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HOLDEN  TIMES

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Council Meetings : Regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026 @ 6:30pm. Meetings are open to the public to listen in the Village Office or by Zoom.



NOTICE VILLAGE OF HOLDEN

now requires Business Licenses

Any business including home based businesses must apply for a business license. There is an annual fee but you only need to do an application one time.

Per Bylaw 13-2025 that was passed March 16, 2026.

**Call the Village Office, if you have any questions or would like to read the bylaw.
780-688-3928**

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

Village of Holden

NOTICE TO OUR RESIDENTS



It's that time again, to do our best to help make the Village a nice place to live. With this in mind, I am taking a bit of time to ask for your assistance with making the village a clean and attractive community.

Let's be aware of the Dos that can make our community a better and safer place to live, with less complaints and enforcement necessary.

DO:

- Clean up the debris around your properties so the Village does not need to issue fines;
- If you are able and your property is in need, please paint your sheds, decks, etc.;
- Remember to keep your grass and weeds mowed and treated;
- Remember the hedges around your property are not to be higher than 6' in the back and 3' in the front. If your property's hedges are higher than this, please make every effort to rectify the issue;
- Remember that your back yard fence must not be higher than 6' and 3' in the front yard and that they must be constructed with proper fencing material (see Land Use Bylaw for details)
- Remember that the Big Bins are going to be in the Village from May 15 to May 20;
- Remember that for bigger items, such as debris, mattresses, etc., these can be dropped at the Claystone Waste site in Ryley for no charge to Village residents;
- Remember that if you drop a mattress in the regular garbage bins or leave waste by the bins, Claystone is going to charge the Village \$500 for every time this happens. This means that the garbage fees will need to be increased to cover off these extra charges;
- Remember that you may only have 2 unregistered vehicles on your back property;
- Remember unregistered vehicles will be ticketed if parked on the street or boulevards;
- Remember unless you have a front driveway (permits needed) you are not to park your vehicle(s) on the front lawn;
- Remember to move your motorhomes, RVs, boat trailers off the street after 48 hours of parking there;
- Remember you are not to live in your motorhomes or RVs unless there is short-term situation and you have a development permit to do so.

- Remember you are not to park your vehicles, quads, etc., on Village boulevards. These will be ticketed;
- Remember your sheds are not allowed in your front yard;
- Remember to be kind to your neighbours and keep your property clean;
- Do remember that Village staff are not available 24/7 and their personal social media is not for work related concerns;
- Remember that Village staff are not to be abused in any format;
- Remember that Village staff and Council care about this community and are doing the best we can to ensure that you live in a safe and clean environment.

Respectfully,

Rosemary Offrey,
Chief Administrative Officer

We are committed to providing a safe, healthy, secure and respectful environment through the prevention of violent, abusive and aggressive behaviour.

**Village of Holden has a
“Zero Tolerance Policy”
for all forms of abuse.**

We reserve the right to take appropriate measures, which may include requesting you to leave or legal action if this policy is violated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Village of Holden receives \$310,019.33 dividend from Claystone Waste

Holden, Alberta – The Village of Holden is pleased to announce that it will receive a \$310,019.33 dividend from Claystone Waste Ltd. in 2026, \$13,479.10 more than the dividend paid out in 2025.

“2024 Holden Council decided that 80% of the Claystone dividends would be used to offset the cost of operating the Village, and the remaining 20% is reserved for future capital projects. These annual dividends from Claystone help to keep the Village sustainable by assisting with maintaining a reasonable level of service that doesn’t affect the residents’ tax bills. Such as; small grants for non-profit groups to help maintain the recreation and cultural services that the volunteer groups successfully manage. The Village Council is pleased to partner with the other four municipalities within the Beaver Region on the Claystone Waste valuable initiative. The service provided by Claystone Waste and the revenue the entity brings to the region are incomparable.”

“2025 marked the fifth anniversary of Claystone, and we were pleased to celebrate that milestone by once again increasing the dividends to our shareholder municipalities. These dividends are an important source of revenue as municipalities face growing infrastructure deficits and funding pressure. Claystone dividends translate into real benefits for residents by supporting local services, projects, and long-term community sustainability. This success reflects a strong regional partnership that delivers value back to the communities we serve.”

