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City Council (alphabetical by last name)	Term End
James Houdyshell, Mayor	2026
Jan Olsen, Council President	2026
Michael Coffman	2028
Abby Hungate	2026
Gabrielle Plunkett	2028
Jenny Strathdee	2026
Richard Wright	2028
Planning Commission (alphabetical by last name)	Term End
Trevor Alley	2026
John Crawford	2026
Cammi Hungate	2027
John Jones	2026
Michael McLoughlin	2027
Rick Olmsted	2028
Ben Rose	2028

APRIL THEMED WORD SEARCH



- MIST**
- SHOWERS**
- DOWNPOUR**
- STORM**
- DRIZZLE**
- SPRINKLE**
- RAIN**
- DELUGE**
- UMBRELLA**
- HAIL**
- POUR**
- PUDDLES**

Emergency Water & Sewer Pager:
503-301-6479

OPEN BURNING SEASON

SPRING: March 1 through June 15
FALL: October 1 through December 15
Call before you burn!
Daily Burn Information Line: 877-982-0011
For smoke complaints, call DEQ: 503-378-8240

ARBOR WEEK: APRIL 19-25

The City of Donald, designated a Tree City by the Arbor Day foundation, is considering activities for the upcoming Arbor Week, with Arbor Day falling on April 24.



The Tree Board will meet to consider activities such as a tree planting event, a Mayoral Proclamation and community engagement surrounding trees. The Council will then approve activities at its April 14 Meeting.



DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

APRIL 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

- City Council Regular Meeting**
April 14 at 6:45 pm
- Planning Commission**
TBA
- Utility Bills Due:**
April 15th
- **Red Tags Delivered:**
April 16th at 10am
- **Water Shut Offs:**
April 20th at 10am
- **Late Fees Applied:**
April 21st at 8am
- **Street Sweeper:**
April 23rd after 8am
Move Property Off Street

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE DONALD



CAFÉ BUSINESS LICENSE

The City Council approved the Business License for The Donald Café, LLC (contingent on the final certificate of occupancy from Marion County), at its March 10 meeting, along with recommending approval of a liquor license for the restaurant to OLCC. A website is under construction, www.thedonaldcafe.com, the menu is being developed and will be posted to the website when finalized. The goal is to open mid or late May.

MARION COUNTY BALLOT DROP BOX AT CITY HALL

Ballots for the May 19 gubernatorial election will be mailed out on April 29 by Marion County Elections. The ballot also includes the election for two Marion County Commissioner positions. The local ballot drop box will be ready to receive your completed ballot April 28 and remain open until 8 pm on Tuesday May 19, 2026. No postage needs to be affixed to ballots dropped into the ballot box as those ballots are retrieved by Marion County Elections employees.



Donald Citizen Gets Feral Cats Spayed/Neutered



Seeing a need and filling it, Donald citizen J. Mancilla has been taking feral cats encountered in the community to Meow Village, <https://meowvillage.org/> to have the cats spayed or neutered, after which they are released. On the Meow Village website, the "Rescue Form" is used and then there is an opportunity to specify Trap, Neuter and Release or Trap, Neuter and Surrender. A \$50 donation is requested.

The tip of the cat's ear is clipped so that it is known that the cat has been sterilized.

Fun facts: spaying one female cat can prevent an average of 18 kittens born in the first year, by year two that number jumps to 162 kittens prevented. Intact males are typically more aggressive and territorial, so neutered males fight less which reduces injuries, abscesses, yowling, and stress to the cat colony and community. Should you want further information or advice about how to handle a feral cat in your neighborhood, email jmancilla81@outlook.com.

PROTECTING OUR GROUNDWATER AND WATERWAYS

Clean water is one of our community's most valuable resources. In the City of Donald, the water that flows into our storm drains and roadside ditches does not go to a treatment plant—it often drains directly into nearby creeks, streams, and rivers. This means everyday activities around our homes can have a direct impact on the health of our local waterways and groundwater.

