

**FREE**



**HOLDEN**  **TIMES**

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**DECEMBER 2025**



**Council Meetings : Regular Council Meeting will be December 15, 2025.**

**Notice to the General Public of the Village of Holden**  
**First Reading of the Master Fees Bylaw 11-2025**

The purpose of the proposed Master Fees Bylaw No. 11-2025 is to place all municipal fees and subsequent bylaw references into one bylaw.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be viewed at the Village Office, 4810 – 50 Street, Holden, AB.

If any resident of Holden has concerns with the proposed bylaw, they may send a notice of their concerns to the Village Office, Box 357, Holden, AB T0B 2C0. The notice must outline the concern(s) that the individual has with the proposed bylaw and the reason why they are concerned.

**Notice to the General Public of the Village of Holden**  
**First Reading of the Proposed Garbage and Sewer Rates Bylaw**  
**12-2025**

The Garbage and Sewer Rates Bylaw No. 12-2025 is to meet the requirements of the Alberta Municipal Government Act, Section 7 (g), whereby, a municipal Council may pass a Garbage and Sewer Rates Bylaw.

The purpose of the bylaw is for Council to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to impose Garbage and Sewer Rates for 2026 through to 2030 upon property owners within the Village of Holden boundaries.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be viewed at the Village Office, 4810 – 50 Street, Holden, AB.

If any resident of Holden has concerns with the proposed bylaw, they may send a notice of their concerns to the Village Office, Box 357, Holden, AB T0B 2C0. The notice must outline the concern(s) that the individual has with the proposed bylaw and the reason why they are concerned.

To post information in the *HOLDEN TIMES*, please submit by the 25th of the month by email to:  
[admin@holden.ca](mailto:admin@holden.ca)

## **Notice to the General Public of the Village of Holden** **First Reading of the Proposed Business License Bylaw** **13-2025**

The Business License Bylaw No. 13-2025 is to meet the requirements of the Alberta Municipal Government Act, Section 7 (e), whereby, a municipal Council may pass a Bylaw.

The purpose of the bylaw is for Council to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to impose the requirements to register for an annual Business License upon all business owners (including home-based business) within the Village of Holden boundaries.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be viewed at the Village Office, 4810 – 50 Street, Holden, AB.

If any resident of Holden has concerns with the proposed bylaw, they may send a notice of their concerns to the Village Office, Box 357, Holden, AB T0B 2C0. The notice must outline the concern(s) that the individual has with the proposed bylaw and the reason why they are concerned.



**Did you know?**

**You can pay bills at the Post office.  
Visit a Canada Post.**

**VILLAGE OF HOLDEN'S 2025  
CHRISTMAS  
DECORATING CONTEST**

**Judging will be Dec. 20 & 21**

**\*\*Please call the Office to register your  
home/yard at 780-688-3928**

1st - 3rd place prizes for Residential

1 prize for Commercial

1 Grand prize

Plus a prize for everyone who registers!!!!



**Register by Dec. 15**



**Sponsored by Economic Development Committee**

# WINTER WONDERLAND CELEBRATION!



Holden Complex (5123 50 Street, Holden)  
Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 4-8 p.m.

- Businesses, organizations and families are invited to decorate and submit a tree for judging at the festival for \$5, with all proceeds going towards the Christmas Cheer hamper program! (Please contact VBFCSS at 780-688-3928 to register your entry as soon as possible!)
- Community members are invited to judge the unique, creative entries on December 13 (entry is free, but donations to the Christmas Hamper program are appreciated!)



## ALSO FEATURED:

*\*Local craft sale by Artisans*

***(crafters, please contact VBFCSS to reserve a space!)***

*\*Burger and Fries Fundraiser in support of the Holden AG society*

*\*FREE refreshments and goodies provided by Viking Beaver FCSS*

*\*FREE public skating*

*\*FREE kids crafts*



BROUGHT TO YOU IN PARTNERSHIP BY HOLDEN AG SOCIETY, AND VIKING/BEAVER FCSS



# CRAFTING FOR WELLNESS

JOIN A LIFE-LONG CRAFTER AND EXPLORE THE POWER OF ART AND  
CRAFTING AS IT RELATES TO YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS!



