

JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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July 1 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.

6:30 P.M. – City Hall

July 9 – Tekoa EMS & EMT Training

6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

July 10 – Empire Theatre

5:30 P.M. Empire Theatre

July 11 Chamber of Commerce

7:30 A.M. – Trestle Coffee

July 15 – Parks & Rec

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

July 21- City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

July 24 - Food Distribution

8:00-11:00 A.M. – City Hall

July 28 – Tekoa EMT (Board meeting)

6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

Message from the Mayor—

Happy summer, everyone!

As I write this, Slippery Gulch weekend has yet to take place, and I am hopeful the weather will continue as it has been. I am always interested in watching how the celebration goes, what works, and what could use a bit of tweaking. The committee works their tails off to make the weekend's best experience possible. New ideas and volunteers are always welcome, so if you think of something that could work, find a committee member and mention it. I am sure they will give you some time. That brings up my next topic: next year is the 250th birthday of the United States of America, and communities across the country have been encouraged to ramp up how we celebrate the anniversary. So, as soon as we get past this year's 4th of July, we should start thinking about how to make next year special.

Oh yeah, the 4th. It seems like every year we need to have this conversation. Most, if not ALL, of the fireworks sold in Idaho are illegal in Washington. Understand that if your fireworks cause any damage to homes or outbuildings or start a fire, you are liable. So, if you must, please limit your display to the night of the 4th, and please be done by midnight, that way our emergency personnel can get some sleep. Find a safe place, preferably out of town, and be careful and pick up your mess.

This summer, the city has several projects lined up, mostly sewer projects and hopefully a couple of sidewalks, along with some crack sealing on streets with a new process that we are going to experiment with. Over the years, it was not uncommon to fix sewer and water issues with a band-aid approach for various reasons that we won't go into here, but the crew is working hard to knock a couple of the more problematic ones out as time, money, and weather allow. It seems like as we get one issue resolved, two more pop up. Designating the most urgent can be tricky at times, but Steven has a good plan on how we can attack the work.

Code Enforcement has been active and will continue to monitor progress on lots and yards. I appreciate the response we have received and the efforts made by you, citizens, in addressing the issue. We are also aware of cars and abandoned vehicles out there and are attempting to remove the offending vehicles. As always, dogs take up a considerable amount of time; there have been several instances of loose dogs, and we are continuing to remedy the problems.

As many of you know, the city employees have decided to join the union. On July 14 at 6 pm, their union rep will be at City Hall to present the initial compensation proposal to the council. We are planning on getting the meeting up on Facebook, just like the regular meetings. This meeting is strictly informational, and there will be no negotiations taking place at that time.

I think that is enough for now. I would be remiss if I didn't take this time to mention the recent passing of a Tekoa High School senior, Emma Fuchs. Although Emma wasn't from Tekoa, she was a very proud Timberwolf. She loved and was invested in this community; in fact, some of her community service hours were spent painting the old city hall and rest stop bathrooms. If you would please say a prayer for Emma and her family and give those close to you an extra tight hug. Thanks, and we'll talk in August.

Roy

"When you are in the middle of life, it is hard to make sense of why things are, but often looking back, it is easy to connect the dots."





Tekoa Food Pantry

Tekoa Food Pantry will distribute commodities on July 24, from 8-11 A.M.

Tekoa Parks & Recreation Fun Facts

It was a beautiful opening day at the Tekoa Pool. About 75 people attended, and 37 passes were purchased. If you would like to purchase a pass or need help purchasing one for a family or an individual, please email us at tekoaparks@gmail.com or on Facebook Messenger.

Water aerobics are up and running, and the price is free! Thank you, Whitman County Hospital District #6, for making this possible. The weekly schedule is Tuesday at 12:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M., Wednesday at noon, and Thursday at 6:00 P.M. Starting July 10, night swim will be on Thursdays, 7:00 – 10:00 P.M. Family swim will be 7:00 – 8:00 P.M., with all swimmers from 8:00 – 10:00.

The second session of swimming lessons will be July 21- 31. If you are interested, sign up at the swimming pool.

Empire Theatre

On July 19, 4:00 – 8:00 P.M., we will have the 2nd annual “Cruise on Crosby” car show. At 6:00 P.M. we will be showing “Smokey and the Bandit”, starring Burt Reynolds and Sally Field, at 6:00 P.M.

Tekoa Library

- Crafter's Circle on Tuesdays at 4 P.M., July 8 (art bar), 15, 22, 29
- Drop-in Kid's Club Wednesdays 1:30-4 P.M. July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Tween/Teen Pendulum Painting on July 17 at 1:30 P.M.
- Craft Night at Trestle Coffee on July 15 at 6 P.M.
- Adult Book Club on July 16 at 6:30 P.M.
- Teen Book Club on July 30 at 3 P.M.



Healthy Tekoa

It was wonderful seeing our families and friends out at Slippery Gulch! Mark your calendars for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th, starting at 7 P.M. at the Gymkhana Park to recognize and support our local first responders. We partnered with the Whitman County Public Health and Banner Bank to bring food and activities for families and neighbors.

Keep Talking Tekoa! Fill your child's life with positive experiences, showing they are supported and protected. Help them become resilient with the ability to talk to family about feelings, feeling safe & protected by an adult at home, and participating in community traditions. Learn more at <https://healthytekoa.org/parentscorner/>

Enjoy your summer! Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 9, at 9 A.M. Email jolson@tekoasd.org for more info.

Chamber of Commerce

Thank you to all who came out and joined us at Slippery Gulch! It was great seeing new and returning faces at breakfast. I hope you all enjoyed our lovely town. Sincerely, Tekoa Chamber Board.