Here are a few simple ways you can help protect our water:

- **Keep pollution and litter out of storm drains.** Trash, leaves, and debris can carry harmful pollutants into nearby waterways.
- **Use fertilizers carefully.** Apply only what your lawn or garden needs and avoid overuse, which can wash into storm drains during rain.
- **Store and dispose of household chemicals properly.** Cleaners, oils, and other chemicals should be kept sealed and disposed of at appropriate facilities.
- **Clean up after your pets.** Pet waste left on the ground can wash into storm drains and contaminate local water.
- **Practice good car care.** Wash vehicles on your lawn where water can soak into the ground, or use a professional car wash that treats wastewater.
- **Conserve water.** Check for dripping faucets, leaking showerheads, and loose fixture connections to prevent unnecessary water waste.



When oil, pet waste, soap, or other pollutants enter storm drains, they can quickly travel to the waterways that support local wildlife and contribute to our drinking water supply. By following these best management practices, residents can help prevent pollution before it ever reaches our water.

By making a few mindful choices at home, each of us can help keep Donald's water clean and safe for people, fish, and wildlife—today and for generations to come.

Message from Chief Parise

As we welcome the arrival of spring, I'd like to take a moment to share a few updates and reminders to help keep our community safe and connected. With warmer weather and longer days, we're seeing more people out walking, biking, and enjoying local parks and neighborhoods. Please remember to stay alert while driving, watch for pedestrians and cyclists, and slow down in residential and school zones. Taking a little extra time goes a long way in preventing accidents.



Spring is also a good time to revisit basic home safety. As many of us open windows and spend more time outdoors, please remember to secure your homes, lock vehicles, and remove valuables from plain sight. These small steps can help prevent opportunistic theft.

I'm proud of the ongoing efforts our officers are making to connect with our communities. Whether it's visiting local schools, attending neighborhood meetings, or simply engaging with residents during patrol, these interactions are at the heart of what we do. Building trust and maintaining open lines of communication remain top priorities.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Keeping our cities safe is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate the role each of you plays in making our community a great place to live. Stay safe!

WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT BEGINS

The City of Donald will begin a water service line replacement project to address leaks caused by soil corrosion affecting older copper service lines. Over time, corrosion in the soil has caused pitting in the copper pipes, which can eventually lead to water leaks.

City staff have identified approximately 150 additional service connections constructed with the same type of copper material. Because these lines are prone to the same corrosion and pitting, they are likely to experience similar issues in the future. To proactively address the problem and improve the reliability of the water system, the City will begin replacing these lines.

Phase 1 of the project will start in the Country Oak Estates neighborhood. Work in this area will allow the City to begin addressing the most immediate concerns while establishing an efficient process for replacing the remaining service lines throughout the community. Residents may notice crews working in the area as this project gets underway. The City will work to minimize disruptions and appreciates the community's patience while these important infrastructure improvements are completed. Project updates will be posted on the City website at <https://www.donaldoregon.gov/constructionprojects>



Home fires can spread quickly, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape after a smoke alarm sounds. Having a home fire escape plan and practicing it with everyone in your home is so important. Create a plan this weekend and practice it with your family.

Two colorful posters for North Marion Primary School. The top poster is for an "OPEN HOUSE" on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 6 pm to 7 pm. It features illustrations of children playing, a teacher, and a school bus. Text includes "Preschool and Kindergarten", "Free T-Shirts and goodies to take home!", "Yummy Popsicles", and "Come meet our teachers, tour a classroom and hop on a school bus!". A QR code is in the top right corner with the text "Request a registration packet". The bottom poster is for "NOCHE DE VISITAR" on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 6 pm to 7 pm. It features similar illustrations and text: "Preescolar y Kinder", "¡Camisetas y otros obsequios gratuitos para llevar a casa!", "Deliciosas Paletas", and "¡Vengan a conocer a nuestras maestras, ver un salón y subir al autobús!". A QR code is in the bottom right corner with the text "Pida un paquete de registración". Both posters include the school address: "North Marion Primary School 20257 Grim Rd NE, Aurora, OR 97002".