**NOVEMBER 19 & 26  
DECEMBER 3 & 10**



**HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL  
2:00-4:00 P.M.**



*All ages/ability levels welcome!*

*Come with your own project, or join us in creating something  
together as a group!*

*Pre-registration welcomed, but not required.*

*For more information please contact Shannon at 780-688-3928 or  
[holdenprogram@vbfcss.ca](mailto:holdenprogram@vbfcss.ca)*



*Brought to you in partnership by:*



**Busy B  
Bargains**



# **Free Public Skating**

**(Donations gratefully accepted)**

## **Sundays 5-8pm**



## **Shinny Fridays 6-9pm**

## **Holden Complex**

**5123 50 St**

**Helmets are required by all skaters**



*Merry  
Christmas*

DEAR PATRONS  
**THE HOLDEN LIBRARY**  
WILL BE CLOSED  
DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
REOPEN  
JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2026

—  
*WARM GREETINGS THIS  
HOLIDAY SEASON.  
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!*

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR E-RESOURCE  
THEY ARE AVAILABLE 24-7  
GO TO HOLDEN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY WEBSITE  
CLICK ON E-RECOURSE

DECEMBER

| Sunday                                                                                                                    | Monday                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                | Wednesday                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                           | 1                                            | 2<br><u>Library Open</u><br>10am-6pm<br><u>NU2U2 Open</u><br>12-4pm<br><u>Senior Center</u><br>1:30pm  | <u>Crafts</u><br><u>Workshop</u><br>2-4pm      |
| 7<br><u>Gallery Open</u><br>12-4pm                                                                                        | 8                                            | 9<br><u>Library Open</u><br>10am-6pm<br><u>NU2U2 Open</u><br>12-4pm<br><u>Senior Center</u><br>1:30pm  | <u>Crafts</u><br><u>Workshop</u><br>2-4pm      |
| 14<br><u>Gallery Open</u><br>12-4pm                                                                                       | 15<br><u>Council Meeting</u><br>6pm, Village | 16<br><u>Library Open</u><br>10am-6pm<br><u>NU2U2 Open</u><br>12-4pm<br><u>Senior Center</u><br>1:30pm |                                                |
| 21<br><u>Gallery Open</u><br>12-5pm<br> | 22<br><b>OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b>               | 23<br><u>Library Open</u><br>10am-6pm                                                                  |                                                |
| 28                                                                                                                        | 29                                           | 30<br><u>Senior Center</u><br>1:30pm                                                                   | Last day<br>pay Taxes<br>and Utilities<br>Bill |

# BER 2025

| Wednesday                           | Thursday                                                                                  | Friday                              | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3<br>ing for<br>ellness<br>m, Hall  | 4<br><u>Library Open</u><br>4-8pm                                                         | 5<br><u>Gallery Open</u><br>12-4pm  | 6<br><u>Library Open</u><br>9am-12pm<br><u>Gallery &amp; NU2U2 Open</u><br>12-4pm                                                                                           |
| 10<br>ing for<br>ellness<br>m, Hall | 11<br><u>Library Open</u><br>4-8pm                                                        | 12<br><u>Gallery Open</u><br>12-4pm | 13<br><u>Library Open</u><br>9am-12pm<br><u>Gallery &amp; NU2U2 Open</u><br>12-4pm<br><u>Winter Wonderland</u><br>4-8pm, Complex                                            |
| 17                                  | 18<br><u>Library Open</u><br>4-8pm                                                        | 19<br><u>Gallery Open</u><br>12-7pm | 20<br><u>Library Open</u><br>9am-12pm<br><u>Gallery Open</u><br>12-7pm<br><u>NU2U2 Open</u><br>12-4pm<br><u>Music Jam</u><br>2pm. Hall<br>Christmas Decorating<br>contest → |
| 24                                  | 25<br> | 26<br>→                             | 27                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 31<br>ay to<br>axes<br>ility<br>s   |                                                                                           |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                             |



1. You better not never tell nobody but God. It'd kill your mammy.

Who is it?



2. Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show.

Who is it?



3. "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents," grumbled Jo, lying on the rug.

Who is it?

4. We slept in what had once been the gymnasium.

Who is it?

## Holden Library one line phrase From books who is it



5. The boy with fair hair lowered himself down the last few feet of rock and began to pick his way towards the lagoon.

Who is it?



6. When he was nearly thirteen my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow.

Who is it?



7. Many years later, as he faced the firing squad, Colonel Aureliano Buendía was to remember that distant afternoon when his father took him to discover ice.

Who is it?

8. You will rejoice to hear that no disaster has accompanied the commencement of an enterprise which you have regarded with such evil forebodings.

Who is it?



# MUSIC JAM / OPEN MIC

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL  
4919 - 49 Ave.  
HOLDEN, AB



**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 20/2025**  
**2 PM**

Admission - \$ 5 per person  
Musicians/Participants - No Charge  
Come Dance/Listen to the Music



Light lunch available

Concession

For more info:

Dave 780-720-5839

or beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com



**MUSICIANS & SPECTATORS WELCOME**

# VIKING/BEAVER FCSS:

## HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES COURSES, PROGRAMS, & SUPPORTS

### **Crafting for Wellness**

Join a life long crafter and explore the power of ART and CRAFTING as it relates to your health and Wellness!



**Dec 3 & 10**  
**Holden Community Hall**  
**2:00 pm- 4:00 pm**



All ages, levels , ability welcome! Bring your own project, or join us in creating something as a group!

Pre-registration welcomed but not required For More Information call Shannon at 780-688-3928 or holdenprogram@vbfcss.ca

### **BRUCE STAY& PLAY**

**For families with children ages 0-6.**  
**Join us & the Camrose Family Resource Centre for activity play, story & song time, crafts, activities, & more!**

**Free of charge!**  
**Pre-registration not required.**

### **Dates:**

**December 5 & 19**  
**All sessions run 11 a.m. -noon**  
**at the**  
**Bruce Community Hall**

### **Winter Wonderland** **Celebration**



Please Join us for a dinner ,put on by the AG Society concession, craft vendors, Xmas tree judging, free public skating and MORE!

*Please contact the Holden FCSS to enter a Tree for the event or a craft table*  
*780-688-3928*

**Holden Complex (5123 50 Street, Holden)**  
**Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 4-8 p.m.**

### **VBFCSS Holden Christmas** **Season Hours**



**December 17:** Holden and Area Christmas Hampers delivered.

**December 19-January 4:**  
Holden FCSS office closed.

*Happy Holidays!*

Viking office: M-F, 8:30-12, 1-4:30. 4924 53 Ave. 780-336-4024  
Holden office: Monday-Thursday, 1-4:30 p.m.  
4810 50 St. 780-688-3928





# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS!

HOLDEN RURAL ACADEMY HAS STUDENT  
VOLUNTEERS FOR ANYONE THAT NEEDS HELP WITH:

YARD CLEAN UP

GARDENING

**VOLUNTEERS AVAILBLE ON:**

**MON/WED 2:10 – 3:45**

FOR ANY INQUIRES OR TO BOOK HELPERS PLEASE CONTACT:

C.DEY@HOLDENRA.CA

AND/OR

J.HOFFMAN@HOLDENRA.CA

OR CALL: 780-688-0232



## **Christmas opening hours:**

**Last weekend open with longer hours  
for your convenience**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**December 12-7pm**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 12-5pm**

