

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

At the December regular Council Meeting, the Donald City Council will discuss the annual Holiday Lighting Contest. Traditionally, the week of Christmas, each Councilor drives around Donald looking for the **bri**ghtest, **jolli**est and most **festive** home in town. The winner is selected at the January Council meeting and announced in the February Newsletter. Check out the city's website for an official announcement and contest details.

TWO-MONTH CALENDAR

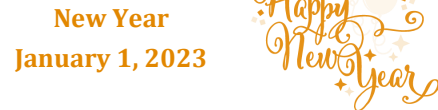
WATER & SEWER DATES

December 2022

- December 15th: Utility Bills Due
- December 16th: Red Tags delivered at 10am
- December 19th: Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts. at 10am
- December 21st: Late Fees applied to Delinquent Accts. at 10am

January 2023

- January 15th: Utility Bills Due
- January 17th: Red Tags delivered at 10am
- January 19th: Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts. at 10am
- January 23rd: Late Fees applied to Delinquent Accts. at 10am



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

- December 5th:** City Council Work Session (if needed) **December 13th:** City Council Meetings
- January 3rd:** City Council Work Session (if needed) **January 10th:** City Council Meeting

HOLIDAYS & CLOSURES

- December 24th - December 26th:** Christmas—City Offices Closed
- January 2nd:** New Year's Day Observed—City Offices Closed
- January 16th:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day—City Offices Closed

Special Note: Due to the Holidays, delivery of Utility Bills may be delayed 1-2 days.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year ~ From the City of Donald Staff

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City Council

Rick Olmsted, Mayor
Gerry Waller, Council President
Mark Buzzard
Cindy Johnson
Amy Nicholls
Jan Olsen
Neil Strathdee

Planning Commission

Cammi Hungate, Chair
John Crawford
Nathan Earl
Lauren Gonzalez-Alfaro
Mike Mader
Vacant
Vacant

Rudolph Answer Key:

Front: 2
Inside Left: 4
Inside Right: 3
Back: 6



DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

DECEMBER 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR OLMSTED



Thank you very much to all the Donald residents that voted to reelect me as Mayor. I am grateful and honored by your support. As I've said in the past, as Mayor, I represent all residents and support businesses of Donald. I will work closely with the City Council, City Manager, and City Staff to make Donald a better and safer place to live and work. Let's talk about crime. I spoke recently with Deputy Sgt. Don Parise of the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). I asked him about the importance of submitting a police report if you are a victim of crime. He stated that the MCSO uses these reports to prioritize patrolling and enforcement efforts. All of his deputies are informed of what is happening in Donald before they patrol our town. Please be aware that if you call 911 or the MCSO non-emergency number (503) 588-5032 while a Deputy is on duty in Donald, your response time will be almost instantaneous. In conclusion, my wife Christine and I wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. 2023 is just around the corner.



SANTA'S SING-A-LONG

Saturday, December 10, 2022

3:00pm - 7:00pm

Donald Fire Hall: 20909 Feller St.

Activities

- * Children's Games & Crafts
- * Food Drive
- * Hot Drinks & Treats
- * Letters to Santa
- * Live Music & Caroling
- * Pictures with Santa
- * Vendor Booths

Event Schedule

- * 3pm - 7pm Vendor Booths Open
- * 3pm - 7pm Children's Games & Crafts
- * 4pm - 6pm Santa Claus comes to Town
- * Pictures with Santa
- * 5pm - 7pm Caroling Begins
- * 7pm Event Ends

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight!

Co-Hosted By: The City of Donald, The Donald Beautification Group, The Donald Hazelnut Festival & Aurora Rural Fire District #63

A special **THANK YOU** to the DBG Volunteers for all their hard work to make this event possible!

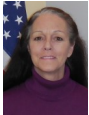
*Come tell Santa your Christmas List!
Fun for the whole family!*

ELECTIONS RESULTS

The following are the unofficial results of the November 8, 2022 General Election. Once received from the Marion County Elections Office, official results will be posted on the City's website at www.DonaldOregon.gov under the *Elections* tab.



