

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

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June 1 – City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
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6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn
June 2 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.
6:30 P.M. – City Hall
June 5– Chamber of Commerce
7:30 A.M. – Trestle Coffee
June 9 – Healthy Tekoa Coalition
9:00 A.M. SD Boardroom

June 11 – Empire Theatre Board
5:30 P.M. Empire Theatre
June 16 - Parks & Rec
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
June 25 - Food Distribution
8:00-11:00 A.M. – City Hall
June 29 – City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
June 29 - Tekoa EMT (Board meeting)
6:30 P.M. - Ambulance Barn

Message from the Mayor

Good day everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you well. As I write this I am sitting on my deck enjoying a beautiful evening on the Palouse. We truly live in a sweet part of the world.

Ok, let's get started. At a recent council meeting, there was a discussion about having an open information session on the upcoming sewer plant project. An engineer, a representative from Ecology, possibly a representative from The Spokane Riverkeepers, and the city council will be in attendance. It seems like every so often, we need to have this discussion because numbers change and the game changes a bit, and new people are added to the city. We will try to pin down the date soon, perhaps in July, depending on schedules.

I recently attended a Labor Relations conference and learned about how employers and unions work together to make sure the city gets the best out of the partnership. That's the goal at least, and it's my hope that'll be the outcome. I believe that employees are an asset to the city just as trucks, equipment, sewer plants, reservoirs, and buildings. They need to be maintained and taken care of so when they are needed and put to work, they can respond appropriately. So much of the employee's day is preparing for the next problem and trying to foresee it and head it off before it becomes a serious issue. I get a front row seat every day to the phone calls and am proud to have them taking care of our city, as well as you should be.

June brings very busy times, graduation, end of school, Father's Day, Slippery Gulch, and eventually the 4th of July. I hate to sound like a broken record, but I can't think of a more polarizing subject than how we handle fireworks. MOST of the fireworks you buy in Idaho for personal use are illegal in Washington. Period. We have an agreement to limit home fireworks to the 4th and to be done by midnight. Recently, it seems like we have had an increase in the really loud boomers that rattle windows and send pets to the bathrooms. If you must celebrate that way, PLEASE be respectful of your neighbors and find an alternative place away from houses. Thanks for listening. As I said, I hear A LOT from citizens, and I trust you will be good neighbors. Thanks for your time, and enjoy your June. ~Roy

"So many people have touched my heart and made an impact on my world. I'm thankful for every lesson and learning experience." Bindi Irwin"

*****Meters were not read this month due to technical software difficulties; they will be read next month. Also, the city will be making a list of yards that are not in compliance with our ordinance.*****



Tekoa Food Pantry

Tekoa Food Pantry will distribute commodities on June 25, from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Empire Theatre

June's movie will be on the same day as Slippery Gulch, Saturday, June 20th. The theater will be open from noon until 2:00 P.M. & we will be running a reel of historic photos of Tekoa & the surrounding areas. Then at 2 P.M., we will be showing Captain America: A Brave New World. Don't miss out on our Sunday Matinee this month! On June 28th, at 2 P.M., we will be showing Charade, starring Cary Grant & Audrey Hepburn.

Tekoa Parks & Rec.

Still looking for a summer job? Consider being a lifeguard! We're seeking applicants of all ages. Free training provided - flexible hours. Wages begin at \$19.13 per hour. Apply at tekoaparks@gmail.com or Jennifer Sperber at jsperber@tsd.org.

Tekoa Library

Summer Reading officially kicks off on June 1! Stop by the library on Wednesday, June 3, or Thursday, June 4, to adopt a dinosaur or to get a Summer Reading card. We'll be hosting Dino-mite Thursdays every week at 11:30 throughout the summer for children and/or families to do an activity together, like making a bookmark or a dinosaur dig. Teens are going to be archaeologists after school on June 10 at 3 P.M. with a "cookie excavation". You're invited to stop by the library on Slippery Gulch, we will have dinolympics as well as a scavenger hunt through the museum to "unearth the heart of Tekoa".

Healthy Tekoa News!

- Calling teens: Join us for a **TEEN LOCK IN** at the **TEKOA POOL** on **FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH, FROM 8-11 P.M.** We will see you all at **Slippery Gulch** on **Saturday, the 20th**, at the Parade. 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.
- Find out more about HEALTHY Tekoa: www.healthYTEKOA.org.

Chamber of Commerce

We are very busy planning for the Slippery Gulch Breakfast.

Note: The Breakfast proceeds go toward Tekoa High School Scholarships every year! Your Tekoa businesses are stocked with spring and summer merchandise. Support us! Remember when you're spring cleaning this year that the **Tekoa Annual Yard Sale is Saturday, August 1st**.

