

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Information

Visit the Oregon Health Authority's website to learn about the COVID-19 vaccine: covidvaccine.oregon.gov. On this website you can figure out if you are eligible for the vaccine and setup an appointment. You can also learn about the different vaccines and the ones in development. You can read Oregon's phased distribution of the vaccine. There is a helpful FAQ to help answer some of your questions and wonderings. Also, you see a chart with stats of the number of vaccines administered, even the boosters given.

The Oregon Health Authority also has tabs with information on: general COVID-19 information, getting tested, mask requirements, and community resources. This information is also offered in Spanish. Signs and literature are available in various languages. Lastly, for those interested in data/stats, you can find that too!

City Calendar for March 2021

Mon 1: City Council Special Session 6:45pm
 Tue 9: City Council Meeting 6:45pm
 Thurs 11: Donald Municipal Court 10:30am
 Sun 14: Daylight Savings Time "Spring Forward"
 Mon 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
 Mon 15: Donald Beautification Meeting 6:30pm
 Tue 16: Red Tags Delivered for Delinquent Accts. 10am
 Wed 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day!
 Thurs 18: Water Shut-Offs for Nonpayment 10am
 Mon 22: Late Fees Applied to Water & Sewer Accts. 8am
 Mon 22: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Street
 Wed 24: Water Meter Reads
 Thurs 25: Planning Commission Meeting (if needed) 6:45pm

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www.donaldoregon.gov

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Pager: 503-301-6479
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Basketball Court: At this time, basketball is supposed to be played by household groups. The OHA rules state that since basketball is a contact sport, it should be avoided by those outside of your household. Of course, you can shoot hoops by yourself too. It is always good to get fresh air.

Food and Personal Items Pantry: Outside of City Hall, to the left of the small lending library, is a food and personal item pantry. If you are able to give new/unopened items, please put them in the cupboard, making sure that the door is sealed shut. If you have a larger sized drop off, please email Council President Katie Gonzalez at councilorgonzalez@donaldoregon.gov or phone call City Hall 503-678-5543. We request that you do not leave items on the ground outside of the pantry. Thank you for donating!

KN95 Masks: If you need a mask, please call City Hall and we can either drop it off to you, or you can arrange a pick-up time.

Photos for Newsletter can be texted to phone number 971-715-8571 or emailed to Heidi Bell, City Manager at manager@donaldoregon.gov.

Development Code Survey

Have you ever used the Donald Development Code for a project? The Development Code provides all the regulations for planning and building activities. If you have recently worked with City staff and built a fence, added an addition to your home, built a new home, or relocated your business then we would like your feedback about how the process went for you regarding the development code's rules. If you learned the rules, but did not go through the process because of the regulations, let us know that too. The survey can be found on the City's website at donaldoregon.gov. Deadline for comments is March 12.

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DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

Councilor's Corner

By Council President Katie Gonzalez



I'd like to vocalize my appreciation to our community's response to the ice storm in February. I am grateful for the emergency services being quickly available for our neighbors in need. I am thankful for our utility workers who braved the danger to restore our utilities efficiently. I am appreciative of our community members. When going on a walk following the scary night of trees crashing all over town, I saw neighbors checking in on each other. I witnessed community members helping each other and ensuring that everyone was safe, had a warm place to rest, and food to eat. I really love living in Donald - thank you for all doing your part to keep this a welcoming and caring town.

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

Tree City USA Update

The City of Donald is officially a part of the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program. As a part of earning this recognition we will receive promotional items. This spring the City will receive a Tree City USA flag, new signs which will be added to the population signs coming into town and a special plaque.

The Donald Planning Commission serves as the Tree Board and is hosting two speakers about trees. One of the speakers will discuss all things tree, giving us a baseline understanding of trees. They will also provide tree identification; more info on this feature will be coming out in April. The other speaking engagement will be about urban fruit trees; including how to care, maintain and select ones for urban settings. The community speaker series will be electronic, and phone-in only.

Photo By: Kevin Riviere: N. Marion Jr. High School



Water & Sewer Rate Presentation

The Donald City Council will hear a presentation on Donald Water and Sewer Rates at their March Council Meeting. The rate study will address the rates for the next five years, starting July 2021. If you are interested in hearing the presentation and recommendations you can attend the meeting via phone, through Webex or listen afterwards to the recording that is posted on the City's website. The Meeting is on March 9, 2021 at 6:45pm. All Meeting information can be found on a Council Agenda, on a community board or website. A button is placed on the City's website for people to directly join the meeting electronically.

Have you Signed Up To Receive Flash Alerts?