Meryl Whittaker, Chair, Claystone Board of Directors

Claystone Waste Ltd. is a municipally controlled corporation owned by the towns of Tofield and Viking, the villages of Ryley and Holden, and Beaver County. The organization provides waste management services across Alberta, including operating one of the largest landfills in Western Canada, along with five rural transfer stations and two commercial transfer stations in the city of Edmonton.

The annual dividend demonstrates Claystone’s commitment to reinvesting in the communities it serves and helps ensure long-term sustainability and prosperity across the region. For more information about Claystone Waste and its community contributions, visit www.claystonewaste.com.



COMIC BOOK DAY

MAY 2, 2026

FREE
COMIC BOOK

SATURDAY
9:00 A.M. TO
12:00 P.M.

WOW!

HOLDEN
LIBRARY



Psychological **FIRST AID** *for Everyday Conversations*

May 7, 2026
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Holden Community Hall

Registration Fee: \$20 ~ Lunch Provided!

We often see people on their good days and their hard days. Psychological First Aid training gives you simple, practical ways to respond when someone is struggling so you don't have to wonder what to say or do, especially when it matters most.



Pre-registration required:
Please contact Viking/Beaver FCSS at 780-336-4024
for more information or to register.

Brought to you in partnership by:



Crafting for Wellness

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

May 6 & 20

June 3 & 17

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***



Brought to you in partnership by:



**Busy B
Bargains**



MUSIC JAM / KARAOKE

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL
4919 - 49 Ave.
HOLDEN, AB



SUNDAY MAY 17/2026

Music Jam 1 PM
Karaoke 4 PM

Admission - \$ 5 per person
Musicians - 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

THE MUSEUM OPEN FOR 2026 SEASON



**Saturday
MAY 23, 2026**

2026 Theme; COMMUNICATIONS

Come explore our Exhibits in progress!

- See the Alberta MTC Telegraph Network
- View our Entertainment section
- Progress in the United Church addition
- Celebrate 100 Years of Royal Canadian Legion



**Open from 12 Noon to 4 PM
Season: May 23 to September 6
FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**

Other visit times can be arranged by appointment

Museum located at 4928 - 50 Ave, Holden, AB

**For more info or appt. , contact:
Dave at 780-720-5839 or
email: holdenmuseum@gmail.com**

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MUSEUM !

MAY

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wedn
		<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>		
3 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm		4	5 <u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm	<u>FCS</u> 2
10 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm		11	12 <u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm	
17 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Music Jam</u> 1pm, Hall <u>Karaoke</u> 4pm, Hall		18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 <u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm <u>Council Meeting</u> 6:30pm, Village	<u>FCS</u> 2
24 <u>Gallery & Museum Open</u> 12-4pm	<u>Gallery & Museum Open</u> 12-4pm 31		25	26 <u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm

2026

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p>2 <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm <u>Gallery & NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm</p>
<p>6 <u>SS Crafting</u> 12-4pm, Hall</p>	<p>7 <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p>	<p>8 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p>9 <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm <u>Gallery & NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14 <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p>	<p>15 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Legion Crib</u> 7pm, Legion LARGE ITEM</p>	<p>16 <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm <u>Gallery & NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm PICKUP →</p>
<p>20 <u>SS Crafting</u> 12-4pm, Hall →</p>	<p>21 <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p>	<p>22 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p>23 <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm <u>Gallery. NU2U2 & Museum Open</u> 12-4pm</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28 <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p>	<p>29 <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Museum Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p>30 <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm <u>Gallery. NU2U2 & Museum Open</u> 12-4pm</p>

Large Item Pickup

Information for residents of the Towns of Tofield and Viking, the Villages of Holden and Ryley, and the Hamlet of Bruce

Hamlet of Bruce: May 1 - 6

Bin locations:

- Community centre (404 Main Street) and lift station

Town of Tofield: May 8 - 13

Bins located west side of truck parking at 51 St and 51 Ave

Village of Holden: May 15-20

Bin locations:

- Empty lot at 5024-50 St
- Gazebo Park entrance on 51 St.
- Beside Beaver County's bins on 48 St.
- West of Public Works shop at 4920-48 Ave

Village of Ryley: May 22 - 27

Bin locations:

- Beside Village Office-50 St & 50 Ave
- Truck stop area-51 St & 50 Ave
- Trailer park-53 St & 52 Ave

Town of Viking: May 28

Curbside pickup, additional bins at Carena

Bins will be dropped off on the first day as noted above and will be collected on the day after the last day noted.

