

DONALDA LITE

September 2^{Labour Day!} 26

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VILLAGE ESSENTIALS

MESSAGE FROM DONALDA VILLAGE OFFICE

The Regular Meeting of Council will occur on:

Tuesday September 22 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-Thur-Fri 10 am-5 pm

403-883-2100 Open Sept 5-7 & 15-16

Email: info@donaldamuseum.com

Facebook: @Donalda&DistrictMuseum

Website: www.donaldamuseum.com

Gallery for the Arts

Hours: Same as Museum

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

403-883-2121

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

September 28, 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. This year so far we have welcomed 3 new residents to Donalda with three more to give out.. 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

Big Valley Bottle Pick Up 403-876-2640



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



— People. Services. Community. —

THE PEOPLE, SERVICES AND OPERATIONS THAT KEEP DONALDA RUNNING EVERY DAY.



DONALDA BY THE NUMBERS



88.57

HECTARES

The Village of Donalda encompasses approximately 88.57 hectares.



9

SERVICE REQUESTS

Municipal service requests responded to in August.



4

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Development permits issued in 2026 to date.



Behind every number is work happening throughout Donalda—responding to residents, maintaining infrastructure and supporting the day-to-day operations of our community.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT



Bylaw enforcement helps ensure our community remains safe, clean and enjoyable for all.

In August, there were

5

ACTIVE FILES

addressed by Bylaw Enforcement.



Thank you for helping us keep Donalda a great place to live, work and play!

OPERATIONS THIS MONTH



Fall cleanup and green-space maintenance



Road & drainage inspections



Water system monitoring and flushing



Wastewater system monitoring



Equipment servicing & winter prep



Preparing today helps us avoid bigger problems tomorrow and ensures we're ready for the season ahead.



GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Turning outside opportunities into local results



CANADA DAY

Grant funding secured to support our community celebration.



ALBERTA DAY

Grant funding secured for the Second Annual Flannel Festival.



SCOTTS BEST GARDEN SELECTION

12 prize packages brought into our community to recognize residents who help make Donalda beautiful.



SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM

Grant funding helped the Village welcome *Dina* to our team for the summer.

Dina supported Public Works with mowing, weed trimming, watering gardens and flower beds, caring for the community garden and cemetery, and helping deliver prizes and congratulate our Scotts Best Garden winners.

Her work included:



Mowing



Weed trimming



Watering



Community Garden maintenance



Flower beds



Cemetery care



Behind these opportunities are applications, budgets, coordination, documentation and reporting—all focused on stretching local dollars further and bringing additional benefits to our community.



SEE SOMETHING? LET US KNOW.

Residents are an important extra set of eyes throughout our community.

Please report:



Water leaks



Road concerns



Sewer concerns



Damaged signs



Drainage issues



Municipal property concerns



VILLAGE OFFICE

403-883-2345

assistantcao@village.donalda.ab.ca



WATER-RELATED EMERGENCIES / PUBLIC WORKS

403-741-6468



PEOPLE



SERVICES



RESULTS



Maintaining today. Preparing for tomorrow.



DONALDA LIBRARY

Back To The Future

Date: TBD

Come watch a movie projector screening, totally free of charge, of the 1985 classic!

Book Club

Date: Wednesday, September 16

Time: 6 PM

The book club returns! We begin with "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans.

New members and 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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we move toward the end of summer, I would like to provide an update on our most recent council meeting and some of the important matters discussed.

A significant part of the meeting was the public hearing regarding the rezoning of a portion of village land in preparation for the proposed water reservoir and truck fill station. Council heard the feedback provided during the public hearing and later approved the bylaw amendment and rezoning of the land. This is another step forward in the process of developing this important infrastructure for our community, while ensuring that the required public process was followed.

Following the resignation of Councillor Metcalfe, the village will be holding a byelection to fill the vacant council position. Council will determine the official election date at an upcoming special council meeting. Further information will be shared with residents once the date and details have been confirmed.

Council also approved joining the Heartland Fire Commission, amended the capital budget, and made the decision to opt out of the Alberta Community Partnership Grant application due to concerns regarding the available funding and a lack of clarity surrounding the grant.

Our next regular council meeting will be held on September 22, 2026. Residents are always welcome to stay informed through the village office and our Facebook page for updates and upcoming meeting information. Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in our community. I hope everyone enjoys the remaining days of summer and has a safe and enjoyable start to the fall season.



