

DONALDA LITE

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VILLAGE ESSENTIALS

MESSAGE FROM DONALDA VILLAGE OFFICE

The Regular Meeting of Council will occur on:

**Tuesday May 19 at 7 p.m.
in the Council Chambers**

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Village Office

Tuesday-Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
403-883-2345
village.donalda.ab.ca
assistantcao@village.donalda.ab.ca



Food Bank Supports & Services

Tuesday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
403-883-2345

Water-related Emergencies

Public Works Department
403-741-6468

Museum

Mon, Thurs, Fri 10 am-5 pm
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
403-430-BOOK (2665)
https://donaldalibrary.prl.ab.ca/

Donalda Post Office

Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm
Closed from 12-1
403-883-1212

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 by
May 25, 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 just moved here and we have not contacted you.

Asha Simser
403-916-5188

Heather Taylor
780-781-0075

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 9 am - 2 pm

Wednesdays 9 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.

OPERATIONS INSIDER

Operations Insider: Updates from Administration & Public Works – May 2026

As we move into a busy spring season, several new initiatives and maintenance activities are underway to support the continued upkeep and improvement of our community.

Public Works crews have begun pothole repairs throughout the Village, addressing areas impacted by winter conditions to improve road safety. Work will continue over the coming weeks alongside planned gravel road resurfacing, which is essential to maintaining safe and reliable roadways for residents. Residents may also notice tree trimming taking place in select areas. This work supports both public safety and the long-term health of our trees, while helping to protect nearby infrastructure. In the coming weeks, the WSP Canada team will be in the community conducting an infrastructure survey. Their crews will be working in various locations throughout the Village to assess and collect important data that will help inform future planning and infrastructure decisions. We kindly ask all residents to remain clear of work areas and crews to ensure everyone's safety while this work is underway.

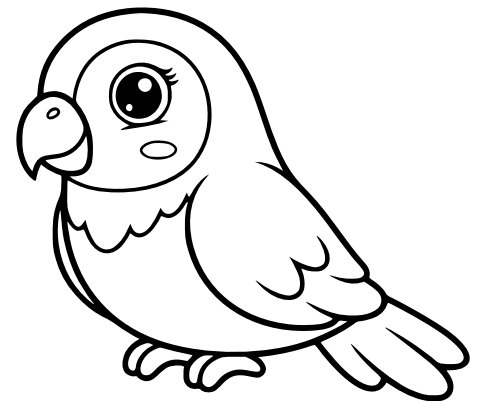
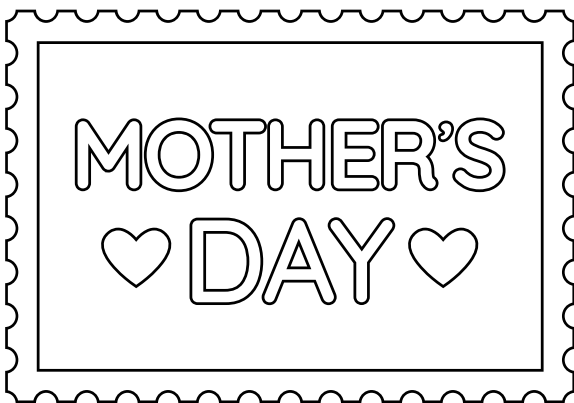
As snow melts and pathways become more visible, we would also like to remind residents to clean up after their pets. Dog waste left on public pathways, parks, and private property creates unsanitary conditions and impacts the enjoyment of shared spaces for everyone. Your cooperation in keeping our community clean is appreciated.

We are currently recruiting through the Canada Summer Jobs program for three seasonal positions: a Public Works Labourer, an Advertising & Promotions Coordinator, and a Park Planner. If you know a young, eligible worker who is looking to make an impact—whether through hands-on work, social media and communications skills, or designing and enhancing community spaces—we encourage you to share this opportunity and have them apply. These roles provide valuable experience while contributing meaningfully to our community.

