

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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October 2 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.
6:30 P.M. – City Hall
October 3 – Chamber of Commerce
7:30 A.M. Tobra Coffee
October 6 – EMS & EMT Training
6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn
October 6- City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
October 9 – Empire Theatre Board
5:30 P.M. Empire Theatre

October 14 Healthy Tekoa Coalition
9:00 A.M. SD Boardroom
October 20 – City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
October 21 Parks & Rec
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
October 23 - Food Distribution
8:00-11:00 A.M. – City Hall
October 27 – Tekoa EMT (Board meeting)
6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

Message from the Mayor—

"The only thing that looking backward does is it keeps you from looking forward."



Greetings to everyone, I trust that you are doing well and are enjoying our late summer and early fall weather. This is truly a beautiful time of the year and an ideal time to take in some time at the lake or in the mountains before fall sets in. In recent conversations, I have been reminded of the need for volunteers for several organizations that keep this city functioning. The obvious ones are the ambulance and the fire department, but there are others, such as the Tekoa Booster Club, which helps fund activities at the School, Tekoa Dollars for Scholars, which helps provide scholarships for high school graduates, the Theater Board, which keeps the theater going, and the Tekoa Golf Course, which can always use help. There are also the Livestock Boosters that help support students' projects at fairs. Slippery Gulch is always looking for new blood. Parks and Rec would surely accept help on projects, and the food bank is also run by volunteers. My point is that our community is highly dependent on its citizens to fill roles within the city and schools. The biggest concern should be the Ambulance and the Fire Department. These are vital services that touch each of us at some point. These organizations have a good, dedicated core, but additional help would take some of the time pressure off. Bigger cities have full-time fire and ambulance, and it's not a secret that taxes are how they are paid. That is not what we want. We used to have full-time police at a cost that I believe would be very expensive now. We can have volunteer ambulances and fire departments, but they won't let you have volunteer police, and I'm sure you can understand. All I'm asking is to take a look at what I have discussed and see if there is maybe a way you think you might be able to help.

We have elections approaching, and I would encourage everyone who can vote to educate themselves as thoroughly as possible about the choices you have and be a responsible voter. I understand there may be an election forum in the near future, and this may be an ideal time to get some of your questions answered.

I appreciate your patience, and we will talk next month. Roy

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."

*****For Sale:** The City is surplussing the Old City Hall building. If you are interested in purchasing this building, please submit your sealed bid to the Tekoa City Hall by Oct. 20, 2025, at noon. The highest bidder will be expected to pay the purchase price within 2 hours or forfeit the bid. Please see the full resolution on the website tekoawa.com. ***

Tekoa Food Pantry

Tekoa Food Pantry will distribute commodities on October 23 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Tekoa Parks & Recreation

Welcome, Bruce McGuigan, our Parks and Rec. Commissioner for position 5!

A public preliminary budget hearing has been scheduled on Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall. A public final budget hearing will be on Tuesday, November 18, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Empire Theatre

At this time, it appears that October is going to be a slow month for the Theatre. While there may be a surprise event pop-up, it's not ready for publication at this time. Other than that, the only thing on the calendar is our second installment of our Sunday afternoon movie, title yet to be determined, which will be on the 19th again at 2 P.M. with free admission and a free bag of popcorn.

Tekoa Library

Weekly: Tuesdays at 4 P.M. is Crafter's Circle.

Thursdays at 11:45 A.M. is Storytime.

- October 1 at 12:15 P.M. is Kid's Club
- October 2 at 3 P.M. is Teen Book Club
- October 8 at 2 P.M. is Homeschool Activity
- October 15 at 6:30 P.M. is Adult Book Club
- October 22 at 12:15 P.M. is Tween/Teen Hangout
- October 22 at 5 P.M. is QPR Training at the library



Healthy Tekoa

October is Substance Use & Misuse Prevention Month. Please store your current prescriptions too high for young children to reach. Teach your children about medicine and vitamins, and explain why you are the one to administer them. Keep the Poison Help number in your phone: 800-222-1222.

Free Store Dispose supplies available: The Tekoa Pharmacy and City Hall have free envelopes to mail back unused prescription medicines. Also, lock boxes/bags are available (one per household) at Tekoa Panty on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 8 A.M.

FREE Family Community Event: We have partnered with FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) to bring back Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, Oct. 31 at 1:30 P.M.! We are inviting community groups and neighbors to decorate a trunk. Contact the FCCLA Advisor, Cori Schmidt, cschmidt@tekoasd.org, for your spot.

Chamber of Commerce

The Tekoa Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to celebrate fall together and display a scarecrow at your home or business in October. Let's show our unity and create a festive fall in Tekoa!

The Small Business Saturday committee has been meeting to plan some fun events, and it's going to be a Merry Grinchmas in Tekoa! We are looking for vendors to set up at C&D's Event Center on November 29. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Chase.

