

Telkwa

Newsletter

MAY
2011

See our Website for lots more!

Where the Rivers Meet and Friends Gather

The Village of Telkwa now accepts Debit transactions!

Village of Telkwa
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Phone: 250-846-5212
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Municipal Office

Hours:

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:30-1:30 pm
Closed all Stat
Holidays

Maintenance Shop &

**After Hours
Emergencies**

Phone: 846-9144

Telkwa Fire Dept.

Emergency
846-5555

Telkwa School

846-5851

Reading Centre

846-9286

Telkwa Post Office

846-5676

Transfer Station

846-6805

Monday to Friday
8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sat. & Sun.
10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Bylaw Officer

250-846-5928

Council Meetings are
held on the 2nd and
4th Monday of the
month. Statutory
Holidays excluded.

The public is
welcome to attend.
The next Council
meetings are
May 9 and 24
at 7:00 pm.
The agenda may be
viewed at the
Village Office or on
our Website

www.telkwa.com

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Why has nothing been done to landscape the property bordering the Hankin intersection?

Answer:

The property bordering the Hankin intersection belongs to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The Village of Telkwa is also concerned about the aesthetics of the site and is in discussions with the Ministry.

Let's Celebrate!

The final drafts of the Village of Telkwa *Official Community Plan & Integrated Community Sustainability Plan* are complete!

All residents are invited to the Public Review on:

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 4:30pm-8:30pm at the Seniors Centre

VILLAGE OF TELKWA PUBLIC MEETING COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN MAY 31, 2011 FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM—VILLAGE OF TELKWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE

A public presentation for the Telkwa Community Wildfire Protection Plan to present potential treatment options for high-risk wildfire forest types in and adjacent to municipal boundaries. With the increased pine stand mortality due to the impact of the mountain pine beetle epidemic, the wildfire risk has greatly increased in the past two years. Residents and concerned citizens are urged to attend to provide feedback on municipal planning concerning this issue.

Watch for information in the mail, or go to our Website

BV KINSMEN WANT TO KNOW.....

In anticipation of the 100th Anniversary of the Telkwa Barbeque, the Kinsmen are working on grant applications for financial assistance for the following upgrades:

1. Build a concert venue, with bleachers, at the Barbeque Grounds
2. Maintain and improve the Barbeque Grounds to increase use and user satisfaction
3. Maintain a safe venue for the annual barbeque
4. Build facilities that require minimal maintenance

The Kinsmen are requesting your input. Drop into the Village Office and pick up a survey form (or print one from our Website). Completed forms can be dropped off at the Village Office, BV Home Center, or Midway Service. You may remain anonymous, but if you want to become eligible for some great prizes including a \$100 gas voucher donated by the BV Kinsmen, a \$75.00 gift basket donated by Midway Service, and a \$50.00 gift card donated by BV Home Center, you must complete the bottom section of the survey.

Animal Control

Please be aware that owners of dogs running loose or leaving excrement at the Telkwa School will be subject to an immediate fine. Please be a responsible pet owner!

Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation

Will be announcing their call for 2011 Community Grants. Look for details at www.wetzinkwa.ca (link is also located on the Village website) at the end of April/early May. The deadline for applications will be May 31, 2011

OPEN AIR BURNING

Under the Village of Telkwa Open Air Burning Bylaw No. 598, 2010, all open air burning (except fire pits/cooking fires) will require a Burning Permit issued by the Telkwa Fire Chief. For more information on the new open air burning regulations, please contact the Village Office or visit our website.

CHURCH WORSHIP
Everyone Welcome



TELKWA MUSEUM SOCIETY
Contributed by Janet McDivitt

THE BEAR FACTS: Living with Bears
Submitted by Debbie Wellwood

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.

OUT AND ABOUT

The BV Genealogical Society Perennial Plant sale is being held on May 28, 2011. We are looking for donated plants, so gardeners please keep us in mind when you are dividing perennials, renovating rock gardens, rooting out shrub suckers or just want to pass on hardy plants to fellow gardeners. We will be happy to pick them up or, if need be, dig them up. Contact either Marj Coupe at 846-9239 or Jan Smith at 847-9758. Thank you.

