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FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

February 2 - City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
February 2 – EMS & EMT Training
6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn
February 3 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.
6:30 P.M. – City Hall
February 6 – Chamber of Commerce
7:30 A.M. Tobra Coffee
February 10 - Healthy Tekoa Coalition
9:00 A.M. SD Boardroom

February 12 – Empire Theatre Board
5:30 P.M. Empire Theatre
February 17 – City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
February 17 - Parks & Rec
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
February 22 - Food Distribution
8:00-11:00 A.M. – City Hall
February 23 – Tekoa EMT (Board meeting)
6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

Message from the Mayor

Good day, everyone. I hope you have recovered from the holidays and all that goes with it. It's always risky commenting on the weather because in the past, I have been accused of jinxing our mild winter. SOOO, I won't mention it.

By now, you've undoubtedly heard the city has hired a new Clerk/Treasurer, Kynda Browning. She comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience, and she is familiar with the city, as she was a previous Clerk/Treasurer for Tekoa. Although the job has evolved during her absence, I'm sure she will pick up the changes quickly and dive into doing the work of the city. I want to take this time to thank Deputy Clerk, Nikki Jensen, for holding down the fort during the transition, and previous Clerk/Treasurer, Eliza Evans-Teague, for handing over such a tightly run ship. We are incredibly fortunate to have had the staff we have. You don't have to look very far to find communities that need office staff. Stop in and say, "Thank you," when you get a chance. In the near future, the city will be going to paperless billing. This process will save the city considerable expense, postage, paper, envelopes, and time. Those of you who wish to opt out can do so by notifying the office when we get closer to the rollout date. The newsletter and the information that goes with it will be included in the Email you receive along with your utility bill. We've considered this for a few years, and it just seems the time is right.

Public Works is getting by with a bit of a short crew. Everything seems to be going fine as long as I don't jinx us. We will be monitoring Jeff's progress and developing a plan for the future. He's working his tail off to get back, so if you see him, root him on. Steven recently passed the third accreditation he needed to run the city's water system and sewer plant, no small feat. I'm not sure it's record time, but it is ahead of what I expected. The weather has helped with some outside projects we normally wouldn't have been able to get to. If you want a really good update on the sewer plant, check out the second meeting in the January city council meeting. The council went through several different options and had several questions answered by an engineer.

That seems like more than enough for now. Thanks for your time, and we will talk again in March. Roy

"Strength is not found in the loudest voice, but in the shared purpose that binds us."

The city is planning on implementing electronic utility billing in February; everyone with an email address on file will receive their bill and newsletter electronically. If you choose to opt out, please call City Hall.

Tekoa Food Pantry

Tekoa Food Pantry will distribute commodities on February 26, from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.



Empire Theatre

Sponsored by **HEALTHY TEKOA**, on Saturday, February 14, we will be showing You've Got Mail. Not only is the movie free, but you will receive 2 items free of charge. Since it's Valentine's Day, it will be an afternoon showing (2:00 PM), so you have plenty of time to go out on the town afterwards. For our classic movie this month, on Sunday, February 22, at 2:00 PM, we will be showing His Girl Friday, starring Cary Grant & Rosalind Russell. Don't forget to grab your free popcorn!

Tekoa Parks & Rec.

The Tekoa Parks and Recreation Maintenance and Operation Levy will be on Tuesday, February 10. Please check your mailbox for your ballot and vote. Thank you!

Tekoa Library

Food for Fines all month long:

- Crafter's Circle on Tuesdays at 4:00 P.M. February 3, 10, 17, 24
- Storytime on Thursdays at 11:45 A.M. February 5, 12, 19, 26
- Wednesday, Feb. 4, is Kids' Club at 12:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, Feb. 11, is Homeschool activity at 2 P.M.
- Wednesday, Feb. 18, is Book Club at 6:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, Feb 25, is tween/teen club at 12:30 P.M.

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-hr 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. We are sponsoring this month's movie, You've Got Mail, for you to spend time with your loved ones locally. Come on out for a free movie & snack at the Empire Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 2:00 P.M. You can get connected with **HEALTHY Tekoa** at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 10, at 9:00 A.M. at the School District Boardroom and Zoom. Email jolson@tekoasd.org for the meeting link. Join us and be part of positive change in our community!

Chamber of Commerce

Thank you to everyone who came out to the first **Cookie Crawl**. We hope you enjoyed the treats and visiting with neighbors.

Please welcome the **2026 Chamber Board!** *Susie Creger*, with Homestead General, is president, and *Sara Kane*, with Pat Kane Trucking, is vice president. *Jessica Sperber*, with Tekoa Pharmacy, and *Haleigh Varney*, with Banner Bank, are returning as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Membership Applications & Apparel Order forms are available now through March 31. Be sure to check out our website to find out more about the Chamber: ExploreTekoa.com.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY