


DONALDA LITE

June 2  26

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VILLAGE ESSENTIALS

MESSAGE FROM DONALDA VILLAGE OFFICE

The Regular Meeting of Council will occur on:

Tuesday June 16 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

June 20-21 and June 27-28 open 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

June 22, 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. In 2025 we welcomed 12 new residents to Donalda. Reach out to receive yours

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

May/June - Drop In **July/August** - Promotion Society

Sept - Parent Council **Oct/Nov** - Donalda Library



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 – June 2026

As we move further into the summer season, Administration and Public Works continue to advance several important initiatives focused on infrastructure, community services, safety, and long-term planning for the Village of Donalda.

Public Works crews have continued regular seasonal maintenance throughout the community, including ongoing road repairs, boulevard upkeep, water testing, cemetery maintenance, park maintenance, and wastewater system maintenance. Residents may continue to see activity related to infrastructure assessments as WSP Canada progresses through the Municipal Infrastructure Audit. This project is an important step in evaluating the condition of Village infrastructure and helping guide future capital planning and investment decisions. The final audit report is anticipated later this summer.

Last year, the Village of Donalda proudly unveiled newly painted crosswalks to honour veterans and those currently serving our country. The initiative was inspired by Assistant CAO Denise, who came across a template created by the Royal Canadian Legion for municipalities across Canada to use in recognizing military service and sacrifice. The commemorative crosswalks serve as a visible reminder of the courage, dedication, and contributions of Canadian Armed Forces members, both past and present. Council and staff were pleased to bring the project to the community as a meaningful way to show appreciation and remembrance.

The Village extends its gratitude to everyone involved in making the project possible and hopes the crosswalks continue to inspire pride, reflection, and respect within the community for years to come.

The North Main Street Sidewalk Project has now been published for tender through the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC). This project represents an important investment in pedestrian safety, accessibility, and community infrastructure, and supports the continued improvement and long-term vibrancy of Donalda's Main Street area. Administration looks forward to reviewing submissions as the tender process moves forward. Council and Administration have begun important conversations about the future of Donalda's Main Street and the long-term vitality of our community. The initiative is focused on encouraging gradual improvement, supporting safer and more active properties, and fostering pride in our downtown area while respecting the unique challenges faced by property owners and small rural communities. Through collaboration, communication, and shared community effort, the Village hopes to build momentum toward a more welcoming, sustainable, and vibrant Main Street for residents, businesses, and future generations.

The Village has continued to work closely with Bylaw Enforcement and the RCMP regarding community concerns, enforcement matters, and municipal coordination. Regional collaboration is also underway with neighboring municipalities to support implementation of privacy management programs and administrative best practices. The Village is also excited to announce that the Donalda Boogie Bus is now officially in service. This new community handi-van program was created to help improve accessibility and transportation support for residents requiring assistance getting to medical appointments, essential services, and community supports. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the naming contest and helped bring the Boogie Bus to life. Together, we continue building a more connected and supportive community.

Statistics Canada Census Engagement Services has reached out to the Village of Donalda to help support strong community participation and ensure high quality census data for our community. Accurate census data helps ensure Donalda receives fair representation, funding opportunities, infrastructure support, and informed future community planning. We encourage all residents to complete their census information, as population and demographic data directly impact municipal funding, grants, services, and long-term planning for our community. We appreciate the continued support and cooperation of residents as we work together to maintain and improve our community. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Village Office—we are always happy to help.

Respectfully, Village Administration

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we move into June and begin enjoying the warmer weather, I would like to provide a summary of both the April and May council meetings and some of the important work currently underway within the village.

Due to scheduling adjustments, April's regular council meeting was rescheduled and held on April 29. During this meeting, council approved the taxation bylaw with no increase to the mill rate. This allowed property taxes to be completed and distributed in a timely manner. If you have not yet received your property tax notice, please contact the village office.

Council also approved the plan to safely remove the bunkhouse structure and approved the payment schedule for the Bashaw and Area Community Resource Centre. In addition, council approved the Handi-Van policy, which will allow the service to be available for residents moving forward.

At May's regular council meeting, council received an update regarding the infrastructure audit, which officially began on May 19. The audit is expected to be completed in August and will support the ongoing viability review process. Village office staff are working hard to accommodate the auditors while continuing to provide regular municipal services, and council appreciates their efforts during this busy period.