Planning is also underway for our second annual Spring Fling community cleanup event. This initiative will provide residents with an opportunity to dispose of unwanted garbage, broken items, and yard debris following the winter months. More details will be shared soon, and we encourage residents to start gathering items they wish to remove.

We appreciate the community's cooperation and support as these projects move forward. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Village office—we are always here to assist.

COLOR ME



THIS SUMMER, Make It Meaningful.

— EST. 1912 —
VILLAGE OF DONALDA
Small Community. Big Opportunities.

**WORK. GROW. BELONG.
IN DONALDA.**

In Donalda, your work makes an impact you can see and a community you can be proud to be part of.

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

 <p>SEASONAL WORKER – PUBLIC WORKS 1 Position Help keep our community beautiful and running smoothly.</p>	<p>START DATE: JUNE 29, 2026 DURATION: 8 WEEKS HOURS: 35 HOURS PER WEEK WAGE: \$19.00 / HOUR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the maintenance of roads, parks, and municipal infrastructure Assist with landscaping, mowing, and general groundskeeping Work alongside experienced staff on daily operations and projects Take pride in keeping Donalda clean, safe, and welcoming
 <p>ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR 1 Position Share our story and help our community shine.</p>	<p>START DATE: JUNE 29, 2026 DURATION: 8 WEEKS HOURS: 35 HOURS PER WEEK WAGE: \$19.00 / HOUR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote local events, programs, and initiatives Create content for social media and the Village website Assist with marketing materials and community outreach Gather community input and ideas
 <p>PARK PLANNER 1 Position Help shape the spaces where our community comes together.</p>	<p>START DATE: JUNE 29, 2026 DURATION: 8 WEEKS HOURS: 35 HOURS PER WEEK WAGE: \$19.00 / HOUR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with park planning and improvements Conduct site observations and research Support project planning and design Help bring ideas to life for our parks and green spaces

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

These positions are funded through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Applicants must:

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada

WHY WORK IN DONALDA?

- Be part of a close-knit community that values you
- Enjoy wide open spaces and summer adventures
- Gain valuable experience and build your future
- Make friendships and memories that last a lifetime

SCAN TO LEARN MORE!

Scan the QR code to visit our website for full job details, application information, and more about living and working in Donalda.

Your summer. Your community. Your impact.



READY TO APPLY? Submit your resume and cover letter to: Melanie Veale, Chief Administrative Officer | cas@village.donalda.ab.ca

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2026

Great Community. Brilliant Choice. Bright Future.

DONALDA, ALBERTA | *Small community. Big opportunities. Lasting impact.*

WE ARE HIRING!

DONALDA MUSEUM IS HIRING SUMMER STUDENTS

Resumes can be dropped off at the museum or sent to:
info@donaldamuseum.com
call: 403.883.2100

REQUIREMENTS

- Between the ages 16-30
- Currently enrolled, or returning to school in the fall
- Professional attitude
- Available to work weekends
- Enjoy working outdoors and in an office setting
- Comfortable working with the public
- Self-motivated
- An interest in history, museums, and the local community is an asset.

LET'S TALK DONALDA

Your voice. Your village. Your future.

Public Meeting Notice

The Donalda Village Residents Committee invites all residents to attend a community meeting focused on open, respectful dialogue, information sharing, and resident feedback.

This meeting provides an opportunity for residents to:


- Share** input, ideas, and concerns
- Engage** in respectful and constructive discussion

Location: Donalda Drop In Centre
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Time: 7:00 pm

We'd love to hear from you

Scan the QR code or use the URL to share your ideas, questions, or concerns before the meeting. Prefer paper? Resident Feedback forms are available at the Tea House, Drop-In Centre, post office community board and will be available at the meeting.

