

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID Update: Count Down to 70%

How close is Oregon to reaching 70% vaccinated statewide? The Oregon Health Authority updates their website daily with a countdown calculator. View it at: <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>. Other resources on that website include finding a vaccine site or finding a COVID-19 test. There is also tracking about the infection rates of the new variants. At the time that this newsletter was written Marion County was in the High Risk Category, with nearly 60% vaccinated. Another resource for finding a vaccine is by dialing 811.

North Marion Library

Article by Andrea Heid

WE'RE GOING TO BE BACK! Mark your calendars for the North Marion Community Library's FABULOUS AUGUST BOOK SALE, to be held August 13, 14, 15—Friday, Saturday, AND Sunday—on the vacant lot diagonally across from the American Legion Veterans Hall (21510 Main St. NE, Aurora). Another way to find us is the property at the junction of Highway 99E, Third, and Main Streets. Sale hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be hundreds of books for all ages—fiction, non-fiction, paperbacks, hardbacks, children's board books, picture books, chapter books, as well as vintage books/collectibles! We'll gladly accept book donations, but since our storage space is limited, we'd prefer to get them only the day before the sale. Please email nmarionlibrary@gmail.com or call Nancy Trivitt (503) 577-1856 to make arrangements. Monetary donations are always welcome too; we're a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so contributions are tax-deductible.

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Pager: 503-301-6479
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Community Notes

What is Oregon811 and Why Should I Call?

They are responsible for having a call center that any company or person doing any type of digging must contact to process a locate request to have the underground lines marked out prior to excavation. There are over 20 million miles of underground facilities in the U.S. alone. Damaging an underground facility is dangerous for you and for the people around you. A broken pipe or cable may cause outages, expensive repairs and legal problems. A safe digging project must always start by contacting Oregon811, either by phone or online. Dial: "811", 1-800-332-2344 or www.DigSafelyOregon.com

City Hall Hours: Staff is in the building and ready to serve the public Monday -Thursday 8:30am to 3:30 pm, and Fridays by appointment only. Please ring the doorbell for service at the walk-up window.



Backyard Burning: is closed from June 16 through September 30, 2021. Agriculture burning is allowed from 8am to 7pm. The phone number to call is 877-982-0011 and it is updated daily by 9am daily. To report violations call DEQ: 503-378-8240.

City Calendar for July 2021

Sun 4: Happy Independence Day!
Mon 5: City Offices Closed in Observance of July 4th
Tue 13: City Council Meeting: 6:45pm*
Thurs 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
Mon 19: Red Tags Delivered for Delinquent Accts: 10am
Mon 19: Donald Beautification Group Meeting: 6:30pm*
Wed 21: Late Fees Applied at 8am
Wed 21: Water Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts.: 10am
Thurs 22: Planning Commission Meeting: 6:45pm*
Fri 23: Public Works Reads Water Meters
Mon 26: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Street*
Meeting held via Webex: Connect by phone or video

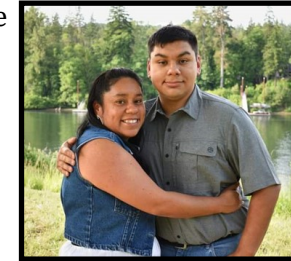
DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

Councilor's Corner

Volunteering when you are 17, or any age!

By City Councilor Lauren Ostrander

My son Shawn and I have lived in Donald for 15 plus years and volunteering has always been a very important part of our family. At a recent council meeting the need to explore internet access and speed options was brought up. Research and collection of data would be required. A perfect job from someone with tech skills to make a difference. Shawn agreed to help the City and presented to the council this past June session. It included what we have, problems that Donald faces, and improvement strategies. It is amazing to work with my son to help change the small town we love so much. Teaching him that his voice matters and he can in fact change the world is priceless. You too can change the world today... VOLUNTEER! "Be the change you want to see in the world" - Gandhi.



