

DONALDA LITE

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March 2024

VILLAGE COMPLEX

Village Office
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
403-883-2345
village.donalda.ab.ca
assistantcao@village.donalda.ab.ca

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

Museum
Hours: Mon, Thurs. Fri. 10am - 5pm
403-883-2100
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/>



NOTICE:

Council has moved the council meetings to 7 pm on the third Tuesday of the month.



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Village of Donalda Council is currently without a quorum due to the resignation of Deputy Mayor Nelson and Councillor Williams. As a result, Municipal Affairs will be sending an Official Administrator to act as Council until a by-election is completed and quorum is restored. Stay tuned for information on the next Council Meeting time.

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 or drop them off at the Village Office by **March 25th, 2024**

**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

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
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 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

If you have any questions about the status of your municipal government, please call municipal affairs at 780-427-2225. The Minister of Municipal Affairs will be sending a letter to all residents of the Village of Donalda.

Utility and Tax Payments can still be made through Online Banking, E-transfer, the Village Website, or the mail.

DONALDA COULEE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

March Events

- No meeting this month
- Sunday, March 10, Pancake Breakfast 10:00 am - noon
- Monday, March 18. Court Whist 7 pm at the Drop-In
- Floor curling every Monday, 2 pm at the hall.
- Coffee Social at the Drop-In every Saturday 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 13 and 27, crafting with Heather, 1 pm at the Drop-In.

DONALDA SCHOOL PARENT SOCIETY

Hello March! The Basketball seasons are ramping up to their final tournaments with much anticipation! The kids will also be partaking in swimming lessons in March and finishing the month with spring break! We have been approved to receive a grant from Clearview for a 'special project' for our school, it is our hope to build an outdoor court with pickle ball nets & basketball nets for our school, town and the surrounding community! In order to receive this grant, we need to match the grant funds. We will be having a meeting Thursday, February 29th @ 7pm at the school to discuss this project and form a fundraising committee. We welcome any involvement from parents and community members. Many hands make for light work, and we want to hear any ideas that you might have to help make this project come to life.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our parent society board.

The Donalda Parent Society is fortunate to receive a nutrition grant from President's Choice. With these funds we can stock a snack bin in each of the classrooms, allowing all kids to have access to a snack through their day if they need. We are also running a once-a-week snack program Through February until mid-March offering a healthy snack to all students.

The Donalda School Parent Society has once again partnered with local Echo Glen Gardens to bring you some live plants and seeds for the 2024 growing season. Thank you to all that have supported this Fundraiser! Delivery for seeds is estimated for mid-March, and live plants & flowers May 9-15th or May 21 according to each buyer's choice.

Please watch for updates, reminders, and upcoming events in the Donalda Lite, and on the Donalda Parents Facebook page.

Important March Dates:

- Saturday March 2nd – CARA Basketball Tournament
- Friday March 8th – Report Cards
- Friday March 15th – PD Day, no school for students
- March 23rd – April 1st – Spring Break

DONALDA LIBRARY

What's New at the Library

By The Numbers: 2023 saw 2,082 patrons walking through our doors, checking out a total of 1,454 library materials. Our collection now houses 2,781 items. We were proud to offer 54 in-person programs with 266 attendees. Thank you for making one of Parkland's tiniest libraries a valued part of our Village.

Needs Assessment Survey: In compliance with our Plan of Service, the library is conducting a community survey to make sure we are meeting your needs. Please fill out a copy in-person or email us for a digital form. Your feedback is appreciated!

Free Tax Clinic: In partnership with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and the Canada Revenue Agency, we are hosting a tax preparation clinic from March 11 - April 30, 2024. Eligible individuals may arrange to have their 2023 taxes prepared by a CVITP-approved volunteer free of charge. You may be eligible if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation. Please call the library to book an appointment.

Upcoming Programs:

Youth Programs

D&D RPG-The Rock: Tales of the Beholder

Corps

Ages: 9+

Date: March 12, 19 and 26 (3 sessions)

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Adventures set in Realmspace!

High above the surface of the planet Toril and past the asteroid cluster, the Tears of Selune is a gathering place for the brave and adventurous. Please register with the Dungeon Master at the Library.

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.



Tracy @ 403-741-7752

Kids Book Club

Ages: 7-12

Date: Tuesday, March 19

Time: 4 - 5pm

Join our kids only book club! A great way to make new friends, practice book talking and enjoy yummy snacks. March's pick: TBD.

Spring Break Special Event:

Lego & A Movie

Ages: All ages

Date: Wednesday, March 27

Time: 3-5pm

Calling all Lego lovers! Come to the library to design and build a Lego creation while watching a Lego-themed movie. Share your building tips and tricks with others.

Adult Programs

March Adult Book Club:

Date: Thursday, March 21

Time: 6:00 pm

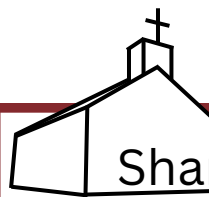
This month we will be discussing *The New Wilderness* by Diane Cook.

"A debut novel that explores a mother-daughter relationship in a world ravaged by climate change and overpopulation"

403-430-2665 (BOOK) text or phone

donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca

Follow us on Facebook for updates!



Sharon Evangelical Church In Donalda

Church Services and
Sunday School - 10 am

March Services:

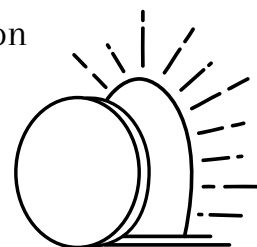
March 3 - Pastor Charles Jackson

March 10 - Pastor Phil Doan

March 17 - Pastor Dan Jefferies

March 24 - Pastor Paul Reich

March 31 - Pastor Lewis Smith



DONALDA AND DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY

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

Museum Chicken & Rib Dinner: March 28, 2024.
5:00-7:00pm at the Drop-In Center

Stay Connected!