<https://forms.gle/wDtaNNfEDnMRuvzu8>



Open your phone camera, point at the QR code, and tap the link that appears

**All residents welcome
Come share your voice**

Hosted by the **Donalda Village Residents Committee**
Helping to create a stronger, more connected community!

Donalda Village Residents Committee

"Our Voices Matter"

Our Mission

Creating a Village Residents Committee to represent and amplify the voices of all residents by ensuring their concerns, needs, and aspirations are heard, respected, and prioritized. We are committed to transparency, accountability, and open communication with village council.

Our Vision

A connected and engaged village where every resident feels heard and valued, community voices help shape decisions, and local leadership operates with transparency, accountability, and trust.

Our Objectives

- Gather and communicate resident feedback, concerns, and aspirations
- Advocate for community priorities
- Work constructively with council and residents to build positive outcomes
- Promote transparency and accountability in governance and council decisions
- Foster community engagement and participation to support a stronger, more connected village

Guiding Principles

- Respectful Dialogue
- Inclusivity of All Voices
- Non-partisan, Community Based Approach
- Transparency in Actions and Decisions

Communication

- Meetings
- Notices
- Social Channels
- Share Communications and Recommendations Between Council and Residents

Get Involved!

- Watch for upcoming meeting details
- Share your thoughts, concerns and ideas
- Join us and be part of building a stronger community

For more information contact Kim Van Gelderen at 403-714-4550 or email Donalda.VRC@gmail.com

Helping to Create a Stronger, More Connected Community!



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

Please contact the Museum for more information.



DID YOU KNOW IT COSTS THE AG SOCIETY AN
AVERAGE OF \$100/MONTH FOR THE FREE
ADVERTISING ON THE HIWAY SIGNS?
YOU ARE WELCOME

HALL & WILLOW CANYON RENTALS CONTACT MARY MUELLER 403-740-2843

ARENA RENTAL CONTACT WENDY ADAM 780-678-6511
ATTENTION ALL ARENA USERS.
A CAMERA HAS BEEN SET UP AT THE BACK ENTRANCE FOR SECURITY &
SAFETY PURPOSES.

NEXT MEETING
MAY 27, 2026
AT 7 PM IN THE HALL.

Annual Lamp Park Clean Up

MONDAY, MAY 4TH @10AM

Meet at the Lamp and bring your
own gloves and rake



Please RSVP to the Museum to secure your free lunch:
403-883-2100 or info@donaldamuseum.com

SHARON

Evangelical Lutheran Church

February Services:

May 3 Pastor Lewis Smith
May 14 Pastor Dan Jeffries
May 17 Pastor Ted Hill
May 24 Pastor Paul Reich
May 31 Pastor TBA



Church Services and
Sunday School 10 AM

Bible Study Tuesday Afternoons 1 PM at 2120 Haviland St.

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in
it

WILLOW CANYON BAKESHOP

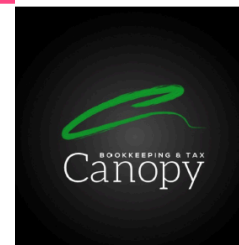
Sourdough bread/rolls
Regular bread/rolls
Cinnamon buns
Buttertarts
Bagels
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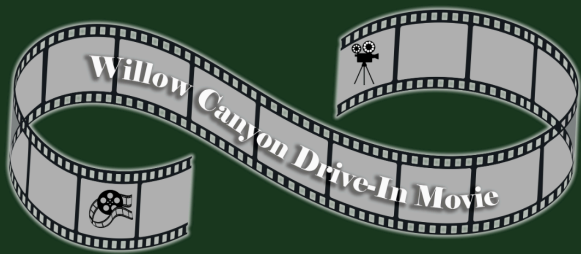
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Website: canopybookkeeping.ca



Cool Runnings

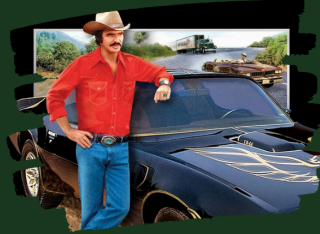
Saturday, May 9, 2026
Movie starts at dusk

FEATURING...



