

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

March 12 – Empire Theatre Board
5:30 P.M. Empire Theatre
March 16 – City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
March 17 - Parks & Rec
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
March 26 - Food Distribution
8:00-11:00 A.M. – City Hall
March 30eko EMT (Board meeting) 6:30
P.M. – Ambulance Barn

Message from the Mayor

Greetings to all, I pray everyone is doing well. There are always bumps and rough spots on the road, and how we choose to handle them brings us closer to those around us. Surrounding and trusting your spots can be difficult, but it can also be the most rewarding decision we can make. Reaching out to those in need is what makes Tekoa who we are and why we live here.

With the recent snowfall, I guess we need a reminder to remove trailers and other items not easily moved off the streets. Alleys should also remain clear in case of emergencies. I have also noticed an increasing number of vehicles parked the wrong way on streets. I know, I know...what's the big deal? Well, one, it's illegal, and two, it just doesn't look good. If you wish to complain, come and find me, I'm usually at City Hall between eight and nine every weekday. Recently, there have been many tree-trimming projects in town. I really appreciate your efforts to do your part in maintaining the trees and shrubs, and I'm glad that the burn pile is part of the solution. Just a reminder, though, PLEASE limit the size of the limbs to under 4 inches in diameter. The reason is really twofold. First is that when we burn, the window can be really tight, and the larger limbs won't burn down quickly, therefore causing the maintenance worker to sort through the debris to pull the larger limbs out. Secondly, if those limbs are set aside from the piles, then other citizens can come and salvage the wood for campfires and their heating needs.

Recently, I attended a couple of conferences on behalf of the city. The first was a meeting in Olympia that was in conjunction with the legislative session, at which time I met with our Representatives reminding them of the impending projects that the city is working on. The second conference was targeted towards mayors; it was highly informative and beneficial, and one of many takeaways was that I need to get better at communicating with you citizens, so I am developing a plan to get better at this.

Because of a recent unfortunate development, the city is in need of an assistant public maintenance worker. By the time you read this, the information will be in flyers and in the paper. Hopefully, the process will go well, and we can move along with the city's projects. Thanks for your time, and we'll talk in April. Roy

"At times, our light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with great gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."
Albert Schwetzer

***The Public Works Department has a new phone number for after-hours emergencies (509)759-1271. ONLY use this for emergencies involving water, sewer, or streets. This number will go directly to the on-call employee. If you are experiencing a sewer back-please make sure it is not your line that is clogged. ***

Tekoa Food Pantry

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



Empire Theatre

Y'all ready for some more Bingo?!? If you didn't make it for New Years you missed out (ask Alex Overton)! On Saturday, the 14th, it will be St Patrick's Bingo 50/50; cards are \$1 each. Doors open at 6 PM, Bingo is from 6:30-8:00 PM, concessions and drinks available. Our movie this month is sponsored by Myown LLC on Saturday, the 28th. We will be showing the Transformers (Bumble Bee), showing at a new time - 2 PM. Free admission as always, with concessions available for purchase, \$2 each. Our Classic movie will be Angel & the Badman starring John Wayne & will be at 2 PM on Sunday, the 22nd; free admission AND FREE POPCORN! The Oakesdale Drama Club will be performing two plays at the Theatre, time and date TBD. Thanks go out to Laura McGuigan for her hard work and dedication with the submissions of grants. Keep your fingers crossed for their approval.

Tekoa Parks & Rec.

A huge "thank you" to Tekoa for approving the maintenance and operation levy. We are excited to build momentum by announcing we are accepting applications for lifeguards and a pool manager for the summer of 2026. Applications are also being accepted for a parks ground keeper for the 2026 season. For more information, contact Tekoaparks@gmail.com.

Tekoa Library

At the Tekoa Library, we are continuing our weekly Crafter's Circle on Tuesdays at 4 pm as well as Storytime on Thursdays at 11:45 am. For the youth, we have planned a Kids' Club after school on Wednesday, March 11, Homeschool Activity on March 4 at 2 pm, as well as Lego building for all ages on March 25 after school. At Book Club on March 18 at 6:30 pm, we will be discussing The Bead Workers by Beth Piatote; stop by the library if you'd like a copy to borrow! Lastly, I'm so excited to partner with WCH to offer a painting evening for teens! Join us on March 24 at 4:30 to create artwork for the Disconnect-to-Reconnect art contest while sharing food. Contact Sidney at the Tekoa Library with any questions (509)284-5657.

Healthy Tekoa

This month, we are getting ready for Prom! SHARE THE LUCK by bringing in your unwanted formal wear for guys and gals to Tekoa High School on March 6th. Students attending Prom can "shop" the donated items the following week. Any unclaimed treasures will go to the Prom Pop-up at The Center in Colfax. It will be open on March 27, 10 AM-5 PM, to all students attending the Whitman County Prom.

Save the Date: Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4th, 10 AM.

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. 1-800-222-1222

You can get connected with HEALTHY Tekoa and be part of a positive change in our community. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 10, at 9 AM at the School District Boardroom and on Zoom. Email jolson@tekoasd.org for the meeting link.

Chamber of Commerce

We're busy planning our 5th Annual Pot of Gold Shop Hop on Saturday, March 21. Travel the Palouse Scenic Byway and visit the participating businesses for treats and sales. A map will be available soon!

