

# Telkwa

# Newsletter October 2011



If you were born in October, your birth flower is the Marigold and your birthstone is Opal.

Where the Rivers Meet and Friends Gather

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Emergency  
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Telkwa School  
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Reading Centre  
846-9286

Telkwa Post Office  
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Sat. & Sun.  
10:00 am to 6:00 pm

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250-846-5928

Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Statutory Holidays excluded. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The next Council meetings are October 11, 2011 and October 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The agenda may be viewed at the Village Office or on our Website



Hey Kids!

Have a happy and safe Halloween!

Don't forget to look in both directions before crossing the street.

Don't forget to wear reflective clothing.

Most importantly - Don't forget to have fun!!!



Council and staff of the Village of Telkwa wish you a happy, peaceful Thanksgiving.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**A public meeting on the upcoming referendum will be held on Tuesday, November 1st, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Telkwa Seniors' Centre.**

*Everyone is welcome. Council and staff will be present. This meeting will be mediated by an independent individual and aims to be both respectful and productive.*

A May 2011 assessment confirmed that the municipal building at 1704 Riverside Street is unsafe due to a questionable foundation, deterioration, rot, serious structural integrity problems, overstressed framing members, four types of mould, sagging roofs, water seeping in one wall, vermin (insects and mice) and natural gas entering office work space. The Village of Telkwa had to take immediate action to continue its municipal functions and decided upon moving forward the process to purchase the former Meat Co-op. Council had been reviewing various options to replace the existing building for over a year, and had originally planned to move forward in 2012. The purchase and renovation of the meat co-op was the best option because:

- It is 25% less than a new building
- It makes use of a vacant high profile building
- It follows the recommendations of the Official Community Plan/Integrated Community Sustainability Plan in using adequate existing facilities
- It allows for potential rental incomes, future growth and innovation.

The Village of Telkwa proposes to borrow up to \$1,000,000. to be repaid over a period not exceeding 30 years in order to finance the purchase and interior/exterior renovations of the meat co-op building and lands.

The Village of Telkwa went through an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) from June 15th to July 25th 2011. Information on the AAP was in the July newsletter, on the Village website, the Interior News (June 15th, June 22nd, July 20th) and information packages were mailed out July and were available at the Village Office. 10% of electors voted against the proposal which determined the need to go to a referendum.

Concerns were raised about tax increases. Residential taxes will not increase due to the proposed new municipal office. With the elimination of three previous municipal debts by 2013 the village will be able to cover the annual principle and interest payments without raising taxes.

Concerns were raised about the size of the building. The Village of Telkwa sees the potential for rental opportunities, business leases and community groups' space for the un-used large bay area. The former meat co-op building is ideally situated to create a positive entrance to the village. Having the exterior renovated will make a marked improvement.

The Village of Telkwa is undertaking a referendum on the subject of our new municipal offices. This referendum will take place in conjunction with our municipal elections on Nov. 9 and 19th. Expect to receive an information mail out in advance of the Nov. 1st public meeting. Please come to the Nov 1st meeting with your questions, concerns and ideas.

*"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."*

- Elizabeth Lawrence



**Village of Telkwa E-Newsletter**  
To sign up to receive your monthly e-newsletter, please go to our website. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER, OR ON OUR WEBSITE, PLEASE SEND IT TO info@telkwa.com OR DROP IT OFF AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE.



**CHURCH WORSHIP**  
Everyone Welcome

**Telkwa Christian Reformed Church** conducts Sunday services at 9:30 am & 11:00 am.  
**Faith Reformed Church** of Telkwa (846-9710) Sunday 10 am & 2:30 pm. **Mt. Zion Lutheran** Congregation at St. Stephen's (847-3364) Sundays 10:00 am, **except** every second Sunday when services will start at 7:00 p.m.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

**TELKWA FAITH REFORMED CHURCH**

We are getting ready to kick off another season of fellowship and exploring God's Word. We would like to invite you to join us. All programs are held at the Faith Reformed Church in Telkwa unless otherwise specified. If you have any questions about our programs please feel free to contact us.

**Girls and Boys Clubs (ages 8-12)**

Children explore God's Word through Bible stories, devotions, crafts and games. This program is held on the last Friday of every month from 7-9 pm, beginning in October. If you have any questions please contact Melanie at 846-5300 for Girls Club and Rick at 846-5219 for Boys Club. Girls Club is held at the church and Boys Club is held at the Vandenberg Dairy Farm.

**Ladies Coffee Break and Story Hour**

Ladies of all ages are welcome. Baby-sitting is provided for children 3 yrs old and younger and story hour for children 4-5 years old. In story hour your children will learn about God through play, crafts, singing and stories. This program is held every Thursday from 10-11 am (coffee and goodies at 9:30 am), beginning on September 22.

