

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

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April 1 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.

6:30 p.m. – City Hall

April 4 – Chamber of Commerce Mtg.

7:30 a.m. – Éclair's

April 7 – City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m. – City Hall

April 7 – Tekoa EMS & EMT Training

6:30 p.m. – Ambulance Barn

April 10 – Empire Theatre Board

5:30 p.m. – Empire Theatre

April 15 – Tekoa Parks and Rec Mtg.

6:00 p.m. City Hall

April 21 -City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m. – City Hall

April 22 – Healthy Tekoa Coalition

9:00 a.m. – School District Boardroom

April 23 – School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Tekoa SD Room

April 24 - Food Distribution

8:00-11:00 a.m. – City Hall

April 28 – Tekoa Ambulance

6:30 p.m. – Board Meeting

***The City of Tekoa will have our council meeting in the Tekoa City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, April 7 and 21, at 6:00 p.m. You may join in person. ***

Message from the Mayor—

Greetings to everyone. It's so nice to walk outside and hear birds chirping. Spring is right around the corner. Pretty soon we'll be fighting off bees at the barbecue and swatting mosquitoes at dusk.

The city employees recently decided to unionize. That is their right if they wish. The union representative will be attending the April 21 council meeting explaining how this all works.

Also, at that meeting we will be discussing "Tiny Houses" and how they might fit in our town, so if you have an opinion you might want to show up and be heard or submit a statement to the office.

Along those lines, you may have noticed that a short survey is included. Please take time to read it and give feedback. I understand that you may not fully understand what the ordinance says. I'm seeing what we can do to help.

The Upper Columbia Academy volunteers are coming again on May 7 to continue serving the community.

I would like to thank you for your patience. It's always a pleasure to bring you up to speed and as usual, I am quite sure I have forgotten something I was supposed to include. Oh yeah, if you have a sewer issue, don't be afraid to call the city to make sure the problem is diagnosed properly.

Roy

"Challenges are what makes life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." Joshua J. Marine



Tekoa Food Pantry

Tekoa Food Pantry will distribute commodities on March 24, from 8-11 a.m.

Tekoa Parks and Recreation

Tekoa Parks and Rec. is hiring lifeguards for summer 2025. Applicants must be at least 15 years old. Lifeguard Training Certification and first swimsuit provided upon employment contract. Check the Tekoa Parks and Recreation Facebook page or high school office for an application. Tekoa has new playground structures at Gymkana and Ruhl Parks! The grant application for this equipment was submitted in December 2023, accompanied by approximately 300 Tekoa citizen signatures in support of our endeavor. The funds were received in April 2024, and the colorful playground structures were ordered and installed by Intermountain Playground Equipment. The remaining grant money will be used for pool improvements. Despite current circumstances, the Parks and Recreation Board continues our commitment to our community.

Healthy Tekoa

This month's FREE family bonding event is sponsored by FCCLA student, Tekoa Chamber and HEALTHY Tekoa: Community Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. at the Football Field for ages 0-12. Kids need to bring their basket or bag for some egg-hunting fun. You may even catch a glimpse of the Easter Bunny!

Mark your calendars: Year in Review & Recognition event on Wednesday, May 7, at 1 p.m. in the high school gym. Come and celebrate our youth's work to help keep our community healthy.

Prescription Take Back & Safe Storage is more than an event; it is all year long.

You may pick up a free, postage pre-paid, mail-back envelope for unused prescriptions from the Tekoa Pharmacy or Tekoa City Hall. This month you may stop by the Tekoa Food Pantry on Thursday, April 24, from 8-10 a.m. for a medicine lock box (one per family) for safe storage.

Tekoa Library

- Book sale April 1-10 during library hours
- Crafters' Circle April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, at 4 p.m.
- Storytime April 3, 10, 17, 24, at 11:45 a.m.
- Special Storytime April 10, at 11:45 a.m.
- Kid's Club April 9 drop-in between 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Tween/Teen Club April 23, at 12:15 p.m.



Empire Theatre

NEWSFLASH. The theater repairs are finally complete! First, we will have the Miss Tekoa coronation on Saturday, April 12, at 4:00 p.m. Then, the following Saturday, we will be showing ONWARD at 6 p.m.

Survey Questions

Do you feel we have an adequate police presence, and if not, would you support a levy to provide more coverage?

The city recently passed an ordinance addressing the guidelines for the use of container units. Do you agree or disagree with that ordinance?

The city is researching the possibility of allowing "Tiny Homes" to some degree in town. Would that be a good addition, or would that have a negative impact?

What do you think the city needs to do to improve?