

# DONALDA LITE

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December 2023 

## VILLAGE COMPLEX

### Village Office

Mondays - Tuesdays: 9 am - 4 pm  
 Wednesdays: By appointment  
 403-883-2345  
[village.donalda.ab.ca](http://village.donalda.ab.ca)  
[facebook.com/villageofdonalda](https://facebook.com/villageofdonalda)

Water-related Emergencies:  
 403-741-6468 (*Please leave a message.*)

### Museum

Hours: Mon, Thurs. Fri. 10am - 5pm  
 403-883-2100  
[info@donaldamuseum.com](mailto:info@donaldamuseum.com)

### Gallery for the Arts

By appointment  
 403-883-2100

### Donalda Public Library

Mon-Thurs: 2 - 6 pm  
 403-430-BOOK (2665)  
<https://donaldalibrary.prl.ab.ca/>



The Donalda Village Complex will be

**CLOSED Dec. 25-Jan 2**

**OPEN on Jan 3**

Merry Christmas and  
 Happy Holidays to All!

## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of Council will occur on:

**Tuesday, December 19th at 10 a.m.**  
**in Council Chambers**

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**

## DO YOU WANT TO SUBMIT TO THE DONALDA LITE?

The deadline for submissions is

**The fourth Monday of the month by 5 pm.**

Email your submissions to [lite@village.donalda.ab.ca](mailto:lite@village.donalda.ab.ca) or drop them off at the Village Office by **January 22, 2023**

\*Remember the Lite is printed in black & white only when submitting.

The Lite is intended for businesses and non-profit community organizations. Personal ads will be accepted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of village administration.

Full Page Ad	\$40 + GST	1/4 Page Ad	\$15 + GST
1/2 Page Ad	\$25 + GST	1/8 Page Ad	\$10 + GST

## TAX ARREARS DUE DECEMBER 31, 2023

**To avoid tax sale proceedings, outstanding tax arrears must be paid by December 31, 2023.** Pursuant to The Municipal Government Act, the municipality has no option but to proceed on any properties with arrears outstanding after the deadline, no matter how small the amount. All properties will be turned over to a property tax arrears recovery management firm, and their fees and disbursements will be added to your roll in addition to the usual penalties.

The Village Office is open Monday-Tuesday 9am-4pm, and Wednesdays by appointment for in person payment. Payment can also be made through mail, drop box, Online Banking, E-transfer, and the Village Website. If you would like to meet with Village Administration to discuss a **Tax Arrears Installment Plan** to avoid tax recovery proceedings, please call 403-883-2345.

# DONALDA RECYCLING

Paper Recycling: newspaper bins are located at the Donalda Transfer Site, managed by the Stettler County.

Batteries: the Donalda Ag Society collects these as a fundraiser; please contact Roy Fulton for more info (403-741-8569).

Bottles, cans, and milk jugs: trailer located behind the Drop-In Centre; all money raised from these recyclables stays in the community.

## Bottle Trailer Schedule

Dec/Jan - Feral Cat Network

Feb/Mar - Cemetery Club

April - Parent Council

May/June - Drop In



# DONALDA TRANSFER SITE

Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm

**Operated by the Stettler Waste Management Authority**

For Questions & Concerns Call: 403-742-4900

*We do not accept used oil.*

If the burn pit is full, all material must be taken to the Stettler Regional Landfill on Highway 56. Please fill one bin at a time.



# The Village of Donalda is Hiring

**Position:** Municipal Census Manager

**Start Date:** February 1, 2024

**Hours:** Casual, Flexible

**Report To:** Chief Administrative Officer

## **The Successful Candidate will:**

- have grade twelve (12) education
- have excellent interpersonal skills
- have computer experience and familiarity with Microsoft Office
- be well-organized and have excellent time-management skills
- A Criminal Record Check is required upon hiring.

**Duties to include general office administration in addition to census overview**

Please submit applications in person Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday by appointment or email to [assistantcao@village.donaldab.ca](mailto:assistantcao@village.donaldab.ca).

For further information, please get in touch with  
Kristie Vallet, Chief Administrative Officer, at 403-883-2345

**Application Deadline: January 15, 2024**

*We thank all applicants for submitting but will only contact those selected for interview.*

# **SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER**

There hasn't been much snow yet, but when there is, here is a reminder of the expectations of residents set out in Bylaw 739-20:

## **SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS**

25. All persons owning or occupying premises in the Village, shall clear away and remove all snow, ice, dirt, and other obstructions from the sidewalk situated on land adjoining the property owned or occupied by them within forty-eight (48) hours of the time that such snow ice, dirt or other obstruction was deposited thereon.