CHURCH SERVICES AND
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

Next Services:

Sept 6 Pastor Lewis Smith
Sept 13 Pastor Dan Jefferies
Sept 20 Bernie Doan
Sept 27 Pastor Paul Reich



Bible Study
Monday's at 1:30 PM
2120 Haviland St.
Except Sept 7.

Psalm 113:3

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name
of the Lord is to be praised



Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing
ROMANS 15:13

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

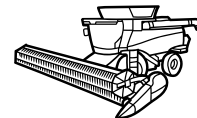
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**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**



CANOPY BOOKKEEPING

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Website: canopybookkeeping.ca



Sport Park
Outdoor Courts at the
School

Public Hours

10:30-11:30 Weekdays
1:30 - 3 Weekdays
Evenings and Weekends



Attend the Donalda Coulee Friendship Club

PANCAKE *Breakfast*



● **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH** ●

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** ●

MUSEUM DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 2026

5:00-7:00 P.M.

AT THE DONALDA DROP IN CENTRE

Menu

CRUSTED PORK LOIN & APPLE SAUCE

GARLIC ROASTED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS & MUSHROOMS
YUMMY TURNIPS
SALADS, BUNS, DESSERT & BEVERAGES

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

COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE DONALDA MUSEUM

FUNDS GOING TO DONALDA
CREAMERY RESTORATION

CASH BINGO



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Every Third Thursday of the month

17

**Thursday
September 17th**

★ 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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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.

MUSEUM WINTER HOURS:

MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, 10AM-5PM

WE WILL BE OPEN FOR THE LONG WEEKEND; SEPTEMBER 5,6,7 AND SEPTEMBER 15 & 16

SUMMER STUDENTS:

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR CANADA SUMMER JOBS STUDENTS CHLOE, DAWN AND MERCEDEZ FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK THIS SUMMER! ASIDE FROM KEEPING UP WITH VISITORS, THESE LADIES WERE ABLE TO WATERPROOF THE DECK AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST LAMP, REPAINT DISPLAYS AT THE GALLERY, CLEAN OUR MASSIVE LAMP COLLECTION AND MUCH MORE! THANK YOU!

MUSEUM DINNER:

WELCOME BACK OUR FAN FAVORITE MUSEUM DINNERS STARTING OCTOBER 1ST WITH DELICIOUS PORK LOIN FROM 5PM-7PM AT THE DROP IN CENTER!

PULL UP A CHAIR

Sept 21 , 2026

Free Community Supper 5-7 PM at Hall
For Donalda Residents



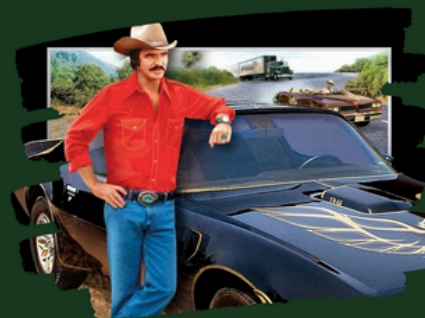
**Corn on the Cob,
Corned Beef, Hotdogs,
Salads
Desserts**



Smokey and the Bandit
Saturday, September 19, 2026
Movie starts at dusk

FEATURING...

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



DONALDA & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY PROMOTION
SOCIETY



Our next meeting is Aug 31, 2026 at 7 PM.
Sharon Church

Our 7th Pull Up A Chair Dinner was another
success - 75 plus people

Thank You to all the Volunteers and Donations
so we can keep this going

For our next meal - Corn on the Cob, Hot
dogs, corned beef, coleslaw, potato salad,
desserts

Next events: Sept 19 Drive In

Donalda Promotion Society is having a raffle to raise money for future new events,
etc like mini golf, corn hole tournament, parade float.

\$2 ea or 3/\$5

Purchase by reaching out here, Pull Up a Chair Supper, Drive In Movie in Sept or
Village Office



Draw Date is Sept 19, 2026 at the Drive In Movie

Call Heather T for Raffle Tickets 780-781-0075



The Donalda & District Agricultural Society would like to thank a long time employee for her service to our society and to our community.

Jenn Wells has been a valued employee for many years and we wish her all the best in her full time employment with the Village of Donalda.

Good Luck Jenn with your water ticket, we will miss you!

The Ag Society would also like to thank Gavin Gallon for his hard work as our Summer Student these past 2 months and wish him a wonderful year at Vermilion College.

