

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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November 3- City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

November 3 – EMS & EMT Training

6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

November 4 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.

6:30 P.M. – City Hall

November 7 – Chamber of Commerce

7:30 A.M. Trestle Coffee

November 13 – Empire Theatre Board

5:30 P.M. Empire Theatre

November 17 – City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

November 18 Healthy Tekoa Coalition

9:00 A.M. SD Boardroom

November 18 Parks & Rec

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

November 20 - Food Distribution

8:00-11:00 A.M. – City Hall

November 24– Tekoa EMT (Board
meeting) 6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

Message from the Mayor—

Greetings to everyone on this crisp fall day. Today, as I compose this, we have just had a typical October day: some rain, some wind, a little sunshine, followed by more wind and rain. A little something for everybody.

I hesitate to address this topic because I believe that it only involves a small minority of our citizens. I might be wrong, but I truly think that most of your neighbors hope we can start “pulling the rope” together. We have some major decisions coming up, we have good people working with the city, and I trust that the best outcome will happen. Recently, there have been a lot of conversations on social media concerning several topics that the city has before it: the sewer plant, the union contract, and the direction the city is headed, to name a few. At a distance, I monitor some of the comments so I can gauge the thoughts of the community. Although I don't think that social media is the best way to express thoughts and feelings, I do realize that many people prefer to use this platform. My concern is that often opinions and “facts” are put out there without full information or are taken out of context. And then it starts. We need to be better than this! Ultimately, this falls on my lap, because evidently, I am not communicating well enough, and as we know more solid numbers on the sewer plant, for example, I will keep you informed. The union contract is still being negotiated, and there is some pending litigation information that will be released when it is appropriate.

I shouldn't have to say this, but I will: There are a couple of “things” that are going around out there: 1. “The City of Tekoa had a poor audit.” No, the city had a clean audit; some corrections needed to be made, but that is very common. Of 2300 audits conducted last year, only four came back without corrections. 2. “Our sewer and water operators aren't legal to run our systems.” Not true. With Kevin Turnbough's assistance, we are in compliance and are continuing to work towards independent operation.

Ok, enough of that. The paving at the airport is finally finished, and it looks great. Kudos to Mike Hale for his legwork and persistence in getting this done. Steven and Jeff are wiring in the new lights and putting on the finishing touches. A big thank-you to Larry Hagan, Jerry Squibb, Brandon Schneider, and Brad Chandler for lending knowledge and expertise. Go out and take a look for yourself.

The kids from Upper Columbia Academy were in town recently doing their final 2025 volunteer service for the city. They made a remarkable difference to our city and deserve a huge thank you. Thanks for your patience, and we will talk in a month. ~Roy
“When life takes the wind out of your sails, it is to test you at the oars.”

Robert Breault



*****We would like to give a big thank you to all of our volunteers here in our lovely town of Tekoa!!!
Thank you for going above and beyond, and THANK YOU FOR MAKING TEKOA GREAT!*****

Please make sure that all campers, trailers, and RVs of any kind are removed from the street by November 1st, so the city plow will be able to remove snow.

Tekoa Food Pantry

Tekoa Food Pantry will distribute commodities on November 20, from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Garbage Rates

Empire Disposal has raised its rates; there will be a slight rate increase of a few pennies for garbage service starting this month.

Tekoa Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation would like to thank Tekoa High School's Mr. Tanner and his welding class for assisting in moving the picnic tables out of Gymkhana Park. Do you want to volunteer? Opportunities exist within Parks and Recreation; we are looking for local residents to assist with winter preparations and in the parks around our beautiful town. Please get in touch with us at tekoaparks@gmail.com. Do you know how many parks Tekoa has? We have noticed that many families are enjoying the new playground equipment at our parks, and we hope that they continue to enjoy the equipment and parks throughout the fall. We would also like to thank all the individuals and families who used our pool this summer; it was a great success!

Empire Theatre

We have four events this month & are kicking off the month on Saturday, November 1, by showing Poltergeist at 6 P.M. On November 7, comedian Michael Glatzmaier will be performing at 7:00 P.M. (tickets can be purchased online for \$20.00 each + fee, or at the door). Continuing with our Sunday movie series, on November 16, we will be showing McClintock at 2 P.M. (free movie with a complimentary bag of popcorn). On Small Town Saturday, November 29, the tree lighting will take place, and we will be showing The Grinch (2018 version) at 4:30 P.M.

Tekoa Library

- Weekly: Crafter's Circle on Tuesdays at 4:00 P.M., November 4, 18, 25
- Storytime on Thursdays at 11:45 A.M., November 6, 13, 20
- Paint Night at Trestle Coffee on November 4, at 6:00 P.M. (Please call the library to RSVP.)
- Homeschool Paint Activity on November 5, at 2:00 P.M.
- Kids' Afterschool Club at the library on November 12, at 3 P.M.
- Adult Book Club TBA
- Turkey Trot at the Trestle on Thanksgiving, November 27, at 9:30 A.M.



Healthy Tekoa

Come play Merry Grinchmas games with us! On Saturday, November 29, for Small Business Saturday, for family and community bonding opportunities. Come visit our table at the Community Center (by Empire Theatre) with FREE Family Crafts & Games from 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Lots going on that day! Think your kid wouldn't vape? Statistics say they might. November is Smoking Cessation Month. It's time to find out what you need to know about why kids vape and the dangers, signs, and symptoms. Check out www.TalkAboutVaping.org for a free conversation guide with facts by the American Lung Association. Keep Talking Tekoa! You can get connected with HEALTHY Tekoa on Tuesday, November 18, at 9 A.M. at the School District Office 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

Small Business Saturday is November 29, and it's going to be a Merry Grinchmas in Tekoa! Join the fun: Enjoy free hayrides, pictures with Santa, and The Grinch movie at the Empire Theatre! Food, local artisans, & shopping at the Event Center. Tree of sharing, games, and crafts at the Community Center. The museum will be open, and the library will have crafts and puzzle time. Coffee, shopping, tree lighting, and caroling! All day fun. You may even see the Grinch! Shop Small, Shop Local. If interested in being a vendor at C&D's Event Center on Small Business Saturday, please contact Cathy Chase.