26. The Village may after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hours aforesaid, remove and clear away all snow, ice, dirt, and other obstructions required to be removed by Section 25 and then charge the expenses thereof to the owner or occupant. In the event of non-payment within thirty (30) days of the expenses, such expenses shall be charged against the property as a special assessment to be recovered in a like manner as other taxes.

## **PLACEMENT OF SNOW ON ROADWAY**

27. a) No person other than an employee in the service of the Village, or an employee in the service of an independent contractor working for the Village, shall pile, push or plow snow, ice or other debris or obstruction onto Village-owned property including, but not limited to, vacant land, streets, sidewalks and laneways.

b) Any person who contravenes Section 27(a) shall remove any such snow, ice, debris, or obstruction from the roadway within twenty-four (24) hours of the time that such snow, ice, debris, or obstruction was placed thereon.

c) The Village may after the expiry of the twenty-four (24) hours aforesaid, or if deemed necessary at any time remove and clear away the snow, ice, debris, or obstruction required to be removed by Section 27(b)

d) The person who has placed, caused, or allowed to be placed the snow, ice, debris, or obstruction contrary to Section 27(a), shall pay to the Village on demand all costs of removal.

e) No person other than an employee in the service of the Village, or an employee in the service of an independent contractor working for the Village, shall pile, push, or plow snow, ice or other debris onto or across a Village roadway.

f) No person is permitted to dump snow on vacant land not owned by that person.

g) No employee of the Village shall be liable for contravention of Section 27(a) when acting in the performance of his duties.

h) Upon request, the CAO may permit the temporary stockpiling of snow on Village

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# **DONALDA SCHOOL**

We have had a great first term to our school year. Teachers have been busy assessing students in preparation for report cards and parent teacher interviews. Our volleyball season has wrapped up, and we are looking forward to starting our CARA basketball league. We do not have a game schedule to share, but please feel free to drop in and watch our teams in action.

Our school participated in a Remembrance Day ceremony on November 8th. Each class presented a poem, reading or learning projects. Thank you to Doug Kenner, a local veteran, and Constable Witmer from the Stettler RCMP for attending our ceremony.

I would like to extend a thank you to the Donalda community for their contribution to packing our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Our families in conjunction with Sharon Lutheran Church worked together to fill 80 boxes for young girls and boys around the world.

To support the athletics programs at Donalda School, as well as other extracurricular activities, the school will be hosting a cash raffle. We do not charge any athletic fees at our school so that all students have an equal opportunity to participate. If you would like to support our school by purchasing a ticket, please contact the school office.

As we are ready to flip our calendars over to December, please mark December 19th on your calendars. That evening our school will be presenting a whole school Christmas musical titled, I Need a Little Christmas Vacation. Please come and cheer on our students as they showcase all their hard work.

Julie Siemens  
Principal of Donalda School

# Information Referral: Donalda Lite Newsletter

Please complete this survey to assist us in finding out how the Information & Referral Service, Donalda Lite Community Newsletter funded by FCSS is making a difference for you. We also use this information to identify gaps in services and to acknowledge the positive impact on our community.

Please answer the following questions    Check all that apply

<b>1. Where do you live?</b>  _____	<b>2. Please check your age group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> 18 - 45</li><li><input type="radio"/> 46 - 55</li><li><input type="radio"/> 56 - 65</li><li><input type="radio"/> 66 - 75</li><li><input type="radio"/> 76 - 85</li><li><input type="radio"/> 86 - 95</li><li><input type="radio"/> 96 +</li></ul>
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As a result of the Information & Referral Service	1Strongly disagree	2disagree	3 Somewhat Disagree	4 Somewhat Agree	5Agree	6 Strongly agree
3. I know more about how to access the community resources I am interested in utilizing.						
4. I am more aware of what is happening in my community.						

8. Please share any other comments and impacts the Information & Referral Services has had on your life.

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Thank you for your participation. Your input is valuable to us. Please drop your completed survey off at the Village of Donalda Office, in the drop box or call us at 403 883 2345 to complete your survey over the phone. The deadline for survey submission is December 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

# DONALDA LIBRARY

403-430-2665 (BOOK) text or phone / [donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca](mailto:donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca) / Follow us on Facebook for updates!

