



DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

JANUARY 2025

CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall:
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Public Works:
 Office: 503-678-1411
 Emergency Pager: 503-301-6479

Hubbard-Donald Police:
 Emergency: 911
 Non-Emergency: 503-982-2340

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.

Emergency Water & Sewer Pager: 503-301-6479

HAPPY NEW YEAR: WORD SEARCH

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City Council (alphabetical by last name)	Term End
James Houdyshell, Mayor	2026
Michael Coffman	2028
Amanda Johnson	2028
Jan Olsen	2026
Gabrielle Plunkett	2028
Jenny Strathdee	2026
Gerry Waller	2026
Planning Commission (alphabetical by last name)	Term End
Trevor Alley	2026
Alice Bentz	2025
Jack Crawford	2026
Bryan Hall	2026
Vacant	2025
Vacant	2027
Vacant	2027

TIME	CELEBRATE	FRIENDS	TOAST
NEW	COUNTDOWN	RESOLUTIONS	FAMILY
YEAR	BEGINNING	CHEERS	HAPPY
BALL	CONFETTI	PARTY	JANUARY

IMPORTANT DATES:

City Council Meeting:
 January 14th at 6:45pm at Donald City Hall. See website or community boards for agenda and online access to meeting.

Utility Bills Due:
 January 15th

Red Tags Delivered:
 January 16th at 10am

Late Fees Applied:
 January 21st at 8am

Water Shut Offs:
 January 21st at 10am

Street Sweeper:
 January 23rd after 8am
 Move Property Off Street

WELCOME NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY CLERK

By: City Manager Eric Underwood

Please join us in welcoming to the City Council Mayor Jim Houdyshell, Councilor Gabrielle Plunkett, Councilor Amanda Johnson, and Councilor Michael Coffman. Their willingness to serve aligns perfectly with the City's mission to serve and improve our community. Each are eager to work alongside fellow council members and residents to address key challenges and create meaningful opportunities for the City of Donald to thrive. We look forward to seeing the positive impacts they will make.

Also, we are happy to welcome Sarah Elmore as our new City Clerk. Sarah is a resident of Donald and comes to the City with a breadth of experience. We are excited to have Sarah as a member of our team. Please come by City Hall to say hi and welcome Sarah when you have the opportunity.

APPLY NOW TO SERVE ON BUDGET COMMITTEE

The City is now recruiting to fill several vacancies on the Donald Budget Committee. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your community and provide input on how Donald's funds are allocated. Stop by City Hall or visit the City's website at www.DonaldOregon.gov for an application and description of service.

- Qualifications:
- Be a Donald Resident
 - Be a Registered Voter



COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE YEAR: JAN OLSEN

At the December City Council meeting, the Council voted to recognize and award Jan Olsen as the 2024 Community Member of the Year. Jan has dedicated countless hours to volunteering in many different facets; she has served as a City Councilor for an astounding 12 years, volunteered at a myriad of community events, hosted rock painting for kids for several years at the Community Center and is always helping fellow community members in need.

I had the honor and privilege of interviewing Jan and when asked what motivates her to step forward as much as she does, she responded with a simple, yet sincere “I’d want someone to help me if I ever needed it”. She then shared a heart-felt story about how her road to caring for others began with a gift from her grandmother, a statue of St. Francis.

Jan moved to Donald in 2005 after she fell in love with the quaint community and although she understands that growth is necessary, she is dedicated to preserving the small town feel she and so many others love about Donald.

Thank you, Jan, for all you do for Donald, its residents and the community as a whole.

HUBBARD-DONALD POLICE ONLINE CRIME REPORTING NOW AVAILABLE

Hubbard-Donald Police Department is introducing MyPDConnect in order to provide better service to our communities. This new app is free to download and will allow citizens and business owner a quick and easy way to file a police report when the suspect is already gone. You can also access online at <https://hubbardpd.mypdconnect.com/>. Use this online tool to report the following:

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Ordinance Complaints
- Parking Issues
- Criminal Mischief/Vandalism
- Identity Theft/Fraud/Forgery
- Shoplifting
- Thefts
- Anonymous Tips and Information

Report your crime online!



HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

Each winter, many homeowners in Donald face the expense, and inconvenience of frozen water pipes. Monitor the weather and specifically the freezing temperatures to be sure you winterize to protect your pipes. I have put together a checklist to help you winterize your home and be protected for winter season:

- Wrap exposed pipes and plumbing with proper insulation, available at a plumbing store. For a quick fix, use blankets, newspapers, and towels. If your pipes do freeze, be patient. Sometimes a hair dryer can be helpful to gradually warm the pipe up. Do NOT pour hot water over or down a frozen pipe, or use a flame torch, doing so risks further damage to the pipe.
- Outdoor: Wrap exposed pipes such as hose bibs, swimming pool supply lines, pipes on the outside of the house, water sprinkler heads, and irrigation systems.
- Indoor: Check and wrap exposed pipes (if needed) in the basement, crawl spaces, attics, garages, and kitchen cabinets. Please protect pipes that are not well insulated inside your home as well.
 - If you leave town for an extended amount of time, the City has a vacation rate that includes one turn off and turn on. This will save you money and give you peace of mind that you won’t have a water leak in your home. Call City Hall prior to leaving to make arrangements.

VACANT SEAT ON DONALD PLANNING COMMISSION

With the recent resignation of Planning Vice Chair James Harden, an opportunity has opened for a member of the Donald community to step up, get involved and volunteer to serve on the Donald Planning Commission.

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 Donald Tree Board.

The Planning Commission typically meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:45pm (as needed).

A list of qualifications and applications are available for pickup at City Hall or available on the City’s website at www.DonaldOregon.gov.