Our facility rates will be going up in our new calendar year which is Oct 1st. It was a hard decision but with rising costs we had to do it. If you need to rent a facility, please call Mary Mueller for a rental quote 403-883-2469.

Custodian Position available asap.
\$25/hr starting wage with an average of 20 - 30 hours per month
wcb provided

duties include the cleaning of the Community Hall, Equestrian Center and Willow Canyon, supplying keys for rentals at times and snow removal at these facilities when needed.

Please send your resume to donaldaagsociety@gmail.com
Next Ag Meeting Sept 16, 2026 at 7 pm.
Our meeting will now be every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

LET'S TALK DONALDA Actions, Answers & Updates

The Donalda Village Residents & Owners Committee held its monthly meeting on August 4, 2026, attended by 7 committee members along with 12 residents and property owners. We reviewed topics discussed at the July meeting but focused on the financial reporting that was provided by an independent review of the Village's publicly available financial information. Here are a few updates from our meeting and the August Council meeting on topics we are working on.

1. Residents Committee & Council Update:

Administration recommended that Council not amend the bylaw to recognize the Residents Committee as an advisory committee or add it as a standing agenda item, citing governance considerations. Other communication options will continue to be used. Committee representatives will meet with the Mayor on August 26 to discuss this further.

2. 2025 Audited Financial Statements

The auditor did not present the 2025 financial statements at the August 18 Council meeting. Presentation is now scheduled at the special Council meeting on August 25.

1. **Community Financial Review:** Following the August 4 Committee meeting, a 41-page report was prepared outlining the information reviewed and discussed. The report was provided to Council, along with a delegation request to discuss the findings. At Council's recommendation, the Committee has contacted Administration to arrange a meeting for further discussion. The full report is available in the August 18 Council meeting package on the Village website. A copy can also be requested from the Committee at Donalda.vrc@gmail.com

2.

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 @ 7:00PM AT THE DROP IN CENTRE

Residents & owners are encouraged to attend; we welcome 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 Coulee Tea House or online using this QR code.



HOME BIBLE STUDY

Studying the Scriptures for Clarity, Insight, & Truth!



Study of Philippians

- Following Jesus' Example
- Kingdom Steps by Faith
- The Art of Gratitude
- Overcoming Life's Obstacles
- Trusting, Rejoicing, Giving Thanks for the day -to-day!

SEPTEMBER

EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON @ 1:30 PM

403-883-2013 | janice@sovereigngig.com
2120 Haviland St Donalda AB (side door)

LABOUR DAY - is the first Monday in September and marks the achievements of workers, honors the labour movement, and serves as the final long weekend of summer



SEPTEMBER

2026



“It’s the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves.”



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MON

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THU

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INFO: Floor Curling \$2 - all welcome Whist \$2 - Contact Marlene 403-883-2381 Crib \$3 - all welcome		1 Donalda Village Residents Committee Meeting 7 PM At Drop In	2 Crib at Drop In 1 PM all welcome 	3	4	5 Coffee Social at Drop In 1:30 - 3:30 ALL WELCOME 
SHARON 6 Services 10 AM	7 Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM  LABOUR DAY	8	9	10 Drop In Reg Meeting at Drop In at Noon	11	12 Coffee Social at Drop In 1:30 - 3:30 ALL WELCOME 
SHARON 13 Services 10 AM Pancake Breakfast 10-noon at Drop In	14 Bible Study 1:30 PM 2120 Haviland St Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM  Promotion Society Meeting 7 PM at the Church	15	16 Crib at Drop In 1 PM all welcome  Adult Book Club Library 6 PM	17 Bingo at Drop In Doors open at 6:30 	18	19 Coffee Social at Drop In 1:30 - 3:30 ALL WELCOME  Drive In Movie Smokey & The Bandit
SHARON 20 Services 10 AM	21 Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM Bible Study 1:30 PM 2120 Haviland St Pull Up A Chair Community Supper 5-7 PM at Hall Court Whist 7 PM at the Drop In	22 Regular Meeting Council 7 PM Council Chambers Museum General Meeting 7 PM at Museum	23	24	25	26 Marlene's 80th Birthday 1-4 PM Drop In
SHARON 27 Services 10 AM	28 Bible Study 1:30 PM 2120 Haviland St Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM  Deadline for Oct Donalda Lite	29	30 Water Bills Due	Oct 1 Museum Pork Loin Dinner 5-7 PM at Drop in		