Smokey and the Bandit

Saturday, September 19, 2026
Movie starts at dusk



Location: Willow Canyon
(formerly Donalda Ski Hill)
Cost: Free admission
Full Concession: Buttered
Popcorn, Drinks & Candy

Gates & Concession opens at **7:00pm.**
Explore DONALDA before the movie

Contact: 780-781-0075 Email: donaldapromosociety@gmail.com

5th annual Roberta Rouse
A MOTHERS TRAIL RIDE

May 9th & 10th 2026



Donalda, Alberta. 2 days, 2 separate trails

Registration: 9:30am-12pm at the Donalda Equestrian Centre
Cost: \$25 per rider registration.

**ALL RIDERS MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO RIDING OUT AND
SHOW PROOF OF REGISTRATION AT THE FIRST GATE.**

(no dogs or stallions allowed on trail)

Breakfast sandwiches Sat. & Sun. morning.

Saturday end of the trail meal, please pre book.

For more info, camping and stall reservations, call or text

Becky 403-740-5997 or email donaldavalleyclub@gmail.com

HOSTED BY DONALDA VALLEY CLUB

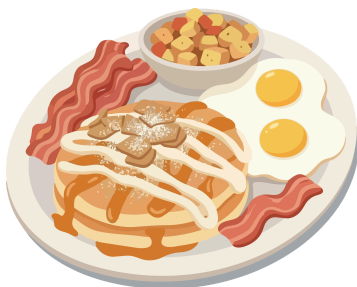


**HAPPY
Mother's
DAY**

Drive-In Movie,
Mother's Day Brunch.
And A Mother's Day Trail
Ride happening in
Donalda- May
9th and 10th



**HAPPY
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Please join us for a

**Mother's Day
Brunch**

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

- SAUSAGES & HAM**
- FRIED EGGS & CRUSTLESS QUICHE**
- HASHBROWNS & PEROGIES**
- VEGETABLE CASSEROLE**
- FLUFFY BUTTERMILK PANCAKES &
FRENCH TOAST**
- STRAWBERRIES & WHIPPED CREAM**
- HOMEMADE FRUIT SYRUPS**
- FRESH FRUIT**


FRESH ORANGE JUICE, COFFEE & TEA

**ADULTS \$20.00, CHILDREN 7to12 \$10,
6 & under FREE**

ROSES FOR FIRST 30 MOMS

**DONALDA DROP IN CENTRE
10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.**





PULL UP A CHAIR

May 18, 2026



Beef or Chicken
on a Bun, Macaroni
and Cheese, Greek
Salad, Desserts,
Fruit/Veggie Trays



Free Community Supper 5-7 PM at Hall

Hosted by Donalda & District Community
Promotion Society
Kitchen by Willow Canyon Bakeshop

Donations accepted towards future free events



CASH BINGO



Every Third Thursday of the month

17
**Thursday
May 21st**

At the Donalda Drop In Center

14
Doors open at 6:30pm
Bingo starts at 7 pm
Cards are played with Daubers
Prizes are based on sales

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Donalda Museum

TURKEY DINNER

Thursday, May 28, 2026

5:00–7:00 p.m.
at the Donalda Drop in Center

Menu

ROAST TURKEY & DRESSING
YUMMY MASHED POTATOES
DREAMY VEGETABLES
SALADS, BUNS, BEVERAGES
& DESSERT

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

Come out and support the Donalda Museum

Funds going to the Donalda Creamery
Restoration

18TH ANNUAL DONALDA RANCH RODEO

RANCH RODEO

JUNE 6TH 2026 AT THE DONALDA
EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

TEAM EVENTS
PENNING, SORTING, DOCTORING
TRAILER LOADING & OBSTACLE

TEAM ENTRY FEE \$400
4 PEOPLE PER TEAM
MINIMUM ONE FEMALE PER
TEAM

★ FOR MORE INFORMATION ★
OR TO ENTER A TEAM
CALL WENDY 780-608-6511



DONALDA SCHOOL PARENT SOCIETY

We've got a busy and exciting month ahead—thanks as always for supporting our school community!

