

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

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March 3 – City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

March 3 – Tekoa EMS & EMT Training

6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

March 4 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.

6:30 P.M. – City Hall

March 7 – Chamber of Commerce Mtg.

7:30 A.M. – Éclair's

March 17 -City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

March 18 – Healthy Tekoa Coalition

9:00 A.M. – SD Boardroom

March 18 – Parks & Rec

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

March 20 – Chamber of Commerce Mtg.

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

March 27 - Food Distribution

8:00-11:00 A.M. – City Hall

March 31 – Tekoa EMT (Board meeting)

6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

Message from the Mayor—

Greetings to you. As I write this, it is raining and taking the snow down the creek with it. It sure didn't take long. I'm pretty sure we aren't done with snow, but we'll see. Speaking of which, I want to compliment and thank the crew for their efforts in keeping our streets clear and safe this winter. The addition of the second plow truck was helpful and allowed us some real flexibility. Thank you, Steven and Jessica, for convincing the city of the investment.

During a recent conversation, I was reminded of the importance of "Life Flight Insurance." In the event of an emergency, if a member of your family has to be transported by their service, it could cost you over \$50,000. However, I believe if you choose to purchase this Life Flight insurance, it covers everyone in your household. Look into it and see if it's something that fits your needs. The city continues to work with The Port of Whitman on developing the Faunce Airport property. Although the Port is doing the bulk of the work, the city is still heavily involved in the process requiring meetings and phone calls. We are very fortunate to be involved with such a knowledgeable and professional staff. The city and the Tekoa Golf Course board members are also in preliminary discussions with The Port about ideas for improving the golf course. We are just getting started with these talks. The Tekoa Airport is on track with the improvements taking place out there. Once the weather warms up, there should be lots of action taking place. When we get times and dates, we'll certainly let people know. Tentatively, the city is planning on providing a large dumpster for household cleanup and waste, and we are exploring the possibility of providing a solution for getting rid of old appliances with little or no cost to the homeowners. We'll keep you posted.

Public Works gave the council a list of about ten projects they would like to take care of in the city ranging from slow-draining sewer lines to replacing water lines and hookups where we suspect we could have leaks. How far we get on the list depends on how things go and what else pops up. Again, this spring the kids from Upper Columbia Academy are coming down to offer their help with cleaning, trimming, and sprucing up areas around town. We are meeting soon and should have some details then.

During our recent snow episode, there were several Good Samaritans in their snow machines taking care of the neighborhoods. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. You are part of the reason why living here is such a blessing: people taking care of people. Thanks for your patience and we'll talk in April.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." Sir Winston Churchill.

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." T.S. Eliot
~Roy

Tekoa Food Pantry

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

Tekoa Library

Please join us at the library for

- Crafter's Circle Tuesday 4:00 PM: March 4, 11, 18, 25
- Storytime Thursdays at 11:45 AM: March 6, 13, 20, 27
- Kid's Club March 19 at 12:15 PM
- Books and Bunco March 26 at 6:30 PM

Healthy Tekoa

The last week of March is National Poison Prevention Week. Every year half (50%) of all poison exposure cases involve children 6 years of age and under. Talk with your children about appropriate times to take medicine and to only accept it from a parent, caregiver, or doctor. Please be sure to lock up your medicines and edibles – even if kids do not live with you. The Washington Poison Center is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that is available 24/7 to provide free immediate expert treatment advice. Please post in your home & phone: 1-800-222-1222. You can get connected with HEALTHY Tekoa at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at 9 AM at the School District Boardroom and on Zoom. Email jolson@tekoasd.org for the meeting link. Join us and be part of positive change in our community.

Chamber of Commerce

We are excited to offer Chamber Quarterly Meetings in the evenings! Mark your calendar for March 20th at 6 PM in the Tekoa City Hall meeting room. Come find out what is happening, and lend your talents to upcoming community events and projects. (Open meeting)

Tekoa Parks & Rec. Fun Facts

Tekoa Parks and Rec. empowered 9 local youth in the summer of 2024 in leadership roles at the Tekoa swimming pool: 2 in management and 7 as lifeguards. Keep your eyes open for new happenings coming soon in the Tekoa Parks.

Announcement from Council Member David Tysz:

Tekoa City Council understands the financial strain many citizens are experiencing, and now the city needs to add to this situation with potentially large increases in your monthly water/wastewater sewer bill. Consequently, the council also feels the necessity for the City of Tekoa to tighten its belt. In doing so the council would invite members of the community to examine our city's budget to lessen the potential increases in both our water and sewer bills. If interested in joining such a committee, please give Dave Tysz a call at (509) 218-9651 to volunteer your time.

Slippery Gulch is Saturday, June 21, 2025!

The Slippery Gulch Committee has started preparations for this year's event. The Grand Marshal nomination forms have been distributed throughout the community and are due by March 25th via mail or email. Following this, the Tekoa Roots nomination forms will be released, providing an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our community members. We eagerly anticipate this year's event. Should you wish to offer assistance, share ideas, or express any questions or concerns, contact us at slipperygulch@gmail.com.