## What's New at the Library.

**Next Library Board Meeting:** Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Holiday Closure:** Donalda Library will be closed December 25th – January 2nd. We look forward to serving you on January 3rd.

## Youth Programs

Kids Book Club

Ages: 7-12

Date: Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

Time: 4 – 5 pm

Join our kids-only book club! A great way to make new friends, practice book talking, and enjoy yummy snacks. Our first book will be The Bad Guys (# 1) by Aaron Blabey.

Write a Letter to Santa

He'll write back!

Visit the library for stationary. You will receive a letter back from Santa as long as you send it in by December 7th.

## Winter Programs:

Gingerbread House Decorating

Ages: all ages

Date: Tuesday, December 19th

Time: 5 pm

Bring your creativity and imagination as you decorate your gingerbread house with colorful candies, icing, and other delicious treats. Let your artistic skills shine as you design and personalize your very own edible holiday home.

## Adult Programs

December Book Club:

Ages: 18+

Date: Thursday, December 14

Time: 5 pm

This month's pick: The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls.

January Book Club:

Ages: 18+

Date: Thursday, January 25th

Time: 6 pm

This month's pick: The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab



Sharon Evangelical Church  
In Donalda

## December Services:

Dec 3 - Pastor Lewis Smith

Dec 10 - Pastor Paul Reich

Dec 17 - Christmas Concert

Dec 24 - No Morning Service

Dec 24 - 7:30 Evening Service - Pastor Lisa Harde

Dec 31 - Prayer and Praise Service



Tracy @ 403-741-7752

## **Feral Cat Network Foundation of Alberta**

Want to get involved? We are looking for some awesome people who care about the feral cat population. We need new ideas and input, and we need volunteers to help fundraise. Give us a call.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

A big shout out and thank you to Ty Wilson and Ramstad Realty for their donation of \$2,200 to the lamp park committee. Your dedication to this community is extremely appreciated.

Next a big thank you to the Fire Department. It is great to see you up and running in such a short time!

Thank you to all those who attended the Land Use Bylaw Open House on November 15. There was a lot of great feedback. We, as the council appreciate the passion of Donalda residents and your involvement in creating such an important bylaw. Because of this, the Council has decided to postpone the first reading to the new year and explore additional community engagement options.

A Village Christmas is coming up quickly on December 3rd. Come out and enjoy all the festivities!



*Apply Now!*

# SANTA'S ANONYMOUS

**Apply before December 8, 2023.**

(Please provide a photo ID and proof of address)

**On December 21 or 22:**

Pick up your gifts and Christmas Meal Food Hamper.

Apply at Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre

*Do you want to help ensure locals can enjoy a Christmas meal  
and have a gift to open on Christmas morning?*

- 1) Visit our Santa's Anonymous Tree
- 2) Select one or more Christmas Angels off the tree
- 3) Purchase a gift based on age, gender and ideas provided
- 4) Return your unwrapped gift by December 15th

*You may also donate financially by cash or cheque made out to Bashaw &  
District Support Services and receive a charitable donation receipt.*



**Spreading holiday cheer!** Santa's Anonymous is offered in partnership by B.D.S.S. and Bashaw & District Food Bank. Applicants receive a gift and Christmas Meal Hamper that includes all the fixings for a holiday meal: an option of turkey or ham, cranberry sauce or honey mustard, mixed veggies, potatoes, dressing, buns, mandarin oranges and a box of chocolates.



## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

To New Village Residents: The welcoming committee would love to come by and drop off a welcome package to any new families in our village. If you are a new resident or if you know of anyone who is, please contact us.

Heather Taylor  
780-781-0075  
or visit Heather's Yarn Haven 404 Railway Ave

## DONALDA WELLNESS SERVICES

### By Appointment at the Village Complex

Are you uncertain of who to talk to when challenges become too much? Do you need help applying to or finding financial, health or other support?

We have designated staff who will help create a plan, so that your concerns are addressed and needs/ goals are met. Let us know if you would like to access services, available by appointment in Donalda at an office in the Village Complex. Community wellness services comprise of information & referral, resource navigation, one-on-one support and help to support individuals and families in our region by providing wrap-around services.

