

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Aurora Rural Fire District:
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City Council (alphabetical by last name)	Term End
Rick Olmsted, Mayor	2024
Gerry Waller, Council President	2026
Mark Buzzard	2024
Michael Coffman	2024
Amanda Johnson	2024
Jan Olsen	2026
Jenny Strathdee	2026
Planning Commission (alphabetical by last name)	Term End
Cammi Hungate, Chair	2024
James Harden Jr., Vice Chair	2025
Trevor Alley	2025
Alice Bentz	2026
Jack Crawford	2024
Lauren Gonzalez-Alfaro	2026
Bryan Hall	2026

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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THANKSGIVING	PIE	FRIENDS
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DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

NOVEMBER 2024

IMPORTANT DATES:

Election Day:
November 5th
Ballot Drop Box in City Hall parking lot open until 8pm

City Council Meeting:
November 12th at 6:45pm at Donald City Hall. See website or community boards for agenda and online access to meeting.

Veterans Day:
City Hall Closed
November 11th

Utility Bills Due:
November 15th

Red Tags Delivered:
November 18th at 10am

Late Fees Applied:
November 21st at 8am

Water Shut Offs:
November 20th at 10am

Street Sweeper:
November 21st after 8am
Move Property Off Street

Thanksgiving:
City Offices Closed
November 28th

Black Friday:
City Offices Closed
November 29th



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Save the date for Donald's Annual Santa Sing Along on December 7th from 3pm to 5pm at the Donald Fire Hall. Join us for music, crafts, refreshments, pictures with Santa and more!

NORTH MARION COMMUNITY LIBRARY

By: Lori Leach

Annual Holiday Greens Fundraiser: Library volunteers are selling beautiful, fresh, fragrant greenery (wreaths, swags, garlands, crosses and candy canes). Orders will be taken until November 24th, with purchases being delivered on December 4th or 5th.

Orders for greenery can be mailed anyplace in the contiguous 48 states. These orders are due by November 17th.

For more information, please stop by the library or call Nancy Trivitt at 503 577-1856.

Kids: The OBOB choices for 2024-2025 are available now for checkout at the library.

Donations: We gratefully accept books in good condition. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit run 100% by volunteers. Please call Nancy Trivitt at 503 577-1856 if you have donation questions.

North Marion Community Library
Hours: Saturday from 10am to 4pm
21553 Liberty St. Aurora, OR 97020
(In the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church)

ELECTIONS 2024

The City of Donald is holding elections on November 5th for the Mayor and three City Councilor positions. The ballots for this election are **write-in only**. Although names will not be on the upcoming ballot, the community members who have committed to running for these positions are listed below with their respective office of choice:

Mayor (2-year term): Vote for One

Rick Olmsted: It is my greatest honor to be your Mayor. I am an 18-year Donald resident, Oregon native, 24-year Air Force veteran, husband, father, and grandfather. I would truly appreciate your vote for re-election and pledge to continue to work with our City Council, Planning Commission, City Staff, residents, and businesses to make Donald a safe place to enjoy country living. Recent accomplishments: 1. Helped establish the Hubbard-Donald Police Department. 2. Establishing a additional water well with a \$1,000,000 federal grant.

James Houdyshell: Jim Houdyshell moved to Donald in the spring of 2019. He and his family were attracted to the area by the beautiful open spaces, the mild climate, the small-town atmosphere, and the opportunity to further his career. Jim is the father of two daughters, and recently, his father moved to the Donald area to be closer to Jim and his grandkids. "I am committed to providing strong leadership, improving services, and supporting economic development while keeping the 'small town' community atmosphere for all residents of Donald."

Jan Olsen: Moved to Donald in 2005 (19 years) and have been elected your City Councilor from 2008-2018 and then voted in again from 2022-current. I believe volunteerism and the community working together is vital to a small town and have volunteered many hours on many projects for both the community and with the city on things like the Community Center, Community Rock Painting, past involvement with the Donald Days/Hazelnut Festival Parade, City Clean up, Ice Cream Social, Santa Sing Along to name a few. I believe growth with any city is inevitable, but it is important that that growth is not to the detriment of the community as a whole. I plan to evaluate each project and their effects on the community.

City Councilor (4-year term): Vote for Three

Michael Coffman

Amanda Johnson: As a single mom and business professional with years of community service experience, I am committed to supporting the City of Donald. My goal is to encourage business growth while making sure that Donald doesn't lose the small-town charm that I moved here for.

Gabrielle Plunkett: When I was younger, I spent a lot of my time volunteering in my city. Though, even with those dedicated hours, I never felt connected to the community because it was so large. That changed when I moved to Donald Oregon, finally feeling a part of something. I know that with my organizational skills, outgoing personality, and dedication that I can make a difference here. Whether big or small, helping the voices of this community be heard is something that I would strive towards. My career is in senior living, this is something I started when I was 18 years old. Later I earned a position in management. In doing this role, I have learned a lot of things including leadership skills that will help me be the best council member I can be. One thing working with seniors has taught me is that it's important to lay the foundation for the next generations to come. Change is unavoidable, but it doesn't have to be scary. With the right people representing members of this community, I believe that we can grow and become a part of something greater. Please consider me for the next Councilor position and allow me to show what my skills can do for this beautiful town.

ROAD SAFETY TIPS

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

Safety Tips for Road Users: Safety on our streets is everyone's responsibility, including pedestrians, drivers, bicyclists, and all other road users. As responsible users, you must respect others and show patience. Each person using the roadways must obey the rules of the road, speed limits, warning signs, and regulatory signs that applied to the user.

Here are some reminders that can help reduce crashes, injuries, and even death:

For Drivers:

- Stop for people in crosswalks.
- Bicyclists have the right to ride in the roadway; be on the lookout!
- When passing a bicyclist, leave enough room to avoid contact if the rider falls into your lane; Return to your lane only when you're completely clear of the rider.
- Before turning right, use your mirror or take a quick look over your shoulder to check your right rear zone: if you see approaching bicyclists, you must yield.
- When driving through neighborhoods or school zones, be alert for younger bicyclists who may not be familiar with the rules of the road and/or may be less predictable.

For Pedestrians:

- Do not assume the coast is clear just because you have a walk sign. Look 'left-right-left' – and keep looking – as you cross the street.
- Ditch the distractions: do not talk on the phone or wear headphones.
- Make sure you are seen. Wear bright outer clothing. Make eye contact with drivers.
- Every intersection is considered a pedestrian crosswalk, whether it's marked or not. If you are not crossing at an intersection, you are required to yield to vehicles.

For Bicyclists:

- Ride on the right, in the same direction as traffic; it will help you be seen (and it's the law).
- Use bike lanes when available. When on the street, you are required to follow the rules of the road, just like a vehicle.
- Gear up: always wear a helmet, have reflectors and lights on your bike, wear bright clothing during the day and reflective gear at night.
- Don't assume drivers see you; blind spots are big. When close to an intersection, don't pass on the right, just in case a driver is turning right but hasn't signaled.