

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Food/Hygiene Pantry in Need

Article Submitted By Whitney Workman

Bricks For North Marion is a local nonprofit. We cover Donald, Hubbard, Aurora and Butteville.

We've been making food/hygiene boxes that go out every week since March. and will continue, as long as there's a need. We also help fill other needs that may arise such as mattresses, clothes, pillows, tents, and the list goes on. We have amazing volunteers who are dedicated to helping our neighbors. We are always looking for food and hygiene donations along with checks made to *Bricks For North Marion*, this helps us fill the more urgent needs that come up; if we don't have supplies on hand. Checks or supplies can be donated by contacting the organization by email at Bricks4northmarion@gmail.com or by phone 503-858-5959. You can follow us on Facebook at "Bricks for North Marion".

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

City Calendar for January 2021

Fri 1: City Office Closed: Happy New Years
Tue 12: City Council Meeting at 6:45pm + Mayor's Address
Thurs 14: Municipal Court at 10:30am
Mon 18: City Offices Closed: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tue 19: Red Tags Delivered
Wed 20: Applications to Planning Commission Due
Thurs 21: Late Fees Applied
Fri 22: Water Meters Read
Mon 25: Street Sweeper—Please move your cars off streets
Thurs 28: Planning Commission Meeting at 6:45pm

City Hall:

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Pager: 503-301-6479
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Community Notes

Little Library Needs Kids Books: Local volunteer Cindy Johnson monitors the Little Library to make sure that the collection is getting rotated and kept tidy. She would like to ask anyone that has kids' books to please put them in there because there is a shortage. Remember the Little Library works best if you are taking a book, to please give one, or put it back when you are finished reading it. Thank you!

City Hall Closed to Public: Until Marion CO is reduced from the State's Extreme Risk Category, City Hall will be closed for public entry. 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.

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

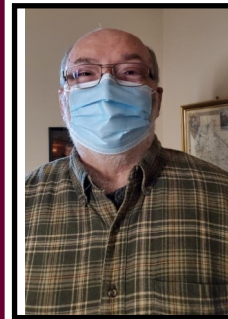
North Marion Library

Article Submitted By Andrea Heid

Your North Marion Community Library is OPEN: Saturdays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Browse in person (with face coverings, social distancing, two patrons at a time) or go online to our catalog (northmarionlibrary.org) to place a hold. If the items you want are available, we'll pull the book(s) for pick up during Saturday hours. If the library is closed, you can still get free books from the little library kiosks near the Aurora park restrooms as well as the corner of Walnut and Filbert. The kiosks are painted Aurora blue—just like the benches you see around town. Take a book, leave a book. Our holiday greens fundraiser raised more funds for the library than ever before! A heartfelt thank you to all who ordered greens from us, as well as all the helping hands who made it possible. Be a library volunteer! Call Josie Hyde, 541-749-8088.

January 2021

DONALD MONTHLY RECORD



Mayor Rick Olmsted

Thank you to everyone for their votes for Mayor. It couldn't have been much closer. I have a number of different things to talk about this month. ** 2020 was a very trying year. What with the COVID-19 pandemic and the Oregon wildfires, there were and continue to be challenges to all of us, every day. For instance, distance learning is a very different way of 'going to school'. It is difficult for the student, parents, and teacher. My wife Chris and I had our 9-year-old grandson Jordan (3rd grader) with us for 3 months in the Spring of 2020. ** I thank Mayor Brad Oxenford, Council President Gloria Nicholson, and Councilor Sheryl Glenn for their hard work and willingness to volunteer their time and effort to help make the City of Donald a better place to live and work. I also congratulate Councilor Rod Scott, Amanda McCracken, and Lauren Ostrander on their election to 4-year terms on the City Council. ** Our city is financially sound. We create a strict budget and carefully monitor expenses. All City Staff, City Councilors, and Planning Commissioners always treat the City's money as if it were their own. ** You have probably seen Gervais Police Cruisers on the streets of Donald. We currently have a contract with the City of Gervais to patrol Donald. Please note that if you have an emergency that requires the police, continue to call 911. If you are the victim of a crime or you need to contact the police for a non-emergency issue, call Marion County Sheriff's Office at 1-503-588-5032. Please do not call the Gervais Police Department directly. ** If you post a crime or missing pet on Facebook, please include what part of town you live in. That information is very helpful to others. **The City Council is always seeking feedback from Donald residents and businesses. If you would like City Council to hear your feedback, please contact City Hall by phone (503-678-5543), mail, or the on-line feedback form on the City's website. If anyone would like to contact me, my email is: mayorolmsted@donaldoregon.gov. ** And finally, please be considerate of others and wear a mask.