If you could benefit from this, email [bashawnavigator@gmail.com](mailto:bashawnavigator@gmail.com) or call 780-372-4074.

## DONALDA HOME SUPPORT

Home Support offers light housekeeping, light meal preparation, laundry, and local errands. If you are a senior or have health concerns and would like some extra help in your home, **please call 780-372-4074.**

Cost is \$20/hour plus mileage.

## THE DONALDA FOOD BANK

**WE ARE OPEN:**

**Every Tuesday from 9am-4pm  
@ Donalda Village Complex**

*Each household can receive one hamper per month and are required to fill out an application.*



During Food Bank hours, you can call **403-883-2345** with any questions.

If you have a question outside of Food Bank hours, please call Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre @ 780-372-4074.

Questions about any of these services? Call Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre @ 780-372-4074 or email [frontdesk.bdss@gmail.com](mailto:frontdesk.bdss@gmail.com) for more info.

# DONALDA AND DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY

**Hours:** Monday, Thursday, Friday, 10 am-5 pm

\*The Museum will be closed

December 25-January 3\*

**Museum Dinner:** January 25, 2024- Keep an eye out for more details!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from the Donalda and District Museum!**

**Stay Connected!**

**Facebook:** @Donalda&DistrictMuseum

**Website:** [www.donaldamuseum.com](http://www.donaldamuseum.com)

**Call:** 403-883-2100

**Email:** [info@donaldamuseum.com](mailto:info@donaldamuseum.com)

**Leave your mark on the Village;  
Purchase a donor plaque and contribute to the  
Lamp Park Project!**

*Thank you to everyone who has donated! Your  
contributions went toward re-coating the fiberglass  
globe this summer!*

*(We are still raising funds to complete the repaint of  
the Lamp's steel base)*

1" x 3" ~ \$100

3" x 4" ~ \$250

Engraved Plaque:

5" x 7" ~ \$500

Please contact the Museum for more information.



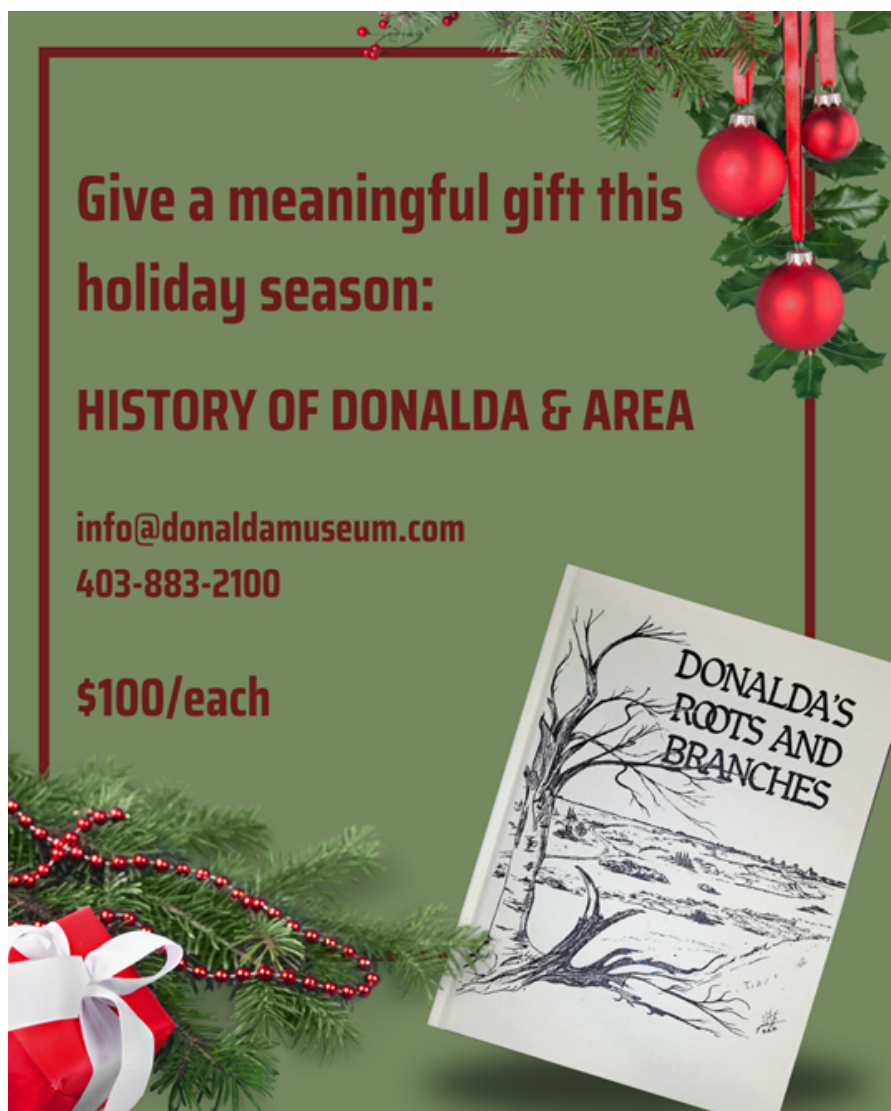
**Give a meaningful gift this  
holiday season:**

