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#### FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

February 3 - City Council Meeting February 18 -City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. - City Hall 6:00 P.M. - City Hall

February 3 - Tekoa EMS & EMT Training February 18 - Tekoa Parks and Rec Mtg.

6:30 P.M. - Ambulance Barn 6:00 P.M. - Tekoa Grade School

February 4 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist. February 24 – Tekoa Ambulance

6:30 P.M. – City Hall 6:30 P.M. – Board Meeting February 7 – Chamber of Commerce Mtg.

February 26 - Tekoa School Board Mtg. 7:30 A.M. – Éclair's 6:00 P.M. – Tekoa SD Boardroom

February 11 - Healthy Tekoa Coalition February 27 - Food Distribution 9:00 A.M. – School District Boardroom 8:00-11:00 A.M. - City Hall

\*The City of Tekoa will have our council meeting on Monday, February 3, and 18, at 6:00 P.M., in the Tekoa City Hall Council Chambers. You may join in person. \*

### Message from the Mayor—

Greetings to all,



I trust you are all well. We should never take our health and well-being for granted. We all know someone who can use our thoughts and prayers. Take time to drop a note or call someone you know who could use a kind word. I know your kindness will help them and fill your cup.

The council has been exploring how "tiny houses" and "shipping containers" fit in our community. It seems the community is split about three "ways". Those in favor, those against, and those who don't really have an opinion. "That," said, we are putting together a questionnaire that will go out in the next newsletter that we will ask you to fill out to track how the residents are feeling about the direction of the city, and tiny houses and containers will be part of the poll. The city is also discussing the possibility of sending the city utility bills and newsletter to your email address. As costs go up, this could be an area where we could save expenses. This won't happen right away as there are things to work out before it can take place. It would not be mandatory. If you like paper copies, we will certainly oblige you. I will have more details next month. Also, please look "at" the lead service line inventory and respond to the city as soon as possible.

I have recently had a few conversations with visitors to our city who were quite impressed with the "buzz" happening in our town. We ALL need to make an intentional effort to support our businesses and schools. I heard a line at a funeral the other day that kind of stuck. I believe it was, "If you think the Palouse is beautiful, you should meet the people." We need to be our town's best cheerleaders. Other people see it and we all should too. Ok, that's enough for this month. Thank you for your time and we'll talk in March.

Roy

"When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." Wayne Dwyer

## **Tekoa Food Pantry**

Tekoa Food Pantry will distribute commodities on February 27, from 8-11 A.M

#### **Empire Theatre**

Due to needed repairs, the Empire Theatre events are temporarily canceled.

# Healthy Tekoa

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Everyone deserves healthy relationships. All healthy relationships depend on a few key elements: healthy communication, healthy boundaries, mutual respect, and support for one another. If you or someone you know could use help, call the 24-hour crisis hotline:509-332-HELP (4357) or 208-883-HELP (4357)

More info from coalition partner, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, at atvp.org. Come out for a free movie, <u>Big Hero 6</u>, at the high school on Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 P.M. You can see how our local heroes with the Tekoa Ambulance get the job done and get a tour of an ambulance!

You can get connected with HEALTHY Tekoa at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 11, at 9:00 A.M. at the Tekoa School District Boardroom and Zoom. Email jolson@tekoasd.org for the meeting link. Join us and be part of positive change in our community!

#### **Tekoa Library**

Check out what's happening at Tekoa Library this month:

Storytime on Thursdays at 11:45 A.M.: February 6, 13, 20, 27. Crafter's Circle on Tuesdays at 4:00 P.M.: February 4, 11, 18, 24. Allergy-Friendly Cooking Class February 5 at 1:30-2:30 P.M. Early-Release Kid's Club Wednesday, February 26 at 12:15-1:30 P.M.





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