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FEBRUARY THEMED WORD SEARCH



- LINCOLN**
- VIOLET**
- COURAGE**
- INSPIRE**
- WASHINGTON**
- SUPERBOWL**
- HISTORY**
- PRESIDENTS**
- FOOTBALL**
- FLAG**
- GROUNDHOG**
- COMMERCIALS**

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DONALD CAFÉ UPDATE



The exterior is currently being sided, which includes installation of the windows and exterior doors. The roof is going on and two large

septic tanks have been installed and tied into the City's system. Once the roof is complete the electricians, fire suppression and heating & ventilation contractors will start their work.



DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

FEBRUARY 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

**City Hall Closed
President's Day**
February 16

**City Council Regular
Meeting**
February 10 at 6:45 pm

**Planning Commission/
Tree Board Meeting**
February 26

Utility Bills Due:
February 15th

• **Red Tags Delivered:**
February 17th at 10am

• **Water Shut Offs:**
February 19th at 10am

• **Late Fees Applied:**
February 23rd at 8am

• **Street Sweeper:**
Feb, 19th after 8am Move
Property Off Street

FOUR BUDGET COMMITTEE SEATS OPEN



Applications are being accepted to fill four vacancies on the Budget Committee. The length of the term for three of the four is three years, with one vacancy having one year left in the term.

The Budget Committee is a local government's fiscal planning advisory committee. The governing body of each local government must establish a Budget Committee (ORS 294.414, renumbered from 294. 336). The Budget Committee is composed of the City Council and an equal number of electors appointed by the Council. An elector is a qualified voter who, for example, has the right to vote for a ballot measure submitted by the local government.

The Budget Committee meets once a year in Donald, typically. Donald's budgets run from July 1 to June 30. The Budget Committee is responsible for reviewing staff's proposed balanced budget. Applications are available online at City Hall and online <https://www.donaldoregon.gov/auditsandbudgets>. Please drop off completed applications at City Hall or email them to admin@DonaldOregon.gov

DONALD DESIGNATED AS TREE CITY USA



The City of Donald has been named a Tree City for the sixth consecutive year by the Arbor Day foundation. To qualify as a Tree City USA community, four standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and National Association of State Foresters need to be met. The Planning Commission also acts as Donald's Tree Board, the City has a tree maintenance Ordinance, it spends money on community tree care activities and has an annual Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Donald meets all of the criteria and has reapplied annually to the Arbor Day Foundation.



City Council (alphabetical by last name)	Term End
James Houdyshell, Mayor	2026
Jan Olsen, Council President	2026
Michael Coffman	2028
Abby Hungate	2026
Gabrielle Plunkett	2028
Jenny Strathdee	2026
Richard Wright	2028
Planning Commission (alphabetical by last name)	Term End
Trevor Alley	2026
John Crawford	2026
Cammi Hungate	2027
John Jones	2026
Michael McLoughlin	2027
Rick Olmsted	2028
Ben Rose	2028

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS RICHARD WRIGHT TO VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

The City Council appointed Richard Wright, one of three candidates who applied, to City Council, at the January 13 meeting. Richard was raised in the small town of Condon, where he learned early the importance of community and service. After graduating high school, he joined the US Army, an experience that shaped his sense of duty and strengthened his commitment to serving others. When his military service ended, he attended OSU and later spent ten years running a local business. His desire to support his community led him into public safety, first as a 911 dispatcher and eventually as an administrator for North Marion County Communications, which includes the City of Donald. He lived in Canby for 25 years before moving to Donald nearly four years ago. Now retired, he invests in young people through coaching. He teaches bowling at Kingpins Beaverton, runs the junior program, coordinates all youth bowling activities, and coaches the Edison High School Bowling Team. He stated, "I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the City of Donald on the City Council. I will work hard to strengthen our community, improve our city, and remain open and accessible to every resident who has a question, concern, or idea for our shared future."



FROM THE AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT:

With below-freezing overnight temperatures and recent home fires related to heating, the Oregon State Fire Marshal would like to remind Oregonians about the importance of fire safety.

- Keep things that burn, like paper, curtains, bedding, or furniture, at least three feet away from all heating equipment, including fireplaces, wood stoves, and pellet stoves.
- Always plug space and portable heaters directly into a wall outlet and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



NICE TO MEET YOU

NAME: Warmington

JOB: Warm small spaces safely

THINGS I LIKE:

3 feet of space around me at all times, being plugged directly into a wall outlet, a stable, flat surface.

DEAL-BREAKERS:

Being close to curtains, clothes, or paper. Nah, dawg. Extension cords or power strips, don't even think about connecting us.



HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

The City Council selected Fire Tacos as the winner of the Business category of the Holiday Lighting Contest and Ryan and Tawni Carr of 11019 Rees as the Residential winner!



DONALD DAZE FESTIVAL
JULY 11, 2026

Save the date! The 2026 Donald Daze Festival is scheduled for Saturday July 11th!

Volunteers: We need your help planning the event! There are many opportunities to serve: parade, parking, sponsorship, entertainment and more. Please email info@donalddaze.com and let us know how you can help! Visit www.donalddaze.com to learn more.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Building Moratorium

Extension: The Council voted unanimously at a Special Meeting on January 6 to extend the Building Moratorium due to lack of sewer capacity for another six months, while plans to increase the capacity will continue to be worked on. This was enacted with Resolution 607-26 which may be found on the City's website <https://www.donaldoregon.gov/rules-and-regulations>

Planning Commission Reappointments: Rick Olmsted and Ben Rose were both reappointed to Planning Commission terms through 2028 at the January 13 Council meeting.



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Sulfur

Understanding Sulfur in Donald's Drinking Water

Sulfur bacteria are commonly found in drinking water wells and household distribution systems. These naturally occurring, harmless bacteria use sulfur compounds in the water as a food source and, in the process, produce hydrogen sulfide gas. While sulfur bacteria do not pose a health risk to humans, their presence can cause unpleasant tastes and odors in drinking water.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not established a mandatory Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for sulfur in groundwater. Instead, it has set a voluntary Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) of 250 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for sulfate. This guideline is based solely on aesthetic considerations such as taste and odor rather than health concerns.

Recent water quality testing shows that sulfate levels in Donald's water are 7.9 mg/L, which is well below the EPA's secondary guideline. Although this low level indicates there is no regulatory concern, it does not deny the occasional odor issues reported by customers. These odors are often related to interior plumbing conditions, such as interactions within water heaters or the presence of sulfur-producing bacteria in household plumbing fixtures. Many sulfur-related odor issues can be addressed through simple, cost-effective measures. Flushing the water briefly before use can help remove stagnant water and draw fresh water into household pipes, reducing taste and odor concerns.

Most treatment methods for sulfur in water involve oxidizing hydrogen sulfide gas into elemental sulfur, a solid that can then be removed through filtration. Oxidation converts dissolved contaminants into either soluble byproducts or insoluble particles that can be filtered out. While Donald's water treatment process removes a portion of the sulfur present, small amounts may remain within the distribution system. As a result, flushing the water before use remains an effective way to minimize odors and ensure fresher-tasting water at the tap.

We appreciate the community's understanding and encourage residents to contact us with any questions or concerns as we continue working to provide safe, reliable, and high-water quality.