Policing in Donald

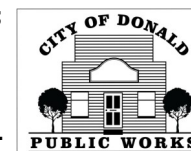
Mayor Rick Olmsted

In May, the City of Gervais informed Donald that they would not be renewing our Policing Contract. The new Mayor of Gervais, Annie Gilland, made her opposition to Gervais providing policing to Donald very clear. Her Facebook posts strongly indicated she wished that every single minute of Gervais' policing stay in Gervais, to deal with their issues. The City Manager of Gervais recommended to the Gervais City Council, that they not renew our Policing Contract. The Chief of Police of Gervais also recommended to the Gervais City Council, that they not renew our Policing Contract. After discussion, the Gervais City Council voted to not renew the Donald/Gervais Policing Contract. The Contract ended on June 30, 2021. Donald is working to find another policing partner. The City of Donald did their best to persuade Gervais to renew the contract, but in the end, it was their decision. As always, if you have an immediate need for police call 911 and Marion County's Sheriff Office will respond, or call the County Non-Emergency line for other police needs: 503-588-5032.



Public Works Operator Position

The City is recruiting for a new Public Works Operator. There will be two Operator positions and one Public Works Director, for a total of three Public Works Employees. The previous Maintenance Worker position became vacant and was eliminated. To see the job description, visit the City's website or pick up an application packet at City Hall. The next review of applications is Wednesday, July 14th. The pay depends on the water/wastewater certificates at the time of hire from \$16.58 (no certificates) to \$22.78 (three certificates), plus paid health care, retirement, and on-call pay. The position performs a variety of skilled and semi-skilled manual and operational tasks as a member of the Public Works team in the construction, operation and maintenance of City facilities water, sewer, streets, parks and storm drain systems. We are willing to train someone with the right attitude and transferable skills.



Donald Community Center Reopens



The Donald Community Center (DCC) is now open for reservations. The party's Responsible Person must complete the new COVID-19 Application and administer a health questionnaire to all attendees. They are also responsible for ensuring that social distancing and mask wearing is enforced (even for those that are vaccinated). Other new rules include a new cleaning and sanitization list, and reservations will be scheduled four days apart. The City is not responsible for any transmission of the virus at these events. These rules may be updated at a future Council Meeting. To reserve the DCC visit City Hall to pick up the application, reserve a date and pay the deposit (\$1/person). Thank you to the volunteers who cleaned it up to get it ready for reservations and the donation of cleaning supplies.

Summary of City Council Meeting

June 8th: Regular Meeting— The City Council had two public hearings, both for the City’s annual budget, and in new business approved the following items:

City Council	Term
Rick Olmsted, Mayor	2022
Councilors:	
Katie Gonzalez, Presi-	2022
Troy Hellickson	2022
Alysha Irvin	2024
Jan Olsen	2024
Lauren Ostrander	2024
Gerry Waller	2022

◆ Changes to the Mayor’s Declaration for COVID-19, including reopening the Community Center, and matching State law to the regulation of basketball courts.

◆ A \$500 donation to the North Marion Regional Tourism group for a mobile kiosk.

◆ Fee schedule starting July 1, 2021 including increase to the

water and sewer fees (see handout that is included with this billing.)

- ◆ Three resolutions to adopt the new City budget.
- ◆ Directing City Manager to contract with Verizon Frontline program for City cell phones.
- ◆ Directing City Manager to set City Hall for the public to pickup Med-Project’s envelopes so that they can mail their unused medication for proper disposal.
- ◆ Supporting the annual City-Wide Garage Sale from August 6-8, 2021 with appropriate COVID rules.

The Council was set to hold a Special Meeting on June 29, 2021, but that is after this newsletter is printed.

Next Meeting: July 13th at 6:45pm

The Public Can Connect By WebEx or Phone

Agenda Posted on Website and Community Boards

The 2021 System Development Charges Study for wastewater, water, stormwater, parks and transportation will be presented to the Council by Steve Donovan on July 13th. Council will vote on the new rates, and, if approved, they will be effective immediately.

Development Code

These are the rules for development in Donald. The revisions are on the City’s website or obtain a copy at City Hall. At the July 13th Council Meeting another public hearing will be held. See the Council Agenda for instructions on attending or submitting testimony. Contact City Hall for questions.

