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JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

June 3 – City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
June 4 – Tekoa Ambul. / EMT Training
6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn
June 4 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.
6:30 P.M. – City Hall
June 7 - Chamber of Commerce
7:30 A.M. – Éclair's
June 11 – Healthy Tekoa Coalition
9:00 A.M. – School District Boardroom



June 13 - Empire Theatre Board
5:00 P.M. - Empire Theatre
June 17 – City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
June 18 – Tekoa Parks and Rec Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
June 26 – School Board Mtg.
6:00 P.M. – District Office
June 26 – 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, June 3, and 17, at 6:00 P.M. You may join in person.



Message from the Mayor—

Beautiful June greetings to everyone. As I write this, we are just about ready to get some much-needed rain. What would Memorial Day weekend be like without rain? I hope you remember your family and friends over the weekend.

As June winds up we should all be aware that the city's maintenance people will be working on intersections and the downtown streets preparing for Slippery Gulch. Please have patience and give them room to do their jobs. At some point, you may notice the Public Works Dept. spraying weeds in the city. You should know that the city is required by law to do its best at controlling the noxious weeds within the city. Quite a daunting task, but we must try to do our best.

I was recently at a meeting in Medical Lake where the mayor from Malden and the mayor from Medical Lake addressed the recent fires that affected their communities and the process of rebuilding them. One of the takeaways was that many of the residents were underinsured because of the increased valuation of their properties. You may want to check with your agent. In Medical Lake, some of the insurance carriers have pulled out of the area and others have increased premiums to keep coverage. Tekoa will continue to enforce ordinances that address excess vegetation and debris around properties to keep potential fuel for fires at a minimum.

Ok, here goes my annual fireworks rant: Most of the fireworks sold in Idaho are illegal in the State of Washington. I understand people have the desire to set fireworks off at their houses in town. Understand that if you cause damage, you are liable. It may be a bottle rocket that finds some pine needles in a gutter, or it could be a rocket that lands in dry grass. PLEASE, have your fun done by midnight. Some people have to go to work the next day, so limit your celebration to the 4th.

June is a crazy month with, graduations, Father's Day, end of school, and Slippery Gulch. In addition, Rosalia's Battle Days and Fairfield's Flag Days occur in June. Enjoy your time with your family and make some memories. See you next month. *"Do what you can, with*

what you have, where you are." ~President Teddy Roosevelt

Roy



Slippery Gulch Committee

It's that time of the year again to celebrate Tekoa's Slippery Gulch. You should find the schedule and "Bugle" around town at various businesses. In case you are not aware, Slippery Gulch is June 15 this year. It will be another great year with a parade, chamber-sponsored breakfast, games, vendors, and reunions. If you want to join the Slippery Gulch Committee for 2025, please send an email to slipperygulch@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 15th.



**May every sunrise hold
more promise and every
sunset hold more peace.**

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Tekoa Food Pantry

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

Tekoa Chamber of Commerce



Please join us at the Slippery Gulch Breakfast, sponsored by the Tekoa Chamber of Commerce, on Saturday, June 15, starting at 7:30 A.M., at the Tekoa High School. The Tekoa Community Float placed 2nd in our division at the Spokane Lilac Armed Forces Torchlight Parade! We invite those existing members and those interested in joining the Tekoa Chamber of Commerce to meetings held the first Friday of every month, at 7:30 A.M., at Éclair's Coffee and Company, or contact us at exploretekoa@gmail.com.

Empire Theatre



Never fear, the John Wayne Trail Riders are coming! They will be showing a movie of their choice on Saturday, June 1, and as always, the public is welcome. Of course, June 15, is Slippery Gulch, and a lot is happening. Don't forget to watch the movie, starting at 2:30 P.M. This year we are showing the movie, **Finding Nemo**. Feel free to come early or drop in anytime that day as we will be showing a reel of historic Tekoa photos. This reel project started last year, and we are still very interested in any photos out there! So, if you didn't get a chance last year or have found more photos, please send them to Bruce McGuigan at Bruce.McGuigan16@gmail.com.

Tekoa Library Happenings



Buckle up for a lot of Summer Reading Adventures at the Tekoa Library this summer! We will kick off **the Library Olympics on Saturday, June 15, (Slippery Gulch) from 1:00-4:00 P.M.** Drop in for quick activities suitable for all ages and visit the Tekoa Museum too. Adults: **Crafters Circle is for you on June 25, from 4:00-5:00 P.M.** We will be creating a wall map that shows places you have traveled to. Then, on **June 27, drop by for the Sidewalk Chalk Challenge.** This is for kids, tweens, and teens, from 1:00-3:00 P.M. **More is coming in July and August with a Kids Wildlife Adventure by the Dept. of Wildlife & Game, Paint Night at Éclair's, the movie UP showing at the Empire Theatre, and much more.** Most of all, stop by starting the first week of June to pick up your punch card of reading activities that will enter you into a county-wide prize drawing and earn you a free book, plus more. Summer reading is for all ages, so please join us. Adventure Begins at Your Library! 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. It will have all the activities at all of our branches. *Questions? Call Shelly at the library at 509-284-5657.*



HEALTHY TEKOA



We will kick off Summer with a **TEEN LOCK IN** at the Tekoa Pool on Friday, June 14, from 8-11 P.M. We will see you all at Slippery Gulch on Saturday, June 15, at the Parade and Kid Games area. Check out all the great free family events this weekend. Students, family, neighbors, and friends join coalition volunteers for a free day of fun and games!

Keep Talking Tekoa! Having regular, age-appropriate, conversations with your child about the risks of alcohol and marijuana helps them make healthy choices for their future. You can find information and conversation starters at www.starttalkingnow.com and www.samhsa.gov/talk-they-hear-you.

You can get connected with HEALTHY Tekoa in person on Tuesday, June 11, at 9 A.M., in the Tekoa School District Board Room and on Zoom. Join us and be part of positive change in our community!

BEACH VIBES