**HISTORY OF DONALDA & AREA**

**[info@donaldamuseum.com](mailto:info@donaldamuseum.com)**

**403-883-2100**

**\$100/each**



## NOTICE Land Use Bylaw



Due to the incredible feedback regarding the first draft of the Land Use Bylaw, the Council of the Village of Donalda has decided to postpone the first reading and explore additional community engagement options. Watch for more information in the new year. Thank you to the community for being so involved in the development of this very important Bylaw.

## MONTHLY TAX INSTALLMENT PROGRAM

Want to pay your property taxes monthly? Ask the village municipal office about the Monthly Tax Installment Program! This program allows ratepayers to make 12 installments towards their municipal taxes without incurring any penalties. Please contact the office before December 19, 2023, if you'd like to sign up.



# DONALDA AG SOCIETY

We wish all a Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings from the board & staff. Thank you to all the volunteers who have so generously helped out throughout the year.

## Community Calendar

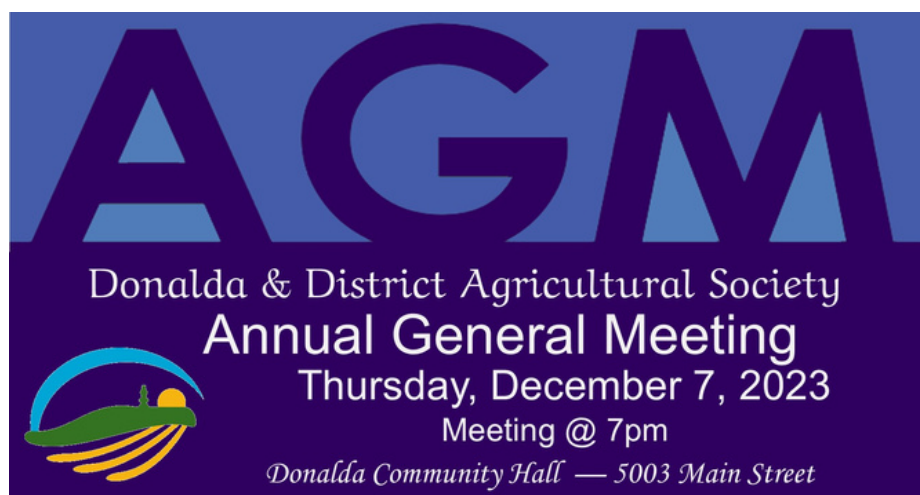
Thank you to all who have purchased advertising space and/or calendars. They will be ready for the Country Christmas. The market will be held at the Hall on December 3. We will have extras available for purchase.

## Pickle Ball

Drop-In Pickle Ball at the hall runs every Tuesday evening at 7 pm and Friday morning at 10 am. \$2 per person to play. Everyone Welcome!

## Willow Canyon (former ski hill)

As soon as there is enough snow on the hills for safe tobogganing, we will open the gates to the community for free tobogganing. The heated chalet is available to rent at \$100.00 per day, perfect for birthday tobogganing







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# DONALDA SCHOOL PARENT SOCIETY

Season's Greetings from The Donalda School Parent Society! This time of year brings so much joy, cherished time with those we love, and enjoyment of long-standing traditions, with many of us eagerly awaiting this year's Christmas Concert. The students are showing so much enthusiasm towards it, it's sure to be a memorable evening!