Dates are subject to change depending on equipment availability.



Spring 2026

Claystone Waste is pleased to once again help you with your spring cleaning as part of our Large Item Pick Up Program.

This bi-annual program is provided at no charge to our municipal partners and allows you to dispose of large items such as furniture and appliances.

This sheet provides general information about the program including what can go in the bins and how to dispose of other items.

Do you need assistance?

Claystone will provide assistance to seniors and people with health conditions in communities that do not have curbside pickup. We will pick the large items up from the driveway or property easements and dispose for you.

Please note we cannot enter private property. Any items needing disposal will need to be brought out of the home and put out onto the driveway or property easement.

Complete the form on our website at claystonewaste.com/large-item-pickup or call 780-663-2038 to arrange assistance.



Large Item Pickup: Your Questions Answered

What items are accepted for large item pickup?

Whether you are on a community bin program or curbside pickup, you can put any of these items out as part of the large item pickup:

- Mattresses
- Furniture (sofas, chairs, etc.)
- Appliances (stove, washer, dryer, etc.)
- Tires, barbeques (no propane tanks)
- Fridges, freezers, water coolers, air conditioners*

*You will need to purchase a \$25 Freon sticker for these items from your respective municipality. Each item will need its own sticker.

Freon stickers for Bruce available from Beaver County Office. Freon stickers for Tofield, Viking, Holden, and Ryley are available at the respective municipal offices.

Stickers are only valid in the municipality it was purchased.

What do I do with items you don't accept for large item pickup?

Many items, including scrap wood, electronics, paint, etc., are accepted at our transfer stations. Simply check our website at claystonewaste.com/transfer-stations to find out what items you can bring to the transfer stations located around the region.

Why can't I put yard waste, like branches and tree stumps, into the bins?

The large item pickup program is for household items that are too large for the regular community waste bins.

Tree branches take up a lot of space in the bins and often stick out, making it difficult to close the lid and create a hazard for our equipment. Tree stumps and logs can make the bin too heavy for our equipment to pick up.

It is better to bring large yard waste items to the landfill for proper disposal.

Can I put regular garbage in the bins?

Rather than taking up space for large items, please put your regular, bagged household waste and smaller household items into one of the smaller community waste bins.

What do I do if the bin is full?

If you see the bins are getting full, call us at 780-663-2038 so we can empty them. You can also take to one of the other bins in the community. Stacking items around the bins will make it difficult for our crews to empty the bins, can damage our equipment, and can delay the delivery of bins to the next community.

We are renovating our home. Can I put construction and renovation debris in the large item bin?

If you are undertaking a large construction or renovation project, or even a landscaping job, you can rent a bin from Claystone for this type of waste. This will keep the bins free for the large household items.

What do I do if I have to get rid of large items after large item pickup?

Residents of Holden, Ryley, Tofield, Viking, and Beaver County are all able to access any of our transfer stations year-round for the disposal of large household items and other recyclable materials.

Simply visit our website at claystonewaste.com/transfer-stations to confirm acceptable items at each transfer station location.

Keep in Touch

Contact us if you need more information on our waste management services!

Phone: 780.663.2038

Toll Free: 1.855.221.2038

Email: info@claystonewaste.com

Bill inquiries: ar@claystonewaste.com

Website: claystonewaste.com



Scan to receive waste collections notices!



VIKING/BEAVER FCSS:

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

COURSES, PROGRAMS, & SUPPORTS

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

Viking/Beaver FCSS is offering a free filing of personal income taxes for **low*** income individuals with **simple*** tax returns.

*The definition of "Low Income" is dependent on the number of family members & yearly total family income.

*Simple tax returns do not include farms, self employment, businesses, rental income, capital gains/losses, bankruptcy, or deceased individuals.