Flash Alerts provide immediate notification from agencies, like the City, to you. We send notices asap to your smartphone or email using Flash Alerts. You can sign up to receive the City's notifications at:

www.flashalerts.net or download the app onto your smart phone. You can get step-by-step instructions on the City's website about how to sign up. Also, on Flash Alerts you will find many other organizations like: the Sheriff's Office, N. Marion School District or other nearby government agencies and non-profit organizations. In February the City used Flash Alerts to send info on the closure of I-5 for PGE to do work and about the dumpsters for yard/tree debris.



Stormwater and Catch Basins

Ahhh... Springtime! But in Oregon, that oftentimes means more rain. This is a good time to remember about the importance of not littering. Sometimes we intentionally litter, and sometimes not. Those little pieces of plastic that blow away as your car door swings open, or the packaging from a food container that escapes out of the street garbage can onto the street—are all apart of a greater problem. Litter that is not properly disposed of can end up on top of a storm grate, or worse down inside. This build-up can create flooding problems. In Donald, storm water flows into a grate, and is collected inside a catch basin. The debris sits inside and the water flows into pipes and then out into surrounding ditches and later absorbed into the ground. If too much litter gets inside the catch basin, it can block up the whole system, and create above ground back-up and flooding. Thinking about those tiny pieces of litter, they can make their way through the pipes being pushed by rainwater, and then out into our ditches and then out into the open. Who knows where one straw wrapper from Donald can end up? As we make it through this final push of rain, please help by putting garbage in a can. But we hope you continue this good habit all year long.

City Council Update

The City Council met on February 9th to conduct a regular business meeting. Here is a summary of the outcomes from their meeting.

- There were no changes to the Mayor's Emergency Declaration for COVID-19. To read it, visit the City's website.
- Confirmed the recommendation from the Planning Commission for Dawn Saxton to serve another three year term on the Planning Commission.
- Approved Resolution No. 519-21 for the System Development Charges new Capital Improvement Plans for the water, sewer, stormwater, transportation and parks systems.
- Approved the next fiscal year's budget calendar.
- Approved the OLCC renewals for the Donald Tavern, Center Market and Happy Street Market and Café. The Council also waived the City's \$20 fee to support local small businesses.
- A small Clean Up Day will happen in spring and full one with recycling opportunities in the fall.
- Heard a summary of Councilor Ostrander's Recycling 2020 Program. She will continue to serve as a Master Recycler!
- Donald Beautification Group continues to work on projects: fire hydrant painting and new City Signs.

Next Meeting: March 9, at 6:45pm

The Public Can Connect By WebEx or Phone

Budget Committee Recruitment

Update: the City has received zero applications for people to serve on the Budget Committee.

There are two openings on the Budget Committee and apps are available for pick up at City Hall or online at www.donaldoregon.gov or . You would enjoy serving, if you like analyzing your own budget and/or are interested in helping the City to prioritize spending; including tax dollars and water/sewer revenues. A class is offered to help you learn the laws that regulate public funds, for example: money collected to pay a water bill can only be spent on the water system and the same for sewer revenues. This optional training is on 5/13/21 and one required business meeting is on 5/18/21. Terms are three years long. Application deadline is March 4th. You can submit it through by emailing manager@donaldoregon.gov or at City Hall.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycling



By Master Recycler
Lauren Ostrander

This is one of my favorite cartoons to talk about consumption. On the left, there is a guy who simply buys less. Therefore having less waste. On the right, there is a guy who buys lots of "environmentally safe products" but creates tons of waste. The key to really making a change is to reduce your consumption. Reduce first! This will have the biggest impact. Do you really need it?

Second reuse. Instead of buying brand new, look in the closet or ask if a neighbor has one you can have (or borrow). Last recycle. Recycling is great and often listed as the "Rockstar", BUT consumption is where we will make the most difference. Contact Lauren for more ideas about recycling. laurenosterander@gmail.com or 503-453-9228.



Tree and Yard Clean Up Event

A BIG THANK YOU is deserved for both Loren's Sanitation for donating the dumpsters at the Skate Park and City Hall and GK Machine for lending their labor and equipment to get all the debris into the dumpsters. There was so much debris gathered that another

dumpster had to be hauled in and taken away on trailers! We are sure lucky that we have this kind of support. Also, it is appreciated that people took the time to get their properties cleaned up so quickly from the storm.



Community Center Improvements

The City received money from Marion County Economic Development to use in our community on projects to help with economic development. The money came in over a year ago, and it was decided to use it to put siding on the Community Center, add flooring in the restroom and storage closet. Other updates include an awning over the front door and hopefully a large cover for picnic tables in the yard. Former Council President Gloria Nicholson was instrumental with getting this project underway. The PW Team is working on these improvements as time allows. It is a good time to do them, while the building is closed.