Station on **Saturday, 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 info. call 503-678-5966.

Community Member of the Month: Deborah Guptil



Deborah Guptil was wholeheartedly supported, with a 7-0 vote, by the Donald City Council to award her as Community Member of the Month. She was nominated by Dawn Scheller who wrote that Deborah "is the voice for the forgotten animals with no voice. Deborah goes out of her way to drive miles to pick up an abandoned animal and get it a forever home." Dawn retells a story about Deborah's kind heart and loving attempts to help her relocate her dog after her move to Donald.

As a survivor of abuse, Deborah feels a calling to help and serve not only pets but people who are in need too. Throughout her years she has served disabled people as well as fostered and adopted children. Deborah has helped abused and unwanted animals for over 30 years. She wants to share with people the importance of getting pets chipped because it helps get your pet home quicker. If your pet goes missing be sure to check throughout your home and in your neighborhood. Other sources for finding lost pets includes contacting the local vet offices, animal control, place an ad in a local newspaper, post on Craigslist or Facebook. There is also a spot in the Next Door app called "PawBoost" that you can check. Another tip is to ask your neighbors if they've seen the pet. Dawn said that Deborah "has a true soul for the animals without a voice" and we are happy to have your compassion for our four-legged friends in Donald. She also advises that if you find a stray not to just turn them over to anyone who offers to help, instead contact a rescue shelter to help. Her words of wisdom for us is to get your pets spayed/neutered. Adopt your pets! Remember, the amount of dogs being euthanized would drastically be reduced if more adopted instead of buying.



Recycle Donald 2020

By Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander

Recycle or Trash it?

It is easy to get confused on what can and cannot be put into the recycle bins here in Donald. The egg carton is fantastic. It has lived a long life as other products like cardboard or paper and has been recycled several times in it's life. We salute you egg carton! It can not go in the recycle bin BUT here are a few other ideas: Use them to plant seeds in the spring for your garden, buy eggs from a local farmer and use it again, or cut it up and put it in your backyard compost for the worms. [Contact Lauren for more ideas or to participate in Recycle Donald 2020.](#) laurenostrand-er@gmail.com or 503-453-9228



Chemeketa Community College

Woodburn Campus

Chemeketa Community College Woodburn Campus is about 8 miles away from Donald. They provide a wide range of classes and services at the Woodburn location.

- AAOT Courses (transfer degree courses)
- Business Technology
- Personal enrichment opportunities
- Developmental Education
- GED Preparation (English and Spanish)
- English for speakers of other languages

Brooks Campus

If you are thinking about a career in public safety the Chemeketa Community College Brooks Campus is about 16 miles away from Donald. They provide the following programs at the Brooks campus:

- Criminal Justice
- Corrections
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Suppression
- Fire Prevention
- Emergency Medical Services

These careers are important to a functioning society and some are in high demand.



Dispose of Cut Noxious Weeds

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

- Stack, cover, allow to dry, and burn on site (if outside the city and UGB). Please do NOT burn poison oak —the smoke can carry the oils.
- Haul, covered or bagged, to Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station or North Marion Recycling & Transfer Station.
- Haul, covered or bagged, to Recology NW Greenlands in Aumsville, Oregon.
- Put into trash,
- IF weeds have no signs of producing seed, it is okay to compost (no ivy in home compost).



Identify Native or Noxious Plant Species

Contact the Master Gardeners' Help Desk (503-373-3770) or the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (503-391-9927).

For more information visit: <https://www.co.marion.or.us/pw/es/weeds>

Accessory Structures in Donald

By City Planner Holly Byram

Spring cleaning and need a place to store your stuff? Houses in Donald are allowed to have accessory structures such as decks, greenhouses, tool sheds, hobby shops, garages, and carports. Swimming pools, saunas, pet runs, and fall-out shelters are also on the list! Each house may have a total of two accessory structures located within the rear yard. There is a maximum height limit of 25 feet (or the height of the house, whichever is less). There are also requirements for setbacks, size, and building separation. A complete list of rules for accessory structures can be found in the Donald Development Code under sections 2.203.02 and 2.309. The code is available online here: www.donaldoregon.gov/planning. Typically only accessory structures larger than 200 square feet and/or taller than 10 feet require a building permit. Specific questions about building permits can be directed to Marion County Building Inspection Division, Phone: 503-588-5147, Email: Building@co.marion.or.us.

Council Meeting Recap: February 11, 2020



At their February meeting the City Council heard reports from community members and staff as well as voted on business items. The first report was from Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander and she shared that there is just over 10% of actual trash items in the comingle recycle cans. This includes people just not having enough room in their garbage cans and just tossing bags of garbage in the comingle can. Then, City Auditor Tracy Jones reported that the City had a clean, unmodified report. She provided the City a few ideas for change for the next year and updates to the rules. The City's website has past audits and budgets for public transparency. The Council reviewed the police and fire logs from the month of January, these are also posted on the City's website. Several items of new business passed including: approving the renewal for the Donald Tavern's OLCC license, approving a new OLCC license for Happy Street Market and Café, a new Business License for Cascadia Laundry at 10782 Cone Street, the 2020 Goals for the Council and Planning Commission, and the adoption of an official Consumer Price Index for inflationary purposes. The Council also signed two support letters 1) for the Woodburn Regional Tourism grant with Travel Oregon and 2) to support Marion County's grant to the federal government to fund the entire I-5 Donald-Aurora Interchange Project. The next Council Meeting is March 10, 2020 at 6:45 pm at Donald City Hall. Please feel free to attend or listen to the audio recording which can be found on the City's website.



Census 2020

From Oregon Dept. of Administrative Services, Director Katy Coba

Once every 10 years, the U.S. Constitution requires a full count of the population to reapportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. That exercise — the U.S. Census — begins mid-March 2020. Oregon is working hard to ensure the state's residents are fully counted. Census results drive decisions that will affect economic investments in our state and our representation in Congress until 2031. In the last census, Oregon was just shy of gaining one seat in Congress — we have to get it right this time! And, we estimate that, for every 100 households missed, the state would lose up to \$8 million over the decade, which would affect our ability to adequately support children, veterans, senior citizens and low-income families.

Get more info at www.oregon2020census.gov/

Welcome to Cascadia Laundry

Owners Nate and Charles of Cascadia Laundry have opened a business at 10782 Cone Street (near Donald RV and Storage). They sell, service and install commercial laundry equipment and also sell parts for commercial and industrial laundry facilities. The office with the sales counter is open during the workweek. Thank you for locating your new business in Donald!

Budget Committee Recruitment



The Donald Budget Committee needs two volunteers this year. This group is composed of seven Donald citizens who sit equally alongside the Mayor and six Councilors to make decisions regarding the City's budget.

This includes how the City should spend its revenue and set prices (including water and sewer fees). The Budget Committee hears a presentation from the City Manager/Budget Officer and reviews a balanced budget. The Budget Committee has authority to make changes to the proposed budget. If you are interested in serving on this important committee, an application can be printed off the City's website or picked up at City Hall. The term is for three years. This year's annual Budget Committee meeting is on May 19, 2020 at 6pm. There is a training class on May 14, at 6pm. Applications are due March 5 by 4pm to City Hall and the City Council will make the appointments at their March 10th meeting.