

DONALDA LITE

January 2026

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VILLAGE COMPLEX

MESSAGE FROM DONALDA VILLAGE OFFICE

The Regular Meeting of Council will occur on:

Tuesday January 20 at 7 p.m.

in the Council Chambers

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Village Office

Tuesday-Thursday 9 am - 4 pm

Closed Jan 1

403-883-2345

village.donalda.ab.ca

assistantcao@village.donalda.ab.ca

Water-related Emergencies:

403-741-6468 (*Please leave a message*)

Museum

Mon, Thurs, Fri 10 am-5 pm

Closed Jan 1, 2026

403-883-2100

Email: info@donaldamuseum.com

Facebook: @Donalda&DistrictMuseum

Website: www.donaldamuseum.com

Gallery for the Arts

Hours: Closed for the season

403-883-2100

Donalda Public Library

Mon-Thurs: 2 - 6 pm Closed Jan 1, 2026

403-430-BOOK (2665)

<https://donaldalibrary.prl.ab.ca/>

Donalda Post Office

Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm

Closed from 12-1 Closed Jan 1, 2026

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we welcome the new year, I hope everyone is enjoying a positive and refreshing start. January is a time for new beginnings and looking ahead, and I wish each of you health, happiness, and success in the year to come.

At the December 23 council meeting, council received a presentation from ACC Wastewater Solutions outlining recommendations for our wastewater system. Following this discussion, council approved the use of ACC's cleaning products for the coming year as part of ongoing system maintenance.

Council also discussed the potential transfer of title ownership of the Donalda Creamery. This discussion was informational only, and no decision has been made at this time. Council will continue to review this matter before determining any next steps.

In addition, council approved the interim budgets, ensuring the continuation of essential services as we begin the new year. We also welcomed our auditor, who presented the 2024 audited financial statements, providing council with a clear and transparent overview of the municipality's financial position.

Thank you to council, staff, and residents for your continued support and involvement. I look forward to working together in the year ahead and wish everyone an amazing start to 2026.

Happy New Year!

DONALDA RECYCLING

Batteries: the Donalda Ag Society collects these as a fundraiser; please contact Dwayne Adams for more info (780-679-4811).

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 Society April - Parent Council
Feb/Mar - Cemetery Club May/June - Drop In



DONALDA TRANSFER SITE

Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm
Wednesdays Closed

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.

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.donaldal.ab.ca by
January 26, 2026

**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

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Donalda Welcoming Committee would like to give all new residents a Welcome Package to welcome them to Donalda. Please let us know if you are new and we have not contacted you.

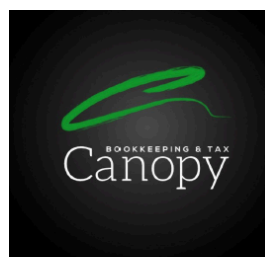
In 2025 we welcomed 15 new families to Donalda

Asha Simser
403-916-5188

Heather Taylor
780-781-0075

Councilor Phil Menecola would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and may you enter the new year with grace, strength, and great memories. I feel blessed and grateful to work with each and every one of you, and I am looking forward to what the new year will bring us all

Councilor Tanya Metcalf would like to wish all in the Village a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year with health, happiness and wealth in 2026



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Steve Oddleifson
780-719-7808



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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.

If you see a new cat roaming or a cat in distress, please let us know, we are counting on our community to be our eyes.

"Remember there is no such thing as a small act of kindness.
Every act creates a ripple, with no logical end"

- Scott Adams -



DONALDA COULEE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

January Events

- **January 15** Bingo at the Drop In at 7 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM
- **January 19** Court Whist 7 PM at the Drop In
- **January 7 & 21** Crib at the Drop In at 1 PM
- **Coffee Social** Every Saturday 1:30-3:30 Everyone Welcome. Live Music when players are available.



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

Thank you to all who have donated!

*The committee continues to raise funds to
complete the repaint of the Lamp's steel base,
which should proceed in spring of 2026.*

1" x 3"	~ \$100
3" x 4"	~ \$250

Engraved Plaque:

5" x 7"	~ \$500
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Please contact the Museum for more information.

Donalda Community Promotion Society

Upcoming Events:

We are pondering a February Family Day/Valentine Family Dance for Free at the Donalda Hall with a supper from 5 PM -8 PM. Fun for all young and old. More to come. Watch for further updates.

A Village Christmas

We had 42 vendors, lots of shoppers, and good food. Santa and the Grinch made an appearance as well. We have put in a request with Santa to see if Mrs. Claus and an Elf could join us next year.

Dec 28, 2025 Winter Solstice Event had 13 people enjoy some free food. 3 went skating. Good turnout considering the weather was on the chilly side.