For more information contact Kathleen at 846-5219

**THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE**

*With thankfulness in our hearts, we the congregation of Faith Reformed Church cordially invite you to our Thanksgiving Day service. This service will take place on Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 11 at 10:00 am, with coffee & refreshments to follow. We are located on Hwy. 16 across from Midway*

**TELKWA MUSEUM SOCIETY**  
Contributed by Janet McDivitt

We are now closed for the season and wish to say a BIG 'Thank You' to our summer staff, Doug, Jane and Kate.

If you wish to visit the Museum/Church, give one of our members listed below a call and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

Thank you to the Kinsmen for allowing us to participate in gate duty at the Sept. BBQ/ Derby event. It is a good way to interact with the public.

We were pleased to have a venue at the Fall Fair, in the Davidson Building, with a corner to rest and check out a bit of Telkwa history on the wall panels.

Next Meeting: Wed., Oct. 26 at 7:00 pm  
New members—\$5 for the year.

*At a cost of \$100 for a full day, St Stephens Heritage Church is available year round for that special occasion. The back room of the Church can be rented for a meeting area, 20-25 persons is comfortable. There is a small modern kitchen with fridge, stove, microwave and an up-to-date washroom. Cost for an evening session is \$20. For info/bookings call 846-9093.*

**For information regarding the Museum/Church please call Janet G @ 846-5282, John or Janet at 846-9093, or Doug B. 846-9642**

**TELKWA SENIOR HOUSING SOCIETY**

Telkwa House is an 8-unit complex located on the bench on First Ave in Telkwa. This is low income housing for Seniors 55+ and persons with disabilities. Units are now filled, but we are accepting applications for a waiting list. Inquiries: Telkwa House, PO Box 46, Telkwa, BC, V0J 2X0



For general information call Janet McDivitt at 846-9093.

**TELKWA GEMS**

meet on Fridays from 7-9 pm at the Telkwa Christian Reformed Church. This is a group for girls ages 5-12. For more information call Connie @ 250-846-5685.

**TELKWA READING CENTRE**  
Contributed by Christine Tessier

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**

**Sarah's Key** by *Tatiana de Rosnay*

Many of us have never heard of the Jewish round-up that occurred in Paris in July, 1942. The Jews were transported to Auschwitz and never heard from again. In this novel, Sarah is a young girl who is sent with her parents to board the train for a concentration camp. She hides her younger brother in a cupboard, locking him in and promising to come back for him soon. As we follow this story we also follow the story of Julia, a journalist of our day who is investigating the story of this moment in France's history. She stumbles upon the story of Sarah and becomes intent on finding out what happened to this young girl. This novel is a must read which will bring you to tears.

**See you at the Library!**

**Good Food Box Program**

The Good Food Box (GFB) is a box of fresh fruits & vegetables available for pick-up once per month. Each box costs \$15.00 and everyone is welcome to participate.

The GFB is a community food security program and is supported by Smithers Community Services Association. Most produce is purchased from Bulkley Valley Wholesale, as well as local producers, and this is one small step in helping to build a more sustainable food system. Each month, the selection of fruits and vegetables may change. Basic items such as: potatoes, carrots, onions, broccoli, apples, and bananas are usually included in the box. Other items are chosen according to what is good quality, in season, and affordable at the time. **We hope to support local growers as much as possible.** Recipes are also included in each box.

**New Pick-up Locations**

Smithers: Pick up at the Elk's Hall, corner of Queen & 2nd Ave., from 12:00 - 3:00 pm  
Telkwa: Pick up at the Telkwa Christian Reformed Church (across from the One Stop) from 3:00 - 6:00 pm

**Pre-payment dates are as follows:**

<u>Prepay by</u>	<u>Pick-up date</u>
Tuesday, Oct. 11	Monday, Oct. 17
Monday, Nov. 7	Monday, Nov. 14
Monday, Dec.5	Monday, Dec. 12

For more information, please contact Jodi at Smithers Community Services Association 250-847-9515 or at [goodfood@scsa.ca](mailto:goodfood@scsa.ca).

**TELKWA & DISTRICT SENIORS' SOCIETY (Young at Heart Club)**  
Contributed by Marilyn Visser

**October 2011 Events**

Saturday, October 1	Pancake breakfast - 8-11 am
Tuesday, October 4	General Meeting—1 pm
Wednesday, October 5	Bingo - 7-9 pm
Saturday, October 15	Harvest Banquet & Dance
Friday, October 21	Pot Luck Supper @ 6 pm
Wednesdays	Sip and Stitch 11am - 4 pm

We are planning on having a dance night the second Friday of each month. This will start in November. Posters are up for the Oct. 15th event indicating where tickets can be purchased. Come out for a good time and meet your friends and dance away the night. Don't forget your flu shot. That season is upon us early this year. Guest are welcome at the meetings to see what fun things are happening at the centre!

**FLU SHOT CLINIC - MONDAY, OCT. 17 - 9:30 AM - 12 NOON**