

.MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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May 2 – Chamber of Commerce
7:30 A.M. – Éclair's
May 5 City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
May 5 – Tekoa EMS & EMT Training
6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn
May 6 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.
6:30 P.M. – City Hall
May 8 – Empire Theatre
5:30 P.M. Empire Theatre

May 13 – Healthy Tekoa Coalition
9:00 A.M. – SD Boardroom
May 19 -City Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
May 20 – Parks & Rec
6:00 P.M. – City Hall
May 22 - Food Distribution
8:00-11:00 A.M. – City Hall
May 26 – Tekoa EMT (Board meeting)
6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

Message from the Mayor—

Warm salutations to everyone. As I compose this, we have just experienced a typical April day: cool morning, sunshine, scattered showers with wind, and a beautiful sunset. What a sweet corner of the world we live in. We are so blessed.

OK, let's get started. We recently completed the spring cleanup day with aid from the county. I haven't heard a lot of feedback, so I am assuming that all went well. I am still exploring possibilities of getting an inexpensive, efficient, and easy way to dispose of unwanted appliances. I hope to have a plan by next month.

Again, this year we will enforce the property abatement ordinance to minimize insect & rodent problems and keep potential fire situations in check. The process starts with a warning letter stating the problem and a timeline for remediation. If that is not taken care of, another letter will be sent, and the next step will proceed. If you are having difficulties with maintaining your property, give City Hall a call, and we will put you in touch with several local lawn maintenance companies. As usual, barking dogs and dogs on the loose are always a summer problem. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Also, it is against the city ordinance to have more than three dogs. If you have more than three dogs, you qualify as a kennel, and other, more expensive, licenses apply. The city's burn pile seems to be in steady use. Jessica and Steven appear to have developed a pretty good system for managing the branches and shrubs. Doug Palmer also keeps a close eye on things. It should also be said that occasionally, larger limbs are brought in than we should handle. If you are bringing them in, leave them off to the side; this way, the crew doesn't have to sort them out. Oh, and those larger pieces are available to citizens who want to use them for firewood. Enough of the boring stuff. I think the playground equipment at the Gymkhana Ground looks amazing, and it is sure getting a workout from the kids. It also gives the parents their exercise too, because they are having to chase them around. Thank you, Parks and Rec! May is a wonderful month with Mother's Day, Bloomsday, HS and JH golf, softball, baseball, and track. Also, there is the Junior Livestock Show and the Lilac Parade, just to mention a few of the opportunities we have to watch and support our youth and school. Thank you to those of you who gave us feedback on the survey questions. Any further input is always appreciated and acknowledged. Recently, we have lost some women and men from this community who were movers and shakers, those people who helped mold Tekoa into who we are. Now that doesn't mean that there weren't those before or those yet to come who didn't "Move and Shake." It just means that I am

somehow painfully aware of it as I write this. We all know who those people were in our lives, so you have my permission to insert your own "Mover and Shaker." With Memorial Day approaching, it may give us some good food for thought. Because Teddy Roosevelt was in Tekoa on May 26, 1903, I thought it would be appropriate to borrow a quote from him, which seems to fit. See you next month, and go remember someone special to you.

"What a man does for himself, dies with him. What he does for his community lives long after he's gone."

~Teddy Roosevelt

Roy

Empire Theater

In May, we have two events. First, we have the Pirouette Spring Dance happening on May 2 at 6:30 P.M. We will be showing Disney's Pixar movie Brave on Saturday, May 10, at 6 P.M. Also, we now have Empire Theater T-Shirts for sale for \$20; we have unisex shirts in a crew neck and women's V-neck shirts. We also have a few Wheat Stalk T-Shirts left, so if you missed out, you might be in luck, because they are marked down to \$10!

We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you are interested, please feel free to come to a meeting or reach out to us on our Facebook page, Empire Theatre.

Tekoa Food Pantry

Tekoa Food Pantry will distribute commodities on May 22, from 8-11 A.M.

Tekoa Library

- Storytime on Thursdays at 11:45 A.M., on May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.
- Crafters' Circle on Tuesdays at 4 P.M., on May 6, 13, 20, and 27.
- Kids' Club after school on Wednesday, May 7, at 12:15 P.M.
- Painting Night at Eclair's on Tuesday, May 13, at 6 P.M.
- Book Club on May 21, at 6:30 P.M.



Healthy Tekoa

It was great to see friends and neighbors come out to celebrate the youth who work for a healthy community at the Year Review & Recognition event on April 7. The Youth Members invite you to come out for the expanded FREE Family Carnival on Saturday, May 31, from 1-3 P.M. at the High School. New activities are added for our teens! Parents are required for youth under 12. There are games, prizes, crafts, and fun! A huge THANK YOU to all our sponsors and volunteers who make this event happen. May is Mental Health Awareness Month for you or your loved ones who need support; the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available. Lifeline provides 24/7 free and confidential support for people in distress and prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones. You can get connected with HEALTHY Tekoa on Tuesday, May 13, at 9 A.M. at the School District Boardroom and Zoom—email jolson@tekoasd.org for the meeting link. Join us and be part of positive change in our community!

Tekoa Parks & Rec.

Avista donated their time and assistance to remove the dead trees tipping towards the power lines at Gymkana Park. After the spring flooding, they became a safety concern, and the insurance company advised us to remove them. We appreciate Avista and thank them for providing this service. Also, we are working with Hangman Creek Conservation District to revitalize and repair our creek and park with native plants and trees.

