

THREE-MONTH CALENDAR

UTILITY DATES

February 2023

- February 15th: Utility Bills Due
- February 16th: Red Tags delivered at 10am
- February 21st: Late Fees Applied to Delinquent Accts. at 8am
- February 21st: Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts. at 10am
- February 27th: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Streets

March 2023

- March 15th: Utility Bills Due
- March 16th: Red Tags delivered at 10am
- March 20th: Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts. at 10am
- March 21st: Late Fees applied to Delinquent Accts. at 8am
- March 27th: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Streets

April 2023

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

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

- February 6th:** City Council Work Session (if needed) **February 14th:** City Council Meeting
- March 6th:** City Council Work Session (if needed) **March 14th:** City Council Meeting

HOLIDAYS & CLOSURES

February 20th: President's Day — City Offices Closed



Valentine's Day
February 14, 2023

Spring Forward
March 12, 2023



Easter
April 9, 2023

DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

♥ FEBRUARY 2023 ♥

2022 COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE YEAR: JENNY STRATHDEE

At the January regular City Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to award and recognize Jenny Strathdee as Community Member of the Year for 2022. Jenny was delighted to learn that the Council selected her for this distinguished award. Jenny relocated to Donald in August 2012 after retiring from Baldwinsville Central School District in New York State as a Special and Elementary Educator. She has resided in small towns in her family's past, and was pleased with her family's move to a rural, small town setting for retirement. Her husband, Neil, and family have always considered volunteering a great way to meet and make new friends and become familiar with the area. Jenny was an active Donald Hazelnut Festival Committee member for over four years, currently enjoys volunteering at the N. Marion Primary school, is a registered CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) member for Marion County, is an active volunteer for the Donald Beautification Group (DBG), and serves on the Donald Budget Committee. Jenny enjoys traveling with her husband during the year, especially the National Parks through the U.S. She enjoys the company and enthusiasm that the Donald community displays and hopes more community-minded people will contribute to the City's many opportunities. Thank you Jenny, for all you do for the City and community as a whole. ♥



Jenny Strathdee

Hearts Answer Key:

Front: 5 Inside Left: 5 Inside Right: 5 Back: 5

| City Hall: | City Council | Planning Commission |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| City Manager: Eric Underwood 10710 Main Street ~ P.O. Box 388 Donald, OR 97020 Phone: 503-678-5543 | Rick Olmsted, Mayor | Cammi Hungate, Chair |
| Public Works: Director: Alonso Limones Phone: 503-678-1411 Emergency Pager: 503-301-6479 | Gerry Waller, Council President | Alice Bentz |
| | Mark Buzzard | John Crawford |
| | Sheryl Glenn | Lauren Gonzalez-Alfaro |
| | Amy Nicholls | Mike Mader |
| | Jan Olsen ♥ | Vacant |
| Neil Strathdee ♥ | Vacant | Vacant |

Holiday Lighting Competition Winners

The City of Donald was very *holly & jolly* this past holiday season. Thank you to everyone who made Donald *merry & bright*. At the January regular meeting, the City Council announced their top three nominees for the Holiday Lighting Competition awards. The following properties were selected:

- * 1st Place: 20957 Crisell St. awarded \$50.00
- * 2nd Place: 10881 Main St. awarded \$25.00
- * 3rd Place: 11021 Chantal St. awarded \$25.00



COMMUNITY MEMEBRS OF THE MONTH

Valley Agronomics & the Aurora Rural Fire District #63 were both selected as December 2022 Community Members of the Month. Thank you to both for all you do for Donald and the community!




BUDGET COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

The City is recruiting to fill 5 seats on the Donald Budget Committee. Volunteers are really needed to fill this crucial role.

Volunteering to serve on the Budget Committee is a great way to become involved in Donald and play an active role in determining how City funds are allocated. Applications are available for pickup at City Hall or can be found on the City's website www.DonaldOregon.gov under the *Administration, Audits & Budgets* tab.

Qualifications


- ◆ Spouses of officers, agents or employees of the local government may serve on the Budget Committee if they are qualified electors and not themselves officers, agents or employees.
- ◆ All members of the Budget Committee  have an equal authority. Each member's vote counts the same. Any member can be elected as its Chair.
- ◆ No member of the Budget Committee (including governing body members) may receive any compensation for their services as a member of the Budget Committee.

Vacant Seats & Terms


- ◆ (1) one-year term
- ◆ (2) two-year terms
- ◆ (2) three-year terms

Application Deadline: March 1, 2023

PLANNING COMMISSION RECRUITMENT

The City has been actively recruiting to fill two vacant seats on the Planning Commission since March 2022. The City really needs community members to step up and fill the important role of Planning Commissioner. 

Serving on the Planning Commission is a great opportunity for residents or business owners to get involved with the community. The Planning Commission's primary functions are to hear and make decisions for the City of Donald regarding Land-Use cases, uphold the Donald Development Code and serve as the Tree Board.

The Planning Commission typically meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:45pm as needed. Applications are available for pickup at City Hall or can be found on the City's website at www.DonaldOregon.gov  under the *Planning Commission* tab.

Qualifications

- ◆ Be of legal voting age
- ◆ Be a resident of the City and/or
- ◆ Own property within the City and/or
- ◆ Operate a business within the City.




Vacant Seat Terms

- ◆ December 31, 2023
- ◆ December 31, 2025

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled



JANUARY 2023 CITY COUNCIL RECAP

At the regularly scheduled January 10th meeting, the Donald City Council discussed and if needed, voted on the following agenda items:

- Oath of Office: The Mayor and three Councilors took their Oaths of Office. Mayor Rick Olmsted was elected for a term of two years, while Councilors Jan Olsen, Neil Strathdee and Gerry Waller were elected for a term of 4-years. 
- Mayor Olmsted gave the State of the City Address.
- Presentations: Lieutenant Nicholas Hunter with the M.C.S.O. presented a permanent  policing services proposal. Council voted 6-0-0 to move forward with placing a Policing Services Levy on the May 2023 Ballot.
- Add/Delete Agenda Items: Council conducted a role call vote resulting in Gerry Waller being selected as Council President for 2023.
- Consent Agenda Items I-V: Council voted 6-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda Items. New Business I: Council voted 6-0-0 to appoint Sheryl Glenn to the vacant City Council seat with a term ending December 31, 2024.
- New Business II: Council voted 6-0-0 to appoint Alice Bentz to the Planning  Commission with a term ending December 31, 2025.
- New Business III: Council voted 6-0-0 to appoint City Manager Eric Underwood as the Budget Officer for FY '23-'24.
- New Business IV: Council voted 5-0-1 to select Jenny Strathdee for Community Member of the Year for 2022.
- New Business V: Council voted 5-0-1 to select Valley Agronomics and the Aurora Rural Fire District #63 as Co-Community Members of the Month for December 2022.
- New Business VI: Council selected the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the Holiday Lighting Competition.
- New Business VII: Council voted 6-0-0 to suspend the Business License for Thompson Gas if fees and renewal application are not received by January 31, 2023.
- New Business VIII: Council voted 6-0-0 in support of a study of extending the WES commuter rail services to communities in the Northern Willamette Valley.

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.

HEARTS

 Red hearts, white hearts, pink hearts too. I love purple hearts, how about you? 
Green hearts, yellow hearts, blue hearts too. I love rainbow hearts, how about you?
Can you find all 20 hearts hidden throughout this newsletter? (Answers key on back page)