Last call for our Bottle Drive Fundraiser!

Running until May 4, this is your final chance to drop off bottles and help raise funds for our students. Every bottle truly makes a difference and helps create fun, active opportunities for our kids.

The bottle trailer is set up on the west side of the school—easy and convenient!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our seed fundraiser—we appreciate it!

Reminder: Live Plants are ready to be picked up on the dates you registered for.

We also want to put out an important call to all parents. Our Parent Society is in real need of volunteers. At this point, we may not have a council next year without more involvement. Our next meeting date is May 11 at 3:30. Come out, see what we do, and ask questions. It's a great way to stay connected and support your kids' school.

We hope to see you there.

Important Dates to Remember:

May 4 (11:30): Student Village Clean-Up Event **May 8:** Subway Hot Lunch

May 11 (3:15 PM): Parent Council Meeting **May 15:** Professional Development Day - No School

May 29: Grade 5-9 Year-End Trip to Edmonton (Valley Zoo & Activate)

Free Hot Lunch (provided by Coulee Tea House)

DONALDA LIBRARY

What's New at the Library

Adult Book Club

Date: Wednesday, May 20th Time: 6:00 PM

It's the final book club before the summer break!
We'll be reading "the book of two ways" by Jodi Picoult.

New members and book suggestions always welcome.

Library Hours: Mon to Thurs 2pm-6pm

/ donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca /

Follow us on Facebook for updates

403-430-2665 (BOOK) text or phone

Model Plane Building

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

We'll be doing a kid's model-aircraft building program as soon as we've got the kits, but make sure to register at the library to get yourself a spot!

Highway Cleanup

Date: Saturday, May 2nd

Time: 9 am – 11 am

Register at the library for our highway cleanup! There are 11 km to clean and each kilometer cleaned not only helps keep our highways in good shape, but also raises money for the library to buy new materials, supplies and exciting programs!

Lunch will be provided!

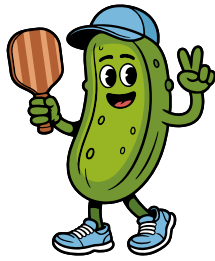
Pickleball

Outdoor Courts at the School

10:30-11:30 Weekdays

1:30-3 Weekdays

Evenings and Weekends



HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

DONALDA ART GALLERY

LOOKING FOR POSSIBLE EXHIBITORS FOR THE 2026 SEASON,
CONTACT THE MUSEUM FOR MORE INFORMATION. May 2nd

403-883-2100 Time: 9 am – 2 pm
STAY CONNECTED!

Register at the library for our highway cleanup! There are 11 km to clean and each kilometer cleaned not only helps keep our highways in good shape, but also raises money for the library to buy new materials, supplies and exciting programs!

DONALDA COMMUNITY ART SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Lunch will be provided!

THURSDAY MAY 21ST

4pm @ the Donalda
Gallery for the Arts

**New Members Wanted
(only 3 meeting a year)**

Under Canadian Skies

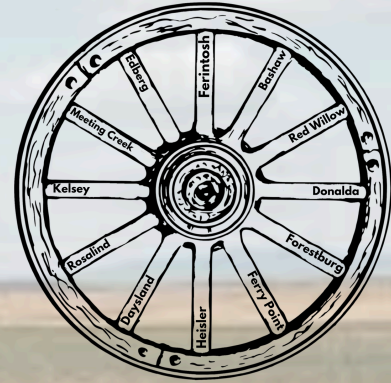
Celebrates rural youth living where the pavement ends and the horizon begins. We believe young artists have a unique and valuable perspective and we're here to help you share it. We are inviting artists (ages 12-16) to show us your vision of the land and people under this piece of our Canadian sky.