There will be some added excitement at the Christmas Concert this year with a Cash Raffle! First Prize: \$1000 Cash, Second Prize: \$500 Cash, Third Prize: \$250 Cash. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any Donalda student or by calling the school. There are 500 tickets printed and the draw will be made on the evening of the Christmas Concert. All proceeds will be going to School activities. Thank you for your continued support.

The Tuesday hot lunch program is continuing along great. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers that help make this program possible!

Please watch for updates, reminders, and upcoming events in the Donalda Lite, and on the Donalda Parents Facebook page. MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Important November Dates:

- Friday, December 1st – Professional Day – no school for students
- Tuesday, December 19th – Christmas Concert
- Thursday December 21st – Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
- Monday January 8th – First Day Back

## DONALDA COULEE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

### December Events

- Sunday December 3 - Village Christmas - Santa's Shopping Centre at the Drop In, 12 pm to 4 pm. We will also have a bake table at the Market in the Community Hall.
- Thursday December 14 - Monthly Meeting and Members Potluck Dinner 6pm at the Drop In.
- Monday December 18 - Court Whist 7 pm at the Drop In
- December 6 & 13 - Crafting with Heather at 1 pm at Drop In
- Floor Curling every Monday 2 pm at the Community Hall except Christmas Day
- Saturday coffee social Dec 2, 9 and 16 - 1:30pm to 3:30.

### January Events

- Pancake Breakfast January 14, 10 am- 12 pm
- No Meeting this Month
- January 10 & 24 - Crafting with Heather at 1 pm at Drop In
- January 15 Court Whist 7 pm at the Drop In
- Floor Curling Mondays 2:00 pm
- Coffee Social Saturdays 1:30 to 3:30 pm







# December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 NO SCHOOL	2 Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at the Drop In
3 Church Service & Sunday School @ 10 am at Sharon Church  <b>A Village Christmas 12-4 pm at Hall and Drop In Centre</b>	4 Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall	5	6 Crafting with Heather @ 1 pm at Drop In  Library Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm at the Library	7 Donalda Ag Society AGM @ 7 pm at the Hall	8	9 Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at the Drop In
10 Church Service & Sunday School @ 10 am at Sharon Church	11 Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall	12	13 Crafting with Heather @ 1 pm at Drop In	14 Donalda Coulee Friendship Mtg and Potluck @ 6 pm at the Drop In  Book Club @ 5 pm at the Library	15	16 Ranch Rodeo @ 11 am at the Equestrian Centre Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at the Drop In Not Another Christmas Concert @ 7 pm at Bashaw United Church
17 Sharon Church Christmas Concert @ 10 am at Sharon Church	18 Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall  Court Whist @ 7pm at the Drop In	19 <b>Regular Meeting of Council @ 10 am at the Village Complex</b>  Gingerbread House Decorating @ 5 pm at the Library  I Need a Little Christmas School Musical	20  <b>December Utility Bill Distribution Day</b>	21  Last Day Of School	22	23
<b>Christmas Eve</b> 24 Sharon Church Service @ 7pm at Sharon Church  <b>New Year's Eve</b> 31 Prayer and Praise Service @ 10 am at Sharon Church	25  <b>Christmas Day Village Office Closed</b>	26  <b>Boxing Day Village Office Closed</b>	27  <b>Village Office Closed</b>	28	29	30





# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Village Office Closed</b>  Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall	2 <b>Village Complex</b> <b>OPEN</b>	3	4	5	6  Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at the Drop In
7  Church Service & Sunday School @ 10 am at Sharon Church	8  Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall  First Day Back at School	9	10  Crafting with Heather @ 1 pm at Drop In	11	12	13  Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at the Drop In
14  Church Service & Sunday School @ 10 am at Sharon Church  Pancake Breakfast 10am- 12pm at Drop In	15  Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall  Court Whist @ 7pm at the Drop In	16  <b>Regular Meeting of Council @ 10 am at the Village Complex</b>	17	18	19	20  Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at the Drop In
21  Church Service & Sunday School @ 10 am at Sharon Church	22  Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall  <b>Deadline for the Lite</b>	23  Kids Book Club @ 4 pm at the Library	24  Crafting with Heather @ 1 pm at Drop In	25  Adult Book Club @ 6pm at the Library  Museum Dinner 5-7 pm at the Drop In  <b>December Utility Bills Due</b>	26	27  Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at the Drop In
28  Church Service & Sunday School @ 10 am at Sharon Church	29  Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall	30	31  <b>January Utility Bill Distribution Day</b>			