Community Member of the Year Councilor Katie Gonzalez



It is no surprise that Councilor Katie Gonzalez received a nomination for Community Member of the Year. She serves as Liaison of the Council's Civic Engagement and Public Health Focus Group. Councilor Gonzalez takes pride in serving Donald and has become a recognized leader in the community. The City Council received a nomination from Krista Fogelson who wrote among other things "Katie always seems to take opportunities to step up and volunteer to make Donald a better place for everyone. She is indeed a blessing in our community." Just in 2020, she kept the public informed regarding COVID-19 health concerns and the resources for public assistance programs. She delivered food boxes to those in need and created and manages a Food Pantry Box (give/take) outside of City Hall. She also ran a voter registration drive. When she found out, her first reaction was to be "shocked and honored." "For 2021, I hope that more people volunteer. I work a full-time job, have a family with a kid, and find the time. Even just a few hours a month can make difference to make the town even better." "I like Donald's small town atmosphere that makes it a safe place to raise our child and you get to know one another. Also, we don't have to worry about big-city drama. I am thankful I live here! And here is to 2021 to being a better year! Whoop! Whoop!!" Thank you Councilor Gonzalez for your WORK!

Rock Star Sam McKillip


Donald is a great community, filled with kind people with big hearts and our business owners also carry that community spirit. Sam McKillip has a construction business that is headquartered on Oak Street. He and his crew came in on a short notice and added the necessary walking path at the Donald Hometown Park that was required to receive the grant payment from the State. There was a very tight deadline and Mr. McKillip pulled through! Thank you Sam! Happy New Year to our Local Rock Star!

Recruitment for Planning Commission

The Planning Commission received two applications for the three open seats. They are recruiting again to fill the open third position. The Council confirmed appointment of Jack Crawford and Mike Mader to an additional term as Planning Commissioner. There are seven Commissioners and they are responsible for hearing land-use cases and voting to make a decision. If you are interested in how Donald grows in the future, this is a good Board for you to volunteer to serve on. The Commission also serves as the Tree Board. If you're interested email manager@donaldoregon.gov or visit the City's website for more information and application.

Applications are due January 20, 2021.

Tree City USA

The City of Donald is hopeful to be selected as a Tree City. The City turned in the required paperwork in late December. The Arbor Day  Foundation reviews the application and then makes the determination if a city qualifies. Planning Commissioner Jack Crawford has been instrumental in getting this program started in Donald. In spring 2021, the City will host a tree-related event (even if it is electronic). The Tree City USA Program helps cities to recognize the importance of urban trees and improve their care. You can find more information on the Tree City Program by visiting the Arbor Day Foundation's website: <https://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/>

Donald Hometown Park

On December 8th the City Council approved Resolution No. 517-20, which officially gave a name to the little City Park next to City Hall. The Donald Beatification Group (DBG) had whittled it down to five finalist from a long list of submittals from the public. Then the public was invited to participate in a vote and rising to the top was "Donald's Hometown Park". Mayor Oxenford stated that he was impressed with the level of public participation. The DBG will discuss signage and a dedication event to be held later.

City Council Update

The City Council met on December 8th to conduct a regular business meeting. Here is a summary of the outcomes from their meeting.

- Mayor Oxenford gave a farewell to the community members and Councilors.
- The City Engineer and the Hydrogeologist presented their report on the next steps for drilling two wells, including costs and the top three best suited locations.
- Approval of the Resolution to name the Little Park by City Hall to *Donald Hometown Park*.
- Approval of selecting Councilor Katie Gonzalez as Community Member of the Year.
- Decided to keep the Community Center closed until further notice.