**Reopening Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January regular hours  
12-4pm Fridays – Sundays**

**Private viewing and/or shopping available up to  
24<sup>th</sup> December by texting either**

**Julianne 780-490-9190, Tiffany 780-906-4002**

**or Gail 780-781-5796 or by emailing us at**

**thegalleryholden@gmail.com**

### **Who is it?**

1. Answer The Color Purple – Alice Walker
2. Answer David Copperfield – Charles Dickens
3. Answer Little Women – Louisa May Alcott
4. Answer The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood
5. Answer Lord Of The Flies – William Golding
6. Answer To Kill A Mockingbird – Harper Lee
7. Answer One Hundred Years Of Solitude – Gabriel García Márquez
8. Answer Frankenstein – Mary Shelley

# ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HOLDEN BRANCH NO. 56 NEWS & EVENTS

Crib Tournament every 3rd Friday of the Month @  
7pm except July & August

Interested in becoming a Legion member? Contact  
membership chair Ivan Hrabec at 780-679-5633 or  
email at i.hrabec@hotmail.com

The Legion is available for rent. Contact Peggy  
Nahirniak at 780-688-2109

## Holden Hotel Liquor Store

Hours 10am-9pm  
Monday to Saturday  
Closed Sunday  
Phone: 587-415-8656

## Patti's Place Now Open

Monday to Saturday  
8am-7pm  
Closed Sunday  
587-415-8656 or 780-782-8055

# THE GALLERY

## Studio 14 Art Association

Julianne @ 780-490-9190

LOCATED AT 4916 - 49 AVENUE IN  
HOLDEN

HOURS: OPEN- FRIDAY,  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12-4PM

thegalleryholden@gmail.com



# COUNTRY Bottle Depot

Hours of Operation  
Tuesday & Saturday  
9 am to 5:00pm

5012 - 48 Ave  
Holden

780 688 3378  
780 632 9313 CELL

# COUNTRY KITCHEN

MAIN STREET  
HOLDEN, AB  
(780-688-2066)

## Hours of operation:

Monday – Friday 11:30am - 6:30pm  
Saturday 11:30am - 4pm

(Closed Sunday and Holidays)

## **NU2U2 Store** 4904 – 50 St

Tuesdays — 12 pm to 4 pm  
Saturdays — 12 pm to 4 pm

**Consignment and Donations  
by Appointment only**

Contact Mona @ 780-245-3921

or email:

holdensnu2u2@gmail.com



## **RYLEY POOL & WELLNESS CENTRE**

CALL THE POOL FOR MORE INFO

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Morning Lane Swim & Aquasize | Monday & Wednesday<br>7 - 9 am |
| Morning Lane Swim & Aquasize | Friday<br>7:30 - 9 am          |
| Public Swim                  | Mon, Wed, & Friday<br>6 - 8 pm |
| Public Swim                  | Sunday<br>2 - 5pm              |

(780) 663-3505

## **HOLDEN CHURCH LIST**

### **Emmanuel Evangelical Missionary Church**

Hwy 626 & Range Rd 152  
Pastor: Josh Briscall 780-884-1524

Sunday Service 10:30 am

### **Ukrainian Catholic Churches**

Holden (Descent of the Holy Spirit)  
780-688-3844

St. Mary's (South Holden) 780-688-2331  
Father Don Bodnar 780-679-0975

### **Council Meeting Dates:**

**Council Meeting– Regular Council Meeting is December 15, 2025.**

### **Village Office:**

Box 357, 4810-50 Street, Holden, Alberta, T0B 2C0

Phone: 780-688-3928 / Fax: 780-688-2091

Email: [cao@holden.ca](mailto:cao@holden.ca)

**Office Hours:** 8:30 am-12:00 noon & 1:00-4:30 pm

**Office Closed:** December 22-26, 2025 for Christmas Break.

*New to Holden? Pick up a Welcome/Info Package at the Village Office.*



### **Website:**

**[www.holden.ca](http://www.holden.ca)**