A big thank you to all the Volunteers who help us out during our events and especially the Members of Donalda Community Promotion Society for working together

Next Donalda & District Community Promotion Meeting
is January 12 , 2026. Upstairs at the Church.

If you want to be involved, please stop by or reach out to me Heather T
780-781-0075

What event would you like to see in Donalda
and what are you willing to do to make it
happen?



WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW 2026



BIBLE STUDY



Where?
2120 Haviland St
(side entrance)

When?
Saturdays @ 3 pm
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

➤ **Subject:**
➤ **What does**
➤ **"Follow Jesus"**
mean?



Host: Janice McKendrick
226-500-2124



Sharon Evangelical Church
in Donalda

Church Services and
Sunday School - 10 am



January Services:

January 04	Pastor Crystal Bjornson
January 11	Pastor Daniel Jefferies
January 18	Pastor Paul Reich
January 25	Marina Aicken (wife of Pastor Johny Aicken)

Bible Study every Tuesday at 1 PM at the Sharon Church

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

John 3:16

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DONALDA AND DISTRICT AG SOCIETY

The Donalda Community Hall will be closed to the public for the month of January for bathroom renovations!
No rentals, floor curling or pickleball. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Willow Canyon Rentals are also unavailable until further notice but during the day you can toboggan on the hills.

The Ag board remains the same with the exception of Leah Kimmy taking Ray Kneeland's seat. The Ag Society welcomes Leah to the Board. The Ag Society would also like to thank Ray Kneeland for his 50 years of Service to the board and to his community! His wisdom and expertise will be missed but wish him a wonderful

retirement in Stettler!

2026 Board of Directors

President Dwayne Adam

Vice Becky Clement

Treasurer Cori Fuller

Secretary Mary Mueller

Directors - Cory Scott, Leanne Brown, Wendy Adam, Teresa Kneeland, & Leah Kimmy

Next meeting at the Arena Jan 7@ 7pm

Donalda School Parent Society

Happy New Year and Welcome Back from the Donalda School Parent Society!

Basketball- January sees both the Donalda girls and boys basketball teams practicing hard in preparation for some games this month. We are looking forward to rooting for our Eagle players, coached by Julie Siemens, Dixie Massey, Robert Bergstrom and Patrick Simser. We welcome our community members to come out to games and cheer them on!

Casino Fundraiser- We are still looking for volunteers for our Casino Fundraiser on February 23rd, our school's largest fundraising opportunity, held only once every four years. Casino funds directly support Donalda School events, supplies, and programs. Our last fundraiser raised nearly \$24,000. No experience is needed—training is provided, and the roles are easy and fun; don't hesitate to get in touch with the school if you're able to help.

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

Important Dates: January 5th - Back to School

January 7th - Basketball WEH1 @ Donalda 3:30 PM

January 14th - Basketball Donalda @ Big Valley 3:30 PM

January 19th - Donalda School Parent Society Meeting 3:15 PM

January 20th - Subway Hot Lunch

January 21th - Basketball WEH2 @ Donalda 3:30 PM

January 28th - Basketball Erskine @ Donalda 3:30 PM

January 30th - Professional Day (no school)



DONALDA LIBRARY

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

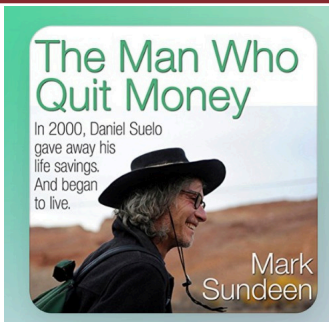
ADULT BOOK CLUB

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

TIME: 6:00 PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WE'RE STARTING OFF 2026 WITH THE NON-FICTION "THE MAN WHO QUIT MONEY"



MYSTERIUM

DATE: WEDNESDAYS, STARTING JANUARY 7TH

TIME: 4 - 6 PM

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, OUR SUCCESSFUL "MYSTERIUM" BOARD GAME RETURNS! REGISTER OVER THE PHONE OR AT THE LIBRARY TO JOIN IN THIS FUN GAME THAT ANY FAN OF "CLUE" AND THE MYSTERY GENRE WON'T WANT TO MISS!

Library Hours: Mon to Thurs 2pm-6pm

/ donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca /

Follow us on Facebook for updates

403-430-2665 (BOOK) text or phone

FREAKIER FRIDAY

DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH

TIME: 4:00 PM

LINDSAY LOHAN AND JAMIE LEE CURTIS RETURN AND SWAP BODIES AGAIN, IN THIS SEQUEL TO THE EARLY 2000S HIT FILM! SWING BY AND WATCH WITH US, TOTALLY FREE!



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