Donald Monthly Record

May 2023

Utility Dates

May 2023

- May 15th: Utility Bills Due
- May 16th: Red Tags Delivered at 10am
- May 18th: Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts. at 10am
- May 22nd: Late Fees Applied to Delinquent Accts. at 8am
- May 22nd: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Streets

May 29, 2023

June 2023

- June 15th: Utility Bills Due
- June 16th: Red Tags Delivered at 10am
- June 20th; Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts. at 10am
- June 21st: Late Fees Applied to Delinquent Accts. at 8am
- June 26th: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Streets

June 19, 2023

July 2023

- July 15th: Utility Bills Due
- July 17th: Red Tags Delivered at 10am
- July 19th: Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts. at 10am
- July 21st: Late Fees Applied to Delinquent Accts. at 8am
- July 24th: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Streets

Public Meetings (all City Council & Planning Commission Meetings start at 6:45 p.m.)

May 1st: City Council Work Session (if needed) **May 9th:** City Council Meeting
June 5th: City Council Work Session (if needed) **June 13th:** City Council Meeting & Budget Hearing
July 3rd: City Council Work Session (if needed) **July 11th:** City Council Meeting

Holidays & Closures

May 29th: Memorial Day—City Offices Closed
June 19th: Juneteenth—City Offices Closed
July 4th: Independence Day—City Offices Closed

Answer Key: Front: 6 Inside Left: 4 Inside Right: 6 Back: 4

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City Manager: Eric Underwood
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Phone: 503-678-5543

Public Works:
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Phone: 503-678-1411
Emergency Pager:
503-301-6479

City Council	Planning Commission
Rick Olmsted, Mayor	Cammi Hungate, Chair
Gerry Waller, Council President	Alice Bentz
Mark Buzzard	John Crawford
Sheryl Glenn	Lauren Gonzalez-Alfaro
Jan Olsen	Mike Mader
Neil Strathdee	Vacant
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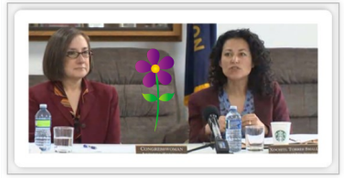
Congresswoman Andrea Salinas & USDA Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small visit Donald

On April 6, 2023 Congresswoman Andrea Salinas and USDA Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small met with local leaders at the Donald Fire Hall to better understand the needs of rural communities. Congresswoman Salinas and leaders from 18 small cities sat down with the Undersecretary of the USDA, which oversees loans, grants and technical assistance to rural residents and businesses; that means investments in things like internet access, clean water and affordable housing in historically underserved areas. Under Secretary Torres Small said "my biggest take-away was that when it comes to supporting rural people and rural governments, it's about providing flexibility and making it easier to access our programs. So, whether that's investing in technical assistance, folks that would help support going through those applications or finding ways to just make the applications easier, that will help make sure we are supporting people all across rural Oregon." *"KGW Top Stories: Noon, Thursday, April 6, 2023."*

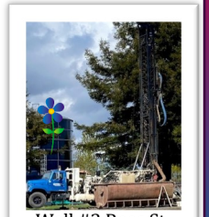


Community Successes by: City Manager, Eric Underwood

We continue to add to the list of community successes, having much to celebrate here in Donald. The many projects that are occurring around town means exciting improvements are being made. This brings assurances of strength in our local economy and placement of critical infrastructure to safely and effectively serve our community for many years to come.

Over the past few years, Donald has been the recipient of several grants that have helped us move forward on projects such as the Blake Court Water Line Replacement project, Matthieu Street Phases I & II, New Water Well #3, and the Storm Drain Master Plan. All of which will be completed before July of this year. Earlier this year, a safety hazard to the community was eliminated by demolishing the Donald Community Center, which was collapsing from the inside.

A couple of the private projects that are in the works and worthy of our community success story include Harvest Gardens, an agricultural housing development that will soon begin construction on 49 single-family homes. The Donald Industrial Park will soon see a new speculative industrial building of just over 100,000 sq. ft. that will eventually house a new business, and create new jobs. Project updates can be viewed on the City's website under the *Construction Projects* tab.


Well #3 Rees St.

