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Office: 503-678-1411
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Emergency: 911
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Aurora Rural Fire District:
Phone: 503-678-5966

EMERGENCY WATER & SEWER PAGER NUMBER

It is critical to call the Emergency Water & Sewer pager number if your sewer alarm sounds or you experience any other water or sewer emergency. This service is included in your monthly utility bill and is available 24/7. It's important to note that this is a pager system and NOT a cell phone. If you do not leave your name, number and address, Public Works will not have adequate information to be able to respond to your call.
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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Street sweeping takes places on the 3rd FULL week of the month on Thursday after 8am.
- Do you see something that you think may be a violation of the Donald Municipal Code? Read the Donald Code of Ordinances on the City's website or call City Manager Eric Underwood at 503-678-5543.

NEW YEARS-THEMED WORD SEARCH

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| Friends | Midnight | Party |
| Celebrate | Eve | Year |



DONALD MONTHLY RECORD
JANUARY 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

- **City Offices Closed New Year's Day:**
January 1st
- **City Council Meeting:**
January 9th at 6:45pm at Donald City Hall. See website or community boards for agenda & online access to meeting.
- **Municipal Court:**
January 11th at 10:30am
- **City Offices Closed MLK Jr. Day:**
January 15th
- **Utility Bills Due:**
January 15th
- **Red Tags Delivered:**
January 16th at 10am
- **Water Shut Offs:**
January 18th at 10am
- **Street Sweeper:**
January 18th
Move Property Off Street
- **Late Fees Applied:**
January 22nd at 8am



A LETTER FROM MAYOR OLMSTED

My wife Christine and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope that 2024 is kind to each of you. Donald is changing before our eyes, with the first two phases (49 houses) of Harvest Gardens being built and occupied on the east side of town. Welcome. A second building is going up in the Donald Industrial Park; you can already see the framework. And talking about construction, the Donald-Aurora I-5 interchange is moving closer to the beginning of construction. The most up-to-date project information can be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=22505>. Finally, your City Council and Planning Commission are working hard on your behalf, to make Donald a better place. If you can, please attend the monthly meetings either in-person or virtually. If you want to provide feedback, you can submit your thoughts on-line through the City of Donald webpage. Saying that, I want to affirm my thanks and respect for each member of the City Staff, City Council, Planning Commission, and volunteers who step forward to help during citywide events. We live in unsettled times, with sadness and challenges throughout the world. Let's strive to be kind and respectful to one another and be good neighbors.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Rick Olmsted & the Donald City Council cordially invite you to the State of the City Address

Tuesday, January 9, 2023 at 6:45pm

Regular City Council meeting to follow

Visit www.DonaldOregon.gov/councilmeetings and click the "Join Meeting" button to join remotely.



A NEW YEARS MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT WALLER

Hello Donald community! The New Year is a good time to reflect on the past year. Do you set goals or resolutions for improvement in the New Year? Reflection is good!

For the past few months, I've been setting small goals each day and working to complete them. It's OK if you don't make a goal, simply add it to the next day until completed. I've started recording my goals in a notebook with successes noted and each day I write something that I'm grateful for.

With the state of the world, we should all try to look at the positive parts of our days. Whatever your traditions, be positive and kind to your neighbors and above all, I wish you a Happy New Year and PEACE!

Gerry Waller

DECEMBER 12TH CITY COUNCIL RECAP

Find the M.C.S.O. & A.R.F.D. Logs & Stats on the *Police & Fire* page of the City's website.

The following are highlights from the December 12, 2023 City Council meeting. This is not a complete list. Please visit www.DonaldOregon.gov/councilmeetings for more meeting agendas, recordings and action agenda summaries.

- New Business I: Council voted 5-0-0 to appoint Amanda Johnson to the Donald City Council with a term ending December 31, 2024. Welcome Councilor Johnson.
- New Business II: Council voted 6-0-0 to award Connie Lindsay as the 2023 Community Member of the Year.
- New Business III: Council voted 6-0-0 to accept the November 7, 2023 Special Election Results. Official results are available at: <https://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/Results/Pages/November-7th,-2023-Special-Election.aspx>.
- New Business IV: Council voted 6-0-0 to award each City employee a performance award.
- New Business V: Council voted 5-1-0 to approve the New Business License application for Ion Solar, LLC.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

Are you a registered Donald voter? Have an interest in how Donald's funds are budgeted? Then apply now to serve on the Donald Budget Committee. The City is now recruiting to fill six vacant seats with terms ranging from one to three years. The Budget Committee meets once a year with training opportunities available. More information is available at City Hall or on the City's website at www.DonaldOregon.gov/auditsandbudgets.

THANK YOU A.R.F.D. & VALLEY AG.

"Thank You" to the Aurora Rural Fire Dist. & Valley Ag. for their help decorating Donald for the Holidays. THANK YOU for making Donald *Merry & Bright!*

COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE YEAR: CONNIE LINDSAY



It came as no surprise to me that veteran volunteer Connie Lindsay was awarded Community Member of the Year for 2023. Selfless, tireless and talent were just a few words used to describe Connie. Of the many projects and events Connie has volunteered for she said "I really enjoy planning and helping develop the Santa Sing-A-Long holiday celebration. It's so rewarding to see the kids meet Santa, enjoy the crafts and sing holiday songs together." Connie encourages others in Donald to volunteer, as it "can provide you with a sense of pride and community identity." If you'd like to get involved, the Donald Festival Committee is working to bring back Donald Daze, a celebration of the rich agriculture of the area and could use your ideas and volunteer support. Connie is looking forward to a great 2024 and plans to continue volunteering as the Chairperson of the Donald Festival Committee. Thank you Connie for all you do!

THREE SEATS TO FILL ON PLANNING COMMISSION

With the expiration of three Planning Commission seats on December 31, 2023, another chance for Donald residents & businesses to become involved in their community has opened up. The Planning Commission's primary functions are to hear and make decisions regarding Donald Land-Use cases, uphold the Donald Development Code and serve as the Tree Board. Qualifications and applications are available at City Hall or at www.DonaldOregon.gov/planningcommission. All three vacant seats have terms ending December 31, 2026.

HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

BY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ALONSO LIMONES

Each winter, many homeowners face the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes. Monitor the weather, pay attention to any freezing temperatures forecasted and be sure to winterize your home in advance. Below are some simple steps you can take to help winterize your home:

1. Wrap exposed pipes and plumbing with proper insulation; available at a plumbing store.
 - For a quick fix, you can also use newspapers, towels or blankets.
2. If your pipes do freeze, be patient and use a hairdryer to gradually warm up the pipe(s).
 - DO NOT use hot water or a flame torch to unfreeze the pipe. Doing so may cause damage.
3. Check outdoors for the following: hose bibs, swimming pool supply lines, exterior pipes on the outside of walls, sprinkler heads and irrigation.
4. For indoors check: basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages & kitchen cabinets.