Council also had an in-depth discussion regarding the procedural bylaw and possible updates that may help council meetings continue to run smoothly and efficiently. Due to the length of discussions during the regular meeting, council held a special meeting on May 25 to complete the remaining closed-session items.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and interest in village matters. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable start to the summer season.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

BBQ Party

BBQ Hamburgers and Hotdogs with all the trimmings, salad, dessert
Outside

PULL UP A CHAIR
June 15, 2026

Free Community Supper 5-7 PM at Hall

Hosted by Donalda & District Community Promotion Society
Kitchen by Willow Canyon Bakeshop
Use of Hall - Donalda Ag Society

Donations accepted towards future free events

The flyer features various BBQ-related illustrations: a red and white checkered apron, a glass of beer with a lemon slice, a plate of sliced vegetables, a bag of potato chips, a hotdog on a fork, a bottle of sauce, a bottle of mustard, a red grill, a hamburger, a pair of tongs, and a bucket of popcorn.



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.

The flyer has a yellow grid background with a lightning bolt in the top right, a smiley face in the middle right, and a thumbs up in the bottom left.



The Donalda Village Residents & Owners Committee held a public meeting on May 5, 2026, attended by 7 committee members along with 6 residents and property owners. The purpose of the meeting was to provide residents and owners with an opportunity to share feedback, raise questions, and discuss ideas and concerns. We also shared information from the April survey in which we received 25 responses.

The following topics cover the feedback discussed during the meeting:

1. Discussion regarding the possibility of adding the Committee as a standing item on the monthly Council meeting agenda.
2. Questions and concerns were raised regarding whether we have a water and wastewater certified operator.
3. Residents discussed the status of the Village 2025 audited financial statements and additional auditor costs.
4. Discussion was held regarding the Village having limited revenue sources. There was also a discussion regarding increasing budget expenditures causing deficits.
5. Residents discussed concerns about the limited availability of active business and commercial space on Main Street.
6. Residents discussed concerns on whether Council has adequate time to review information in Council packages, prior to meetings, to make informed decisions, especially when tight timelines and deadlines are involved.
7. Questions were raised regarding increased legal expenses.

Community Ideas and Suggestions

1. Residents discussed opportunities to encourage additional business development within the village
2. Residents suggested having recycling bins located within the village, rather than only at the transfer station.
3. Residents expressed interest in additional community events and activities that could help bring residents together and encourage more visitors to the village.

Resident/Owner Feedback Actions, Answers & Updates

The Committee submitted a report including this feedback with a delegation request to the CAO to be added to the May 19th meeting agenda for discussion with Council. Our request was denied citing policy, privacy and confidentiality reasons, however some of the items were put on the agenda for discussion at the meeting.

Here is what we have so far on the topics listed above:

1. Adding the Residents Committee as a standing item on the monthly meeting agenda – this was discussed at the May 19th Council meeting. Council is supportive of the committee and thanked us for the work we are doing. Admin will report back with options.
2. Certified water and wastewater operator – we have brought details regarding this to the attention of Council and are waiting for their response.
3. 2025 Audited Financial Statements – this topic was not on the May 19, 2026 Council meeting agenda, Committee to follow-up.
4. Village Revenue Sources & Increasing Budget – this has not been discussed with Council, we will include this in future discussions.
5. Main Street – this topic was on the May 19th Council meeting agenda including an action plan and a phased “Main Street Revitalization and Commercial District Compliance Strategy”. Council instructed Admin to proceed.
6. Timing of Council Packages – this topic was added to the May 19th Council meeting agenda, Council moved to increase the number of days to receive Council packages from 4 to 5 days prior to meetings. Public access remains at 1 day prior to meetings.
7. Legal Expenses – this topic has not been discussed with Council, we will include this in future discussions.

Committee Discussions at Next Meeting:

1. Committee will be discussing in detail the actions, answers and updates listed above.
2. Committee has discovered discrepancies with the “2026 Approved Operating Budget Forecasted” posted on the Village website. There are other questions and concerns with the budget and current financial reports and we will be discussing all of these at the next committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026 @ 7:00PM AT THE DROP IN CENTRE

Residents & owners are welcome to attend; we will open up part of the meeting for public discussion.

If residents or owners have any questions, concerns or ideas they would like us to discuss at the next meeting, please complete a Feedback form available at the Tea House or online using this QR Code.





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.



HAPPY
Father's
DAY



DONALDA ART GALLERY

CONTACT THE MUSEUM FOR MORE INFORMATION.
403-883-2100
STAY CONNECTED!

We still have a couple spots open for this summer's exhibiting
space, please reach out to the Museum if you are interested in
displaying your work!

The Art Society is looking for new members! If you are interested in
learning more, please reach out to the Museum for more
information



Donalda and District
Agricultural Society

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

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RIDING 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
JUNE , 2026
AT 7 PM IN THE HALL.