Enter Exhibit Earn

The Contest: Submit your work for the "Under One Sky" theme.

The Show: Get featured in a professional gallery exhibition.

The Sale: Showcase your art to collectors and get paid for your talent.

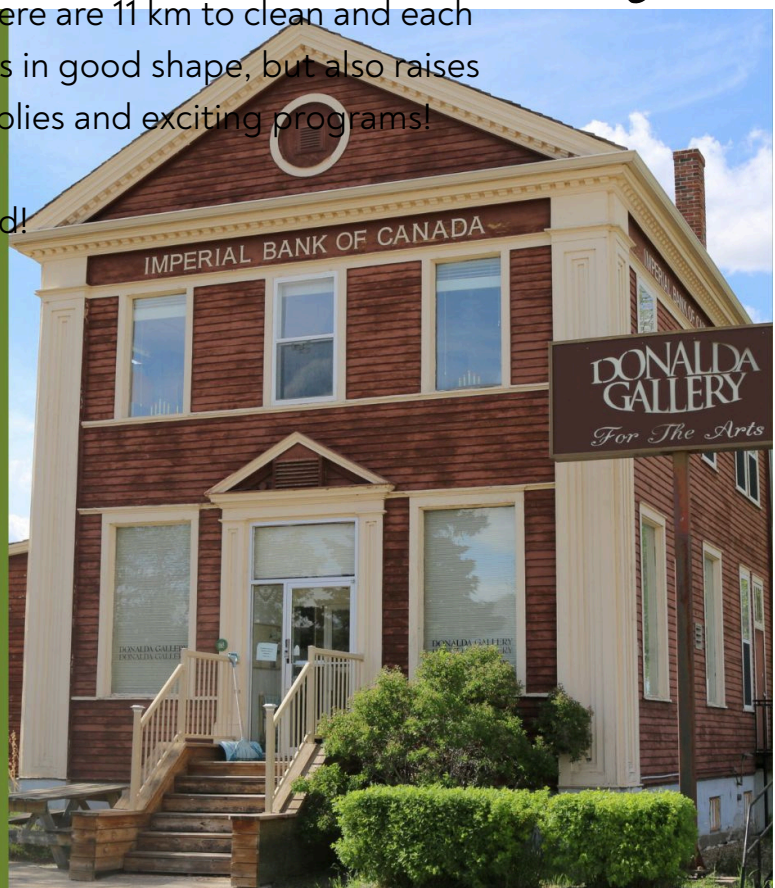


To register or for more information scan:

Donalda Gallery for the Arts
June 27 - July 4, 2026

Registration closes May 30, 2026.

HAPPY
Mother's Day



BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS @ 1:00
2120 HAVILAND
STREET
JANICE@SOVEREIGNGIG.COM
403-883-2013





MAY



2026



“I think we dream so we don’t have to be apart for so long.
If we’re in each other’s dreams, we can be together all the time.”
— A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh



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 HAPPY Mother's Day May 10, 2026	Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908. It became a national official holiday in 1914	Lamp Clean Up Volunteers Appreciated May 4, 10 AM	Mother's Day Trail Ride May 9-10	School Bottle Drive April 28- May 4	1	Coffee Social Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome Library Highway Clean-up 9-2 Volunteers Appreciated	2
 SHARON Services 10 AM	3 Lamp Clean -Up 10 AM at Lamp Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM Promotion Society Meeting 7 PM at the Church	4 Bible Study 1 PM 2120 Haviland St Donalda Village Residents Committee Meeting 7 PM At Drop In	5  Crib at Drop In 1 PM all welcome	6 7	8	Coffee Social Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome Drive In Movie Willow Canyon dusk	9
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