The Ark in Telkwa is having a garage sale to raise money for "Fun for Funds". Please drop off donations at The Ark in Telkwa (1677 3rd Street) by May 4, 2011. **Garage Sale & Concession May 7, 2011 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**
For further information, please call 250-846-9661

Emergency Preparedness Week DRAWING CONTEST

(For ages 12 Years and younger)
Submit a drawing of your family's emergency evacuation plan and you could win an emergency kit!

Go to our Website (www.telkwa.com) for contest details!

May green be the grass you walk on, May blue be the skies above you, May pure be the joys that surround you, May true be the hearts that love you.
- From an Irish Blessing

Plans are in the making for our Spring Fundraiser Yard Sale in the latter part of May.

Expect a variety of items—Watch for Posters!

Our '39 International Fire Truck is currently in the capable hands of 'Nick' getting some TLC with a paint job, and yet it is in running order. We plan to have it ready for July 1st. We wish to thank BV Farm Supply for their very generous donation of paint supplies, making this all possible.

We are looking for a General Manager/Curator for our summer season. This is full time—at least 8 weeks. A summer student (Sr. high school or university) is also required for 2 months. Applicants should have an interest in local history and a friendly disposition. These positions available pending funding. Inquiries/resumes to Telkwa Museum, Box 595, Telkwa, V0J 2X0

Next Meeting—Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 pm at the Museum.

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

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

Telkwa Reading Center
Submitted by Christine Tessier

BOOK OF THE MONTH:

A Red Herring Without Mustard by Alan Bradley.
Eleven year old Flavia de Luce is the delightful heroine of this mystery novel. She is not your typical preteen. Her interests include chemistry at which she is highly knowledgeable and solving murder mysteries at which she trumps the local police force. After finding the gypsy fortune teller she had visited that afternoon at the church fair, beaten unconscious, a new adventure starts. Was the woman beaten to conceal a dark secret or was it revenge for a stolen baby? To further complicate matters, our young sleuth has to confront antique swindlers and an obscure religious sect. Fun read with lots of red herrings to obscure the way.

With your help, and in most cases, preventing problems with bears in and around places people live can be as easy as 1,2,3:

1. Learn to think like a bear. Finding food is almost always at the top of a bear's to-do list, particularly in spring when high quality natural foods are sparse.
2. Take action to out smart bears. Most problems are preventable. A major step is to make sure that bears cannot get at your food, garbage or other attractants (e.g. birdseed, livestock and pet food)
3. Help us to spread the Bear Smart Community message to family, friends, and neighbours. It takes a community to establish a more peaceful coexistence with bears.

Communities across North America are choosing to change the way they live with bears—shifting away from a largely reactionary and needless cycle of destroying large numbers of 'problem bears' and moving towards preventing conflicts with bears through individual and community awareness and action. Join the Telkwa Community Initiatives Society and Village of Telkwa in rising to the Bear Smart Community Challenge.

Visit the Village of Telkwa Website for more ideas for getting started this bear season
Conservation Officer Service: To report a serious wildlife conflict, call toll free 1-877-952-7277

TELKWA SENIOR HOUSING SOCIETY
Low Rental Housing for Seniors 55 and over, and for persons with disabilities

Telkwa House, an 8 unit complex location on the bench on First Ave. in Telkwa is now completed and applications are being accepted. Inquiries: Telkwa House, PO Box 46, Telkwa, BC. V0J 2X0



For general information call Janet McDivitt at 846-9093.

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

- May 7 @ 8-11 am Pancake Breakfast
- May 3 @ 1:00 pm General Meeting—Please Attend
- May 4 @ 7:00 pm Bingo
- May 20 @ 6 pm Pot luck supper/Silent Auction
- Mondays Carpet Bowling @ 1 pm
- Wednesdays Sip & Stitch 11 am

The Spring Strawberry Tea was enjoyed by many. If you missed it, try to make it to some of the upcoming events. Why don't you come out to our May potluck. We are holding a silent auction to raise funds to help our local seniors go to the Seniors Games in the Kootenays this fall. Items welcome as well as bidders.

5 of our carpet bowlers are going to Prince George for the BC Carpet Bowlers Association Championships this May 3, 4 & 5. Four are trying out for the Seniors Games carpet bowling on April 29th in Houston.

We have a Yard Sale coming up on June 11. Tables are available for rent and items can also be donated to the club's table.

Yes, Spring is going to get here eventually!