SHARON
Evangelical Lutheran Church
DONALDA, AB

February Services:

June 07 Bernie Doan

June 14 Pastor Lisa Harde

June 21 Pastor Dan Jefferies

June 28 Pastor Paul Reich



Church Services and
Sunday School 10 AM

Bible Study Tuesday Afternoons 1 PM at 2120 Haviland St.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

WILLOW CANYON BAKESHOP

Sourdough bread/rolls
Regular bread/rolls
Cinnamon buns
Buttertarts
Bagels
English muffins
Cookies
Cakes
Pies



Check us out on Facebook
willowcanyonbakeshop@gmail.com



June's Donalda Lite monthly special!!!
Get 6 free chocolate chip cookies with every \$20 order
(Please mention this ad when ordering)

HOME BAKED GOODS FOR ALL YOUR CRAVINGS :)



Serving Camrose and area

- * Messy books clean up
- * Bookkeeping and E-commerce accounting
- * Sole Prop Tax Returns
- * Corporate Tax Returns

QBO Certified / Xero / Sage / Wave Software

Contact: 780-563-0351 / kimcanopy362@gmail.com

Website: canopybookkeeping.ca

18TH ANNUAL DONALDA RANCH RODEO

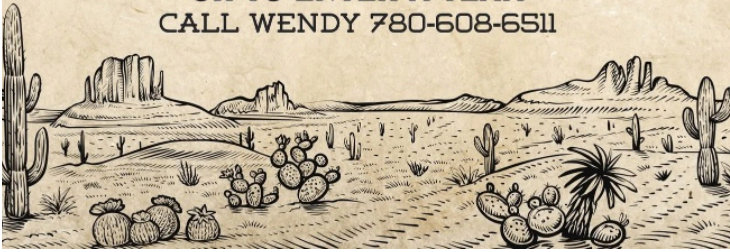
RANCH RODEO

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 ★



CASH BINGO



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Every Third Thursday of the month

17

Thursday
June 18TH

★ At the Donalda Drop In Center ★

14

11

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



DONALDA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY PROMOTION SOCIETY

Our 4th Pull Up A Chair Dinner was another success.

Thank You to all the Volunteers

Thank You to all who Donate so that we can keep it going. It was started with a Grant and that Grant has not been renewed.

For our next meal we are planning an outdoor BBQ.
(weather permitting-will move inside if not)

See poster

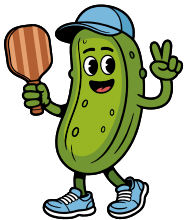
Pickleball

Outdoor Courts at the
School

10:30-11:30 Weekdays

1:30-3 Weekdays

Evenings and
Weekends



Paint Night!

Unwind. Get Creative. Have Fun! ♥

\$40

Marion

519-940-6850



The Drop in Center,
Donalda



6:30pm



Monday
June 8th



Come
Paint with Us!

No experience
needed!

♥
All supplies
provided.



DONALDA SCHOOL PARENT SOCIETY

As June begins, the school year is quickly coming to a close. Thank you to our teachers, staff, and Parent Council for all your hard work and support this year. Best wishes to the new members stepping up for next year. Wishing all Donalda School families a safe, sunny, and relaxing summer break!

Important June Dates

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| June 2 — Grades 3-6 Track Meet in Big Valley | June 16 -K-4 Year-End Trip to the Tyrell Museum |
| June 8-19 Exhibit at the Donalda Art Gallery | June 18 —K-2 Track Meet at Donalda |
| June 8 — Jr. High Track Meet | June 19 — Free Hot Lunch from Tea House. |
| June 10 — Jr. High Track Meet rain-out day | June 24 — Last Day of Classes and Whole School Swimming in Camrose |
| June 12 — Grade 9 Farewell/Subway Hot Lunch | June 25 — Professional Day. No school for students. |



DONALDA LIBRARY

What's New at the Library
Adult Book Club

Book Club is on break for the summer!

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

Hitster Returns

Date: Mondays Starting June 15

Time: 4 PM

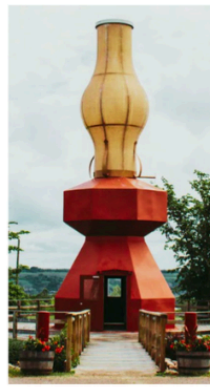
Hitster Returns! The popular music party game is back at the library and this time we'll be playing the "Summer Hits" expansion as well!