Facebook: @Donalda&DistrictMuseum

Website: www.donaldamuseum.com

Call: 403-883-2100

Email: info@donaldamuseum.com



The Museum's
Annual General meeting
Will be held

March 26th, at 7 p.m.
in the Museum

New members are welcome!

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



**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.

DONALDA AND DISTRICT PROMOTIONS SOCIETY

What an eventful month in Donalda. The Village has gone through some big changes in administration and leadership. The same can be said for the Donalda Community Promotions Society. The board will be seeing changes of executive positions and has been welcoming many new members. We are excited to bring to the community the incredible traditional events you have enjoyed for years, and plan to build on the strong foundations that our fore-fathers/mothers have devotedly laid down for us. Thank you Bruce, Judy, Teresa and Gayle for the example you have given us.

The next meeting and AGM will be March 11th, 7 pm, at the Drop In Centre. We invite you to come and join, or just check us out. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming events.

Thank you and see you around town.

Patrick Simser

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The Village of Donalda Council is currently without a quorum due to the resignation of Deputy Mayor Nelson and Councillor Williams. As a result, Municipal Affairs will be sending an Official Administrator to act as Council until a by-election is completed and quorum is restored. The recent termination without cause of CAO Vallet and the resignation of Interim CAO Chappell Benoit have resulted in the Village Office being without any administrative staff, effective February 29, 2024. Until quorum is restored, Mr. Woods, Municipal Affairs Advisor, has informed me that the Official Administrator will ensure that the Village Office continues to function and an Interim CAO is hired. Municipal Affairs hopes to have the Official Administrator in place within the next few weeks. Until such time, the Village Office will remain closed to all business. Payments can still be made through Online Banking, E-transfer, the Village Website, or the mail.

If you would like to know why Deputy Mayor Nelson and Councillor Williams chose to resign, I encourage you to contact both individuals directly. It was my pleasure to serve with both men on the Village Council.

A small group of disgruntled individuals has whipped the general electoral into a frenzy. I will remain in my position as Mayor to see how this situation works out. If you have signed the recall petition under duress, you can demand that your name be removed from the petition before it is filed with the Village Office.

To keep the community updated and remain transparent, Select Engineering, the Village's Engineering firm, has reported that the Standpipe has a noticeable lean to the northeast. All residents on Foster Street should take notice and remain aware.



**CASH
BINGO**

AT THE DROP IN CENTRE

EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
STARTING WEDNESDAY MARCH 20TH

Doors open at 6:30pm
Bingo starts at 7 pm
Cards are played with Daubers
Prizes are based on sales

Donalda Museum Chicken & Rib Dinner

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

5:00-7:00 P.M. AT THE
DONALDA DROP IN CENTRE

Menu

SWEET & SOUR RIBS
BBQ CHICKEN
WHOLE GRAIN RICE
BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER CASSEROLE
COLESLAW BUNS, BEVERAGES & DESSERT

ALL FOR \$25 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 7 - 10 \$10, 6 AND UNDER FREE

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE DONALDA MUSEUM!
PROCEEDS TO THE CREAMERY RESTORATION**



Due North Electrical



Due North Electrical has served South Central Alberta for over three decades, providing all types of electrical services. We have recently relocated to the Donalda area and are pleased to now call this our home.

Due North Electrical is offering electrical services for farms and acreages, residential renovations and repairs, as well as commercial and industrial projects in the surrounding area. Services are provided by fully trained, qualified and experienced Electricians.

Though we are sad to leave behind a loyal Clientele, including many customers and friends, we look forward to serving our new community for many years to come.

Jason Kelly, *Owner/Operator, Journeyman, Red Seal, Master Electrician.*

Due North Electrical

Donalda, Alberta

403-510-7353

780-881-7353

Attend the Donalda Coulee Friendship Club

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday MARCH 10th

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Eggs, Ham, Bacon, Quiche

Hash Browns, Perogies, Pancakes,

Fresh Orange Juice,

Homemade Syrups and Coffee

Adults: \$15.00 Kids 10 and Under: \$6.00





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3 Church Service & Sunday School 10 am @ Sharon Church	4 Floor Curling 2 pm @ Community Hall	5	6	7	8	9 Coffee Social 1:30-3:30 pm @ Drop In
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17 Church Service & Sunday School 10 am @ Sharon Church St. Patrick's Day	18 Floor Curling 2 pm @ Community Hall Court Whist 7 pm @ Drop In	19 Kids Book Club 4-5 pm @ Library D&D RPG 5:30 pm @ Library	20 Cash Bingo Doors open 6:30 pm @ Drop In	21 Adult Book Club 6 pm @ Library	22	23 Coffee Social 1:30-3:30 pm @ Drop In Spring Break Starts
24 Church Service & Sunday School 10 am @ Sharon Church	25 Floor Curling 2 pm @ Community Hall February Utility Bills Due	26 D&D RPG 5:30 pm @ Library Museum AGM Meeting 7 pm @ Museum	27 Crafting with Heather 1 pm @ Drop In Lego & Movie 3 -5 pm @ Library	28 March Utility Bill Distribution Day Museum Chicken & Rib Dinner 5-7 pm @ Drop In	29 Good Friday	30 Coffee Social 1:30-3:30 pm @ Drop In
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