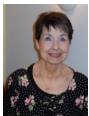
Mayor Rick Olmsted
2-Year Term
Current Mayor



Councilor Jan Olsen
4-Year Term
Current Councilor



Councilor Neil Stratthdee
4-Year Term
Current Councilor



Councilor Gerry Waller
4-Year term
Current Councilor

NOVEMBER CITY COUNCIL RECAP

The Donald City Council held their regularly scheduled meeting on November 8, 2022 where the Council discussed and voted on the following agenda items:

- New Business I: Council voted 6-0-0, to approve Resolution No. 563-22: Awarding the Blake Court Waterline Construction Project to Haworth, Inc.
- New Business II: Council voted 6-0-0, to approve Resolution No. 564-22: Awarding the Drinking Water Well #3 Project to Schneider Water Services.
- New Business III: Council voted 6-0-0 to approve Resolution No. 565-22: Adopting the updated Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan.
- New Business IV: Council voted 6-0-0, to approve New Business License Application for Meltar Supply at 10751 Oak St.

Visit the City's website for agendas, minutes, meeting recordings and more! www.DonaldOregon.gov

RUDOLPH

Rudolph with his nose so bright, guides the sleigh on Christmas night. Bright and Merry, with all your cheer, let's us know that Christmas is here. Delivering gifts for everyone, leading Santa home when the night is done.

Can you find the 15 Rudolphs hiding throughout this newsletter?
Hint: You might only see part of Rudolph.



We are rapidly approaching the end of 2022 and I find myself wondering where all the time went. As we here at City Hall look back over the course of the year, time seems to have accelerated for us, yet somehow it seems to have been a very long year. Quite the paradox, I must say.

If I were to choose a theme for the year, that theme would be *Change*. Change has come in the guise of leadership and staff turnover, post-COVID adjustments and their residual effects, major project activity, and police enforcement, to name a few. Nevertheless, the City's amazing staff has been able to successfully navigate through this minefield of change and advance the City Council's priorities in a highly successful yet impressive manner.

Our team has gone above and beyond to solve problems, embrace challenges and take advantage of opportunities to get stuff done. These efforts have yielded a balanced budget and a stellar audit, a grant award of \$1 MIL for a drinking water well project, an active role in regional tourism, completion of a major capital project and the start of two others, safe delivery and operation of City utilities, a rebirth of a business leaders group, updates to several policies and protocols, enhancements of the website to be more informative, the creation of two new budget funds, a successful Clean-Up Day and Yard Debris Day, and new paint on City Hall and the park shed building. All of this sounds like a lot but it is only a fraction of what has been accomplished.

You can rest assured that there is a talented group of dedicated staff working for the betterment of Donald each and every day. I am honored to serve alongside this amazing team and I want to say "Thank You" for what you do, both seen and unseen, to make this City a community we can all be proud of.

Happy Holidays and have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Eric Underwood

Eric Underwood, City Manager



PICKUP AFTER YOUR PET

By: Public Works Director Alonso Limones

Every day, Public Works checks our parks, streets and public right of ways for dog waste. At both parks, there are dog waste stations that Public Works stocks with bags to help people be responsible dog owners. It is the responsibility of the owner to remove and dispose of their pet's waste properly. This is a community effort, not just to promote an inviting, clean appearance, but to help prevent the negative impact dog waste pollutants cause when it enters our



waterways. By picking up after your dog, it tells other members of the community that you care about the people & place you live.

KEEPING DONALD CLEAN

By: Public Works Director Alonso Limones

Public Works picks up trash in our parks, streets and public spaces every day. There are a total of five garbage cans throughout the City for the public to use, as it is everyone's job to pick up after themselves and dispose of trash properly. Littering is a nuisance to public health and to the environment. If this litter enters the storm drain system, it can also clog the infrastructure causing flooding. Runoff water can carry food scraps and other organic items that can increase algal blooms in water ways, which reduces the amount of available oxygen for aquatic life such as fish. Garbage and debris in public spaces or private property creates a nuisance. Please, do your part to make Donald a clean community.



Photo By:
Donald Resident