Next Meeting: January 12th, 6:45pm

WebEx or Phone



2020 Council: Hellickson, Scott, Mayor Oxenford, Nicholson, Waller, Glenn, Gonzalez

Donald Beautification Work

The Donald Beautification Group got four giant concrete pots delivered. These were purchased with a grant from The Ford Family Foundation. In the Spring, they will fill them full of greenery and place them downtown. At their January 25th meeting they will discuss the best place to locate them. Also, at the meeting members will discuss the Fire Hydrant Painting Project. In a short time, the DBG will ask people, families and businesses if they want to adopt a hydrant and paint it. Details on this Project are to be hammered out at the January meeting. Please make it your New Year's Resolution to join this fun group!

Monday, January 25, 6:30pm—WebEx or Phone

Gervais and Donald Policing Update

Article Submitted By Police Chief Mark Chase



Patrolling Donald the past three months has been our pleasure. We have all enjoyed helping the community of Donald. We average about ten hours per week per our contract. The primary task we have been asked to provide is 1. Traffic enforcement and 2. Community Policing. We strive for excellence in our services. Building TRUST is everything. One of the foundational pillars of trust, is establishing a connection with people. At its core, trust is about relationships, and relationships are about connection. During these past few months, despite the pandemic, we truly have enjoyed meeting so many of the Donald residents. You have come out of your homes, and waved us down to meet and talk. We have tried to meet and establish a connection with you that builds trust in the police. As we look forward into 2021 we want to build on our connections with you. Sincerely, Mark Chase, Chief of Police of a great team, known as Gervais Police Department.

Red Tags Delivered On January 19th

At the March 2020 Council Meeting, Councilors approved waiving the City's Red Tag and late fees for water and sewer services. Then in October, the Council decided to give customers a Red Tag, with no charge, for Nov. and Dec., serving as a reminder that the customer had fallen behind with their payments. Beginning in January 2021, the Utility Billing process will return to normal, with Late Fees, Red Tag and Shut Off Fees being charged for delinquent accounts. All bills for water and sewer service are due and payable by the 15th of each month. A late fee of \$5 will be applied on the morning of the 21st for accounts with an outstanding balance. On the 19th, a 48 hour Shut Off door tag will be issued for a balance 45 days past due. **You will have 48 hours to either make a 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 set it up. Also, on City Hall's website is a list of financial assistance agencies, or call City Hall for it.

Mayor and New Councilors Take Oath of Office and State of the City Address

The City Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:45pm that is available to the public electronically or by phone. At this meeting, the newly elected Mayor Rick Olmsted and three City Councilors will take their Oath of Office, including Councilor Rod Scott who was re-elected and the first-time elected officials Amanda McCracken and Lauren Ostrander. Mayor Olmsted will give a State of the City Address. To watch or listen to this Council Meeting, see the details on the bottom of the Agenda. All City meeting agendas are on the City's website or community boards about one week in advance. Also, a meeting button will be on the City's website on the night of the meeting that will take you directly to the meeting.

Tree Care

Please keep your trees' branches and greenery trimmed off of the sidewalks and right of ways. If you live on a corner lot this is especially important because of any vision clearance issues that the greenery can cause.

Street Sweeper

The street sweeper comes on the third Monday of the month. Remove your vehicles and belongings from the street. It is an important service because we like a clean city but it keeps the City in check with its DEQ Permit for stormwater maintenance by keeping pollutants out of waterways; and helps with our Tree City USA efforts.

Holiday Light Parade Spreads Good Cheer

By Connie Lindsay, Chair of Donald Beautification Group

Donald's annual holiday celebration retooled as a driving parade featuring Santa, sparkling lights on vehicles and plenty of good cheer. The parade was held on Friday December 18 in the early evening featuring several local businesses as well as the St. Paul Rodeo Queen, the City of Donald Public Works, Donald Fire Dist., Gervais Police as well as a few private citizens. The parade was the idea the Donald Beautification Group to help replace the normal holiday celebration and events that were canceled due to COVID Pandemic. Many spectators watched the parade safely from their front yards or inside their vehicles along Main Street. If you missed the parade, you might be able to catch the highlights on the Friends of Donald Facebook. Thanks to everyone who participated and help make this year's holiday special.

