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JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

July 1 – City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

July 2 – Tekoa Ambul. / EMT Training

6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

July 2 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.

6:30 P.M. – City Hall

June 11 - Empire Theatre Board

5:00 P.M. - Empire Theatre

July 12 - Chamber of Commerce

7:30 A.M. – Éclair's

July 15 – City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

July 16 – Tekoa Parks and Rec Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

July 31 – Tekoa Ambulance Board Mtg.

6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

The City of Tekoa will have our council meeting in the Tekoa City Hall council chambers on Monday, July 1, and 15, at 6:00 P.M. You may join in person.

Message from the Mayor—

Good day to everyone and happy July. Those of you who have been waiting for warm weather should be happy. With the fields turning different colors this is one of my favorite times of year. We have a tendency to take for granted the amazing natural beauty of the area we live in. In conversations with visitors to the region, they are in awe of our weather and wonderful scenery.

Ok, here I go again. The 4th of July is coming up, and I want to ask you again to **PLEASE** be respectful of your neighbors and the community. I thought last year we made real progress in how the local fireworks were addressed. Out of courtesy to everyone please limit fireworks to the 4th of July and have them shut down by midnight. That allows the people who need to go to work the next day at least a little chance to get some sleep. Thank you for listening and please, be safe out there.

The council is reviewing the ordinance concerning the future of cargo containers also known as Conex's. The public is invited to come and give their opinions on the subject on July 15, at 6 P.M., at Tekoa City Hall. We are about to begin the start of our road projects. It's going to be a little crazy for a bit, but I think you will like the outcome.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Public Works Department for their efforts to make the town ready for Slippery Gulch. It's always good to have a reason to do the things that help show our community in its best light. Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Bogenreif, is contacting property owners who are in violation of city ordinances. I am unsure of the exact numbers, but I think the number of violations has declined. I am encouraged by the initiative of the citizens, and I believe we are all going to see the long-term benefits of your work. As you can guess our building inspector is very busy. I think I heard at one point Steve had 200 active building permits out there. The office continues to do a constant juggling act, implementing projects and grants and keeping it all straight. And for you who don't know, Kathi Houston is our cemetery coordinator, and is busy getting all the cemetery duties done and details recorded correctly.

Thank you to everyone who had a hand with Slippery Gulch. Everything was wonderful except for the weather. Unfortunately, we get what we get.

"No one is perfect. Unfortunately, they make their mistakes as they stumble uphill." - Jordan Peterson

We will talk more next month.

Roy



Tekoa Food Pantry

The Mobile Farm Fresh Stand will be here on July 18, from 12-2 P.M. Tekoa Food Pantry will distribute commodities on July 25, from 8-11 A.M.



Tekoa Chamber of Commerce



The Tekoa Chamber of Commerce thanks all those who participated and enjoyed this year's celebration. We would especially like to acknowledge the SG breakfast committee and those who helped with all aspects of the event. Great job! In July, we look forward to the gathering on July 20th where car lovers and the community are invited to come downtown and enjoy a little 50's magic. Please note the monthly chamber meeting will be changed to July 12, at 7:30 A.M., at Éclair's Coffee & Co.



Tekoa Library Happenings

July is jam-packed with adventure at the library! Kids won't want to miss our **Wildlife Adventure on July 9, at 2:00 P.M.** Dean from the Department of Fish and Wildlife will be here to share about echolocation and how animals navigate the wild. For teens (and tweens) we have a **Cupcake Decorating Contest on July 18, at 4:00 P.M.** Adults don't miss out on our **Summer Paint Night at Eclairs, July 24, from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.** Cost is \$5 per person, and the event is open to men and women. RSVP at the library. Please stop by the library or check out our FB page for info about Kid Craft Tuesdays, Introductory Spanish Classes, Adventure in the Sky program, and much more. To stay up-to-date, follow the Tekoa Library on FB or visit our website: www.whitcolib.org. There is a county-wide newsletter that you can sign up for on our website that lets you know of activities at all of our branches. Questions? Call Shelly at the library at 509-284-5657.



HEALTHY TEKOA

It was wonderful seeing our families and friends out at Slippery Gulch! Mark your calendars for the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, starting at 6 P.M., at the softball field (6-8 P.M.) to recognize and support our local first responders. We partnered with the Tekoa Library 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, feel safe & protected by an adult at home, and participate in community traditions.

Learn more at <https://healthytekoa.org/parentscorner> Enjoy your summer. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 10, at 9 A.M. Email jolson@tekoasd.org for more info.



Tekoa City Hall

Tekoa City Council invites you to city hall to voice your opinions and thoughts on *Allowing Cargo Containers*. Please join us on July 15, at 6:00 P.M.



happy independence day

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