Registration forms are available at either our Viking or Holden location. For more information, please contact VBFCSS at 780-336-4024.

Stay and Play

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS AGES 0-6

JOIN US FOR ACTIVE PLAY, STORY AND SONG TIME, CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, PARENT RESOURCES, FAMILY SUPPORT AND MORE!

**FREE OF CHARGE
NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

VIKING ALLIANCE CHURCH
5115-48 STREET, VIKING, AB

MAY 8 & 22, 2026



Psychological first aid for every day conversations

MAY 7/2026
10:00 AM -3:00 PM

\$20 REGISTRAION -LUNCH INCLUDED
REGISTER BY CALLING VIKING @780-336-4024

THIS TRAINING PROVIDES SIMPLE AND PRACTICAL WAYS TO RESPOND TO SOME ONE WHOS STRUGGLING WHEN IT MATTERS MOST.

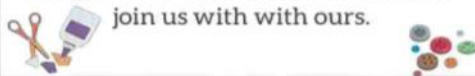
CRAFTING FOR WELLNESS

Please Join our Holden Programmer for a "craft and a chat"



May 6/2026
May 20/2026
Holden Community Hall
2:00-4:00

Bring your own project or feel free to join us with with ours.



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



**Bouncies, Foam Pit, and Movie will have a
small fee.**

\$5 per person/\$10 per family

HOLDEN FARMER'S DAY

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Parade

**Food &
Drinks**

**Balloon Man &
Petting Zoo**

Market

**Car
Show &
Shine**

Movie

**Bouncy
Castles**

Fireworks

**AND SO
MUCH MORE!!**

HOLDEN FARMERS DAY

SHOW & SHINE



\$10

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
AT 11:30 AM - 05:00 PM
HOLDEN ON MAIN STREET**

**\$10 fee & bring your Car, Truck or
Motorcycle!!!
Gift for every entry.**

You are invited to enter the parade line up at
the north side of Complex. Line up at 10,

Judging at 10:30.

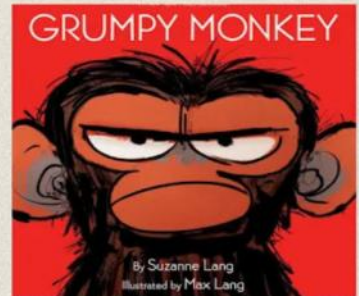
Show and Shine after Parade. A day Full of
Family Activities, Food, Music and More!



NLLS Bear



Little free library
June 2 -16



Read a Book
on the
Story Book Walk

FARMER'S DAY

JUNE 6, 2026



**ENJOY
EVENTS
, GREAT COMPANY
, AND
A TASTE OF
THE LOCAL
GOOD FOOD**



**HOLDEN LIBRARY
WILL BE
CLOSED ON
FARMER'S DAY**



Holden Community
Hall Association
would like to give a
HUGE

Thank You to
Beaver County

for their \$2500
donation to go
towards new sound
boards for the Holden
Community Hall



**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

587-415-8656 or 780-782-8055

GROCERY STORE

Hours: 10:00 am to 8 :00 pm
Monday to Saturday
Closed Sunday and Holidays

LIQUOR STORE

Hours: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Monday to Saturday
Closed Sunday

PATTI'S PLACE (RESTAURANT)

Hours: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Monday to Saturday
Closed Sunday and Holidays

**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)

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



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 7 - 9 am
Morning Lane Swim & Aquasize	Friday 7:30 - 9 am
Public Swim	Mon, Wed, & Friday 6 - 8 pm
Public Swim	Sunday 2 - 5pm

(780) 663-3505

HOLDEN CHURCH LIST

Emmanuel Evangelical Missionary Church

Hwy 626 & Range Rd 152
Pastor: Josh Briscall 780-803-1524

Sunday Service 10:30 am

Ukrainian Catholic Churches

St. Mary's (South Holden)

780-688-2331

Father Don Bodnar 780-679-0975

Council Meeting Dates:

Council Meeting– Regular Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Village Office:

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

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

Email: cao@holden.ca

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

Office Closed: May 18, 2026

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



Website:

www.holden.ca