Thousands of songs to build your timeline.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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DONALDA, AB 2026



**CANADA IS
159 YEARS OLD**



Sharon Church

Pancake Breakfast
10-12



Bounce House
at Lamp Park

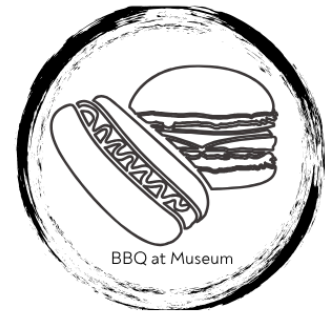


Donalda
Senior
Center

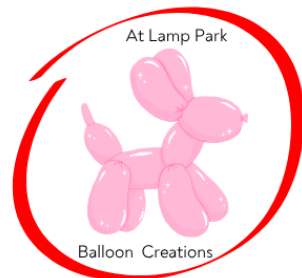
Pie and Coffee
12-4



Face Painting at
Lamp Park



BBQ at Museum



At Lamp Park

Balloon Creations

Pancake Breakfast 10-12 (free will offering-Sharon Church), Pie and Coffee 12-4 (Donalda Senior Center), Parade (kids welcome to participate) 4 pm, food, ice cream, bouncy houses. dunk tank, face painting, balloon animals, outdoor games, fire department challenge - by World's Largest Lamp 12 pm, plus more. Fireworks Supper TBD 5-7 PM



At Lamp Park

Food Truck



Dunk Tank at
Lamp Park



Outdoor games at the
Donalda School 1-3 PM



At Lamp Park

Truck

Food Locatons

Coulee Tea House
Donalda Museum
Donalda Tavern
Food Truck



BBQ
Refreshments
Snacks
Music
Bonfire
After supper at the Lamp
Park until Fireworks

Karaoke
Donada Tavern
w/ Wing Night

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SUMMER FUN & LEARNING (DONALDA & FORESTBURG)

PHONE: 403-883-2013
EMAIL: JANICE@SOVEREIGNGIG.COM
(PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY)

Bible Study

Mondays @ 7 pm (online)
Tuesdays @ 1 pm (in person)
Study of Good News Gospel
Everyone Welcome!



Bible Book Club



Why do “you” matter?
Beginner & Intermediate classes
Online and In-person
July – Galatians / August - Ephesians

Kingdom Speakers



Build confidence - learn the art of public speaking. Practical applications – job interviews, debates, presentations, podcasts.

Summer Reading & Writing



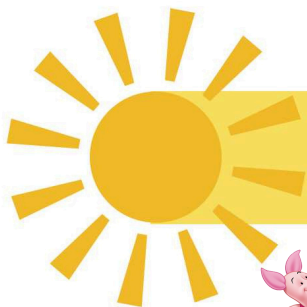
Combine reading with fun activities
Scavenger hunts, themed bingo, read with friends, write with purpose!
Encourage lifelong love of reading!

Courses & More!



Creating a portfolio (personal, school, workplace, university)
God at the Bedside (thought provoking, text available)
Global Issues (interdisciplinary)

Father's Day was adopted in Canada from the United States, with observance beginning in the 1920s and early 1930s. While inspired by the first U.S. celebration in 1910, Canada never officially declared it a public holiday, but it has been widely observed on the third Sunday of June since its popularization, often promoted by retailers in cities like Toronto.



JUNE

2026



"A day spent with you is my favorite day. So today is my new favorite day."



SUN

MON




TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

	1 Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM 	2 Grade 3-6 Track Meet in Big Valley	3  Crib at Drop In 1 PM all welcome	4	5	6 Coffee Social Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome  Ranch Rodeo at Donalda Equestrian Centre
7  Services 10 AM	8 June 8-19 School Exhibit at art Gallery Jr High Track Meet Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM  Promotion Society Meeting 7 PM at the Church	9 Bible Study 1 PM 2120 Haviland St Donalda Village Residents Committee Meeting 7 PM At Drop In	10	11 Reg Drop In Meeting at Noon at Drop In	12 Gr 9 Farewell/ Subway Hot Lunch	13 Coffee Social Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome 
14  Services 10 AM	15 Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM  Pull Up A Chair Community Supper 5-7 PM at Hall Court Whist 7 PM at the Drop In	16 K-4 year end trip to Tyrell Museum Bible Study 1 PM 2120 Haviland St Regular Meeting Council 7 PM Council Chambers	17  Crib at Drop In 1 PM all welcome	18 K-2 Track Meet Donalda Cash Bingo at the Drop In 7 PM Doors Open at 6:30 PM	19 Free Hot Lunch for School from Coulee Tea House	20 Coffee Social Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome 
21  Services 10 AM HAPPY Father's DAY	22 Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM 	23 Bible Study 1 PM 2120 Haviland St	24 Last Day of School Swimming in Camrose for whole school	25 Pd Day - no school for students	26	27 Coffee Social Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome 
28  Services 10 AM	29 Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM 	30 Water Bills Due	 See Poster for all the Great Activities			INFO: Floor Curling \$2 - all welcome Whist \$2 - Contact Marlene 403-883-2381 Crib \$3 - all welcome