JUNE 2020 Newsletter

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June 1 – City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Zoom
June 2 – Empire Theatre Meeting
11:30 a.m. – Feeding Station
June 2 – Ambulance Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Ambulance Building
June 2 – Senior Pinochle
1:30 p.m. – Tekoa Comm. Church
June 2 – Hospital Dist. Meeting
6:30 p.m. – City Hall
June 3 – Tekoa Bike Club
8:30 a.m. – Éclair's
June 5 – Chamber Meeting
7:30 a.m. – Feeding Station
June 9 – HTC
9:00 a.m. – Zoom Meeting
June 9 – FD #1 Comm. Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 101 N. Crosby

June 9 – Neighbors Watch Mtg.
10:45 a.m. – Éclair's
June 15 – City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. – City Hall or Zoom
June 16 – Park and Rec. Meeting
7:00 p.m. – City Hall
June 16 – Senior Pinochle
1:30 p.m. – Tekoa Comm. Church
June 24 – School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – District Board Room
June 25 – Tekoa Food Bank
8:00 a.m. – City Hall
June 29 – Ambulance Board Mtg.
7:00 p.m. – Ambulance Bldg.

All meetings are dependent on COVID 19 restrictions.

NOTICE: We will no longer be able to offer project share for our citizens. Since Tara Chittenden will be moving, no one else was willing to take it over. Obviously, we will not be taking donations on the utility bill. The Tekoa Emergency fund can take donations, and this helps people in the community. Thank you for all the kind donations over the years.

Tekoa Library Happenings for June: Thank you to the City of Tekoa's maintenance crew, Duane and Kevin, for updating the lighting in the library. It looks wonderful, and we can't wait to open again so everyone in Tekoa can experience our bright, new look. Libraries are scheduled for opening during Phase 3 of our state's plans. We hope that will be in June, and we will communicate through our website (www.whitco.lib.wa.us), newsletter, and FB pages as to what to expect. Our summer reading theme this year is "Imagine Your Story." Watch the Tekoa FB page for info. about online programs and "grab and go" projects for readers of all ages. Although programs will have a different look, there will be reading challenges and prizes for kids, teens, and adults as there have been in past summers. If you have questions, you can leave a message at the library. We have a new phone number; it is 509-284-5657. See you soon!

HEALTHY Tekoa News: May this summer season bring about many sunny days to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. As we learn to live a new-normal (social distancing, constant handwashing/sanitizing, and facemask wearing), I am thankful we are moving through the re-opening phases. There are some great resources for parents on StartTalkingNow.org website and Facebook page. This is the perfect time to increase your bonding time with your children. Give kids at least 15 minutes of one-on-one time every day, do fun things together, give positive feedback about the healthy choices your child makes, and eat as a family five times per week. With schedules in a state of flux, it is important to set clear rules and talk about them often. Always monitor what your kids are doing, and help them plan safe and fun activities. You can check out healthytekoa.org for some ideas. The next Coalition Meeting on June 9th will be held via Zoom at 9 a.m. There will be special presentations given as we close out the school year. Please join us and contact Jennifer Olson at jolson@tekoasd.org to be added to the email list.

Tekoa Residents:

In times of crisis it is important to look to the youth in how to respond. In that spirit, a new mural will be installed on Warren Street on the retaining wall that elementary students pass by every day. This mural will stand in memory of this pandemic and will show the resilience of our students and community. Although the mural will be small at first, it will be a place for future students to build upon. Thanks to the Tekoa Junior High and High School students who came together over zoom to develop a concept and construct a lasting statement to the 2019-2020 school year. The mural will be unveiled on June 13, 2020. Special thanks to Sherwin-Williams, Manito, for donating the paint for the project. Robert Heagy, Tekoa HS Art Teacher.

To Tekoa Residents and Visitors of Tekoa Parks:

The Tekoa Parks and Recreation District #6 takes great pride in providing areas where anyone can enjoy a little bit of nature in a quiet and clean environment. Unfortunately for many visitors, some folks have decided they don't have to pick up after their pets after visiting our city parks. This is not only unsightly and rude; it is required by city ordinance to pick up after your pets and is enforceable by citation and fines. Another problem is unsupervised children in the parks who are leaving toys, litter, debris, and clothing, and are damaging park property, creating an unsightly and uninviting park. We ask that you pick up after yourselves, your pets, and your children to help us keep the parks a place where everyone will want to spend some quality time. Thank you for your assistance in this matter and for your continued support.

The Tekoa Parks and Recreation Board

Messages from the Mayor~

Greetings Tekoa,

Everything is green! I hope you're enjoying this wonderful weather. I know we are. It's supposed to be close to 90 degrees this weekend.... Wow, I wish we could be in the woods camping right now. Hopefully we'll be in Phase 3 and 4 of reopening soon.

In the meantime, we are in Phase 2 and local businesses are back open! I'm so glad to see that we're able to get out and shop local. I would encourage you to support these fine folks while we're still opening up America.

The senior cruise night was just a few days ago where we were able to recognize our students from afar. Congratulations, graduates! It makes me so proud to be a part of Tekoa when I see this community come together like that. I hope our cruise night continues. It's such a fun time to see everyone out and about.

What you need to know:

- Crosby/Park Street reconstruction is well underway. Yes, there have been interruptions in water service at times, because the machinery is heavy, and it breaks those old pipes when the machines are moving around. Believe me, they aren't doing it on purpose. Just think... in a few weeks you'll have brand new water pipes and a shiny new road!
- If there is a "planned" interruption of water or sewer service that will affect you, you'll be notified.
- Empire Disposal sent notification letters to all of its service area letting people know that they don't drive the alleys anymore. If your garbage pickup was in the alley, you should have received a notice that you need to wheel the can down to the street on garbage day. If you didn't receive a notice from them and you're wondering why they're not picking up your garbage, well... now you know!
- The CARES act and Governor Inslee granted Tekoa a $25,000 Covid-19 emergency fund. If your business was negatively affected by the pandemic, please contact Tekoa City Hall.

We're still in some weird times, folks. Hang in there.

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