We have a lot to be thankful for and proud of in this community as we continue to build our resume of successes. Collective spirit, positive thinking, and a can-do attitude will certainly boost our positive momentum as we charge into the future.

April 2023 City Council Recap

At the regularly scheduled April 11th meeting, the Donald City Council discussed and if needed, voted on the following agenda items:

- Proclamation: Proclaimed the City of Donald is recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a member of the Tree City USA program and furthermore to proclaim Arbor Week in Donald from Sunday April 23, 2023 and concluding on Friday, April 28, 2023.
- Consent Agenda: Council voted 5-0-1 to accept the Consent Agenda Items.
- Old Business I: Council voted 5-1-0 to keep the Donald Community Center property and renovate it into a park.
- New Business I: Council voted 6-0-0 to appoint Cindy Johnson to the Donald Budget Committee for a term of 2-years.
- New Business III: Council voted 6-0-0 to approve the Yard Debris Cleanup event to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023.
- New Business IV: Council voted 6-0-0 to approve the Arbor Day event and activities for April 29, 2023.

The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend public meetings in person at City Hall or via Webex. Meeting information can be found on the website & community boards.

Moving from Donald?

If you're planning on moving from Donald, please contact City Hall to make arrangements to close your Water & Sewer account. If you don't, you risk being charged for additional days and/or not receiving a final bill because a forwarding address was not provided, which could result in being sent to collections.

Tree Roots in Sewer System

By: PW Director, Alonso Limones

Tree roots penetrating septic lines or tanks are generally the most expensive of sewer maintenance repairs. Once inside, tree roots will cause a total blockage of the line if immediate action isn't taken. As roots continue to grow, they expand and exert considerable pressure at cracks or joints where they have infiltrated the system. The pipe then becomes matted with grease, tissue paper and other debris causing slow flow drainage and sewer service backups. The force by the root growth will break the pipe and may result in a total collapse, which will require replacement. Property owners are responsible for the replacement costs of a sanitary sewer system as a result of tree root damage.

Homeowners should be aware of their septic tank's location and refrain from planting trees and hedges near it. Before starting any outdoor improvement project, always request utility line locates by calling 811 or submitting a request online at www.DigSafelyOregon.com.

Oregon 811 UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER

Pay your Donald Utility Bill Online

Since 2021, the City has offered online bill pay to Donald residents and businesses at no cost to customers! Online bill pay is simple, secure and instant. Users have the option of doing a one-time, quick payment or creating an online account. To get started with online bill pay, visit, https://donaldoregon.merchanttransact.com. Call City Hall at 503-678-5543 or email CityHall@DonaldOregon.gov if you have any questions.

N. Marion Primary School

23'-24' Incoming Kindergarten & Presschool Students

If you have an incoming Kindergarten or Preschool student, please visit https://forms.gle/tWdH9FS3YdsG5Kbx7 to request a Registration Packet be mailed to you.

- Kindergarten is Free. Tuition based Preschool is offered to students who are 3 on or before March 1, 2023. PK Tuition is $2700 per year, in payments of $300 per month from September through May. Only 10 morning and 10 afternoon spots are available, so it is first-come, first-serve basis.
- Please pass this information along to any neighbor or friend who has a student to enroll.

Call 503-678-8500 or email melanie.terwilliger@nmarion.k12.or.us with questions. You can also contact Karla who is bilingual in English/Spanish at 503-678-8501.

911 CALL IF YOU CAN TEXT IF YOU CAN'T

Text 911

Dispatch is now capable of receiving text to 9-1-1 in Marion County. For more information visit www.nwtext911.info.

211.org

The easiest way to find health & human services, including childcare.

TEXT zip to 898211 | DIAL 211 | SEARCH 211info.org

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April Showers bring May Flowers

Flowers, flowers everywhere.
In the garden, in my hair.
In the vase and at the store.
On the table and on the door.
What a lively time of year.
Flowers blooming everywhere!

Can you find all 20 flowers hidden in this newsletter? Answers on back page.

Call Before You Burn

Open burning season is between the following:

- March 1st through June 15th
- October 1st through December 15th.

Burn season dates are subject to change without notice.

- Call the burn information line at 877-982-0011 before you burn.
- For smoke complaints call DEQ at 503-378-8240 or toll free at 800-349-7677.