Code Reminder: No Parking in Yard Areas:

Exclusive of driveways, no parking shall be allowed within the required front yard area or yards located adjacent to a street. The side yard and rear yard areas may not be used for parking of vehicles, except in designated parking areas. The yard areas adjacent to a street shall not be used for the permanent storage of utility trailers, house or vacation trailers, boats, or other similar vehicles. To report a code violation fill out a Feedback Form online or at City Hall. Violators receive a warning letter, but without compliance, will be cited to Municipal Court.

Dog Licensing

Article from Marion CO Dog Services

Online Licensing: Whether it’s time to renew your dog’s license now or in 6 months, or get a license for a new dog, it can be done online! Visit our website’s online licensing option to obtain a new dog license or to renew one. You’ll need to submit a copy of a current rabies vaccine to license online. Just take a photo or scan of your dog’s current Rabies Certificate then upload it. Be sure to check the expiration date—you can’t purchase a license that lasts longer than the Rabies Certificate. We still accept licensing by mail, in person, or over the phone.

<https://marioncountylicensing.shelterbuddy.com>

Salem Saturday Market: Visit our booth at Salem Saturday Market (Marion St. NE / Winter St. NE) July 3rd, August 14th or September 11th from, 9am-3pm. We’ll have information about our services, volunteer information, free pup-sicles, maybe an adoptable dog and other giveaways.

Recruiting: Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is recruiting for a vacancy and would like to invite you to apply. Consider applying if you are interested in being involved in determining how the City grows, reviewing development applications, and serving the City in a leadership role. The Planning Commission also serves as the Tree Board and plans the annual Tree City USA festivities. The Commission meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:45pm. The application and more information are available on the City’s webpage, under the Planning tab. Or you can pick up a packet at City Hall. The deadline for submitting an application is July 14, 2021. The Planning Commission will review the candidates at their next meeting.

Ready, Set, Go: Wildfire Prep

Article from Aurora Rural Fire District

With fire season here, are you prepared in the event a wildfire burns toward your home? Do you know what to do if you were told to prepare for, or to immediately evacuate due to wildfire dangers? Are you prepared to care for yourself for 72 or more hours in the event there is a disaster? Wildfires can occur at any time. Although you may live in town, it can still affect you and your home if you are not prepared. As I’m sure you experienced during the summer of 2020, wildfires can create dangerous conditions for not only our rural residents, but for entire communities that may need to evacuate in a moment’s notice.

Prepare your home by removing debris, cleaning gutters and creating a defensible space. If you don’t prepare your home, we won’t have the time or personnel to be able to prepare it for you during a fast moving fire.

Prepare yourself by having a home emergency kit and if necessary pack valuables ahead of time. The time to make a decision on what you should take with you is now, not during an evacuation order. You should be focused on your safety, the safety of your family and valuables. Firefighters will be focused on the fire and getting people moving away from a dangerous area.

Have a plan in the event you have to evacuate. Know where to go and your routes out. You don’t have to stay and wait for an order to evacuate. If you have the ability to leave sooner, you are encouraged to do so at any time. Roads and streets can quickly become congested during an evacuation order. Plan ahead.

For more information please feel free to visit our website at www.aurorafire.org or visit us at the Aurora Fire Station at 4th St. & Main St. in Aurora for a free information guide.



There is an online form on the City’s website to nominate someone as Community Member of the Month.

Water Consumption Comparison

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

Donald’s water source is located on Rees Street at the Water Treatment Plant. The property sits on a big aquifer where the City has two wells. Well #1 is about 210ft deep, but no longer produces water and needs replacement. Well #2 is about 220ft deep and used for the City’s current water demand but is reaching the end of its useful life. The City pulls water out of the ground at rate of 180-200 gallons per minute, which fill the two water reservoirs. The reservoirs have a storage capacity of 526,000 gallons, which in an emergency would last 3-5 days for the City, and this is a sufficient amount according to industry standards.

Comparing summer to winter, the water production is almost triple. We just finished the month of May and above is a historical snapshot of water consumption rates in Donald.

As we near the hot weather season, we remind you that water conservation is very important. It not only saves our water supply, but also saves money. Look for dripping faucets, shower heads, and fixture connections. We must all begin to use this resource more carefully and efficiently.

Gallons of Water	2019	2020	2021
May	2,566,300	2,169,300	2,788,600
August	3,426,400	4,218,400	N/A
November	1,607,300	1,900,400	N/A

