

# MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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8:00 A.M. to  
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May 1 – Chamber of Commerce

7:30 A.M. – Tobra Coffee

May 4 – City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

May 4 – EMS & EMT Training

6:30 P.M. – Ambulance Barn

May 5 – Whitman Co. Hosp. Dist.

6:30 P.M. – City Hall

May 12 – Healthy Tekoa Coalition

9:00 A.M. SD Boardroom

May 14 – Empire Theatre Board

5:30 P.M. Empire Theatre

May 18 – City Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

May 19 - Parks & Rec

6:00 P.M. – City Hall

May 21 - 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

Good day, everyone. It's truly a beautiful April day. We are blessed and lucky to live where we do. There is a lot to cover this month, so I will try to be concise.

Recently, there have been complaints to the city about what I would call "parking indiscretions." The concerns range from not parking tight enough to the curb (within a foot of the curb) to trucks parking in residential areas to people parking in front of your neighbor's property. I really believe it comes down to respecting your neighbors' rights and boundaries. By the time you get this, hopefully, the city will have a plan to help with notifying the noted vehicles.

It has been reported that we have citizens who are feeding wildlife in the city limits. I am not concerned about squirrels and bird feeders, but feeding any wild animal that could be a predator, such as foxes and raccoons, is discouraged. Raccoons can be vicious, and foxes and raccoons are hard on chickens and pet populations.

Again this year, we will be fogging for mosquitoes after dark. Weather conditions permitting, we will spray on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for at least 2 weeks.

Research shows this to be a more effective method than what we have been doing. In a related matter, lawns and properties are starting to really take off, so I would encourage everyone to stay on top of their properties to keep weeds and tall grass that can be a rodent habitat and fire hazard under control.

On the bright side, now might be a good time to announce some new businesses that have recently opened. Bee's Thrift Shop, Roginstri & Strine Financial Planners, and Cozy Bear. I want to say welcome, and I would encourage everyone to stop in and say hi. Another good piece of news is that our TIB grant for street work has been approved, and it appears that we are going to be able to do more than we had planned on.

I want to welcome JJ Lahey as our new public works employee. He has hit the ground running and is picking things up very quickly. When you see him, stop and say hi. That's enough for now, thank you for listening. Roy

"You are the greatest project you'll ever work on. Restart. Reset. Refocus. As many times as you need, just never give up." George Raveling

**\*\*\*The city will be implementing X-press pay here soon. If you would like to participate in electronic billing, please provide the city with your email address\*\*\***

The city of Tekoa is hiring for summer help in our public works department, and we are also looking for someone to clean the community center when needed. Please call or stop by City Hall to fill out an application by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Tekoa Food Pantry

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

Tekoa Food Pantry is now a 501 ©(3) nonprofit organization. We have established a bank account at Banner Bank for anyone wanting to donate to the food pantry. We thank Catholic Charities and Whitman County Hospital District for their recent donations.

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### Empire Theatre

We will be showing Minecraft on Saturday, May 2nd, at 6 P.M. On Friday, May 8th, Pirouette will be performing their dance recital at 6:00 P.M. On Saturday, May 16th at 6 P.M., we have Stardust: A Night of Magic, a show to delight all ages, run time -1 hour & 15 minutes with a 10-minute intermission. Tickets are available for purchase at the door. Adults will be \$22, students \$14, or you can purchase a family pack (4 people) for just \$55. Last but not least, on Sunday, May 24th at 2 P.M., we will be showing the movie Animal Crackers, starring the Marx Brothers

### Tekoa Parks & Rec.

If you are looking for that summer job, the Tekoa Parks & Rec. is still taking applications for lifeguards and a pool manager. We are also in need of a commissioner and a parks and recreation treasurer. We welcome your questions and applications at [tekoaparks@gmail.com](mailto:tekoaparks@gmail.com)

### Tekoa Library

Tekoa Library happenings in May will be filled with fun for kids and great conversations for adults! We'll be continuing our Crafter's Circle on Tuesdays at 4:00 P.M., and Storytime on Thursdays at 11:45 A.M. Kid's Club is after school on Wednesday, May 6. We're making colorful spinners. Our Book Club is meeting on May 20 to discuss a classic: Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie. May will be our last homeschool activity for this school year, so we will be celebrating by decorating cookies on Wednesday, May 13, at 2:00 P.M. Please stop in or call the library if you have any questions (509) 284-5657.

### Healthy Tekoa

We invite you to join us for the HEALTHY Tekoa Celebration on Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:30 P.M. at the High School. Our team provides desserts for you to enjoy. Come hear from our members what we have been up to this school year.

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 12, at 9 A.M. at Trestle Coffee. Join us and be part of positive change in our community!



### Chamber of Commerce

The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success!

Planning is underway for the Annual Slippery Gulch Breakfast. The Chamber Scholarship Committee is working hard to select the two 2026 recipients. Mother's Day is right around the corner. Remember to shop locally. Thank you for your continued support.

