

Telkwa

SEPTEMBER 2010
NEWSLETTER

Labour Day
Statutory Holiday
September 6th

Where the Rivers Meet and Friends Gather

Village of Telkwa

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846-5851

Reading Centre

846-9286

Telkwa Post Office

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8:00 am to 6:00 pm
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10:00 am to 6:00 pm

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250-846-5928

WE'RE ON THE WEB

www.telkwa.com

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 meeting is Sept. 13 at 7:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE THE SEPT 27th MTG. IS CANCELLED

The agenda may be viewed at the Village Office.

NOTES FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 12 General Meeting of Council

GM Res. 10-07-219

TO allocate the \$30,000.00 of the 2010 NDI Annual Economic Development Fund to assist in the completion of the community signage. Signage building and installation priority will be as follows: Neighbourhood, Parks, Trails and Buildings

TO contribute \$6,000.00 from the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest fund towards the Woodland Park playground equipment; with the remainder going to the clean-up of Aldermere Ridge for the future site of the Tower playground.

TO conduct a building hazard inspection including air and structural tests on the existing municipal building allocating the cost to the building inspection fund.

TO close the Riverside Room in the municipal building to the public rental and use it for needed village office space.

TO paint the municipal building considering the heritage theme of the village. **CARRIED**

Deputy Approving Officer

GM Res. 10-07-220

TO appoint Alfred Reutelsterz as the Deputy Approving Officer **CARRIED**

July 26 General Meeting of Council

BV Kinsmen - Request for Letter of Support

GM Res. 10-07-229

TO write a letter of support for the BV Kinsmen's Grant application to the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation for the construction of a grandstand stage at the Telkwa BBQ grounds. **CARRIED**

2010 Telkwa Homecoming Burning Permit Request

GM Res. 10-07-231

TO support Telkwa Homecoming 2010 in applying for a burning permit for the BBQ Beef. **CARRIED**

PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE TO TRAFFIC FLOW EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

The downtown area on the West Side of Highway 16 will have traffic flow changes as shown below. These traffic changes will be in effect as of September 2, 2010. Please contact the municipal office if you have any questions.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Enjoy the last live music of the season at **EDDY PARK** in Telkwa.



Bring your picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs. Relax, listen to great local music and enjoy the last of summer with your friends and neighbours.

6 - 9 pm
Sept. 16

MUCH APPRECIATION

A huge **Thank You** to all our awesome volunteers for dedicating their valuable time this summer and always, to help make Telkwa a great place to live and play.



Telkwa Reading Center - by Christine Tessier

New additions to the shelves include:

Except for the Dying by Maureen Jennings (bpk) - this is a series of mysteries set in Victorian Toronto. The body of a young woman is found in the alley and it is up to Detective Murdock to solve the crime. This story gives us a glimpse into life during 1894 and the norms of that period. A good mystery with a taste of old Toronto - very well done.

Obedience by Will Lavender - students in a philosophy class are given a single assignment. Within six weeks they must find a kidnapped woman or she will die. Even though the students try to use logic and reasoning, the imaginary problem takes on a confusing reality. Driven and obsessed, the students start to fear for their own lives.

The Golden Mean by Annabel Lyon - we are taken back to the

ancient world to Pella, the capital of Macedonia and court of Philip II. There the philosopher, Aristotle, becomes the tutor to the heir to the throne, the adolescent Alexander the Great. After sensing Alexander's blood thirsty warrior spirit, Aristotle sets out to instill balance into the young man's restless heart in the hope of tempering his unquenchable urge to conquer all lands to the East. The give and take between these two great minds reveals ideas about the concept of human excellence, the definition of a good life and the need to find a balance between the extremes of the human spirit.

Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda - extreme poverty and India's culture of favouring boys forces Kavita to place her newborn

daughter in an orphanage in order to save her life. Fortunately little Asha is adopted by Somer, an American doctor, and her Indian husband, Krishnan, and taken to California. Although Asha has all the benefits of a western life style she cannot deny the need to find her biological parents. At the age of 20 an opportunity to live in the country of her birth for one year gives Asha the chance to discover her heritage. I particularly enjoyed Gowda's treatment of the two Indias - one of extreme poverty and hopelessness and the other a modern and progressive society.

The Shadows in the Street by Susan Hill - when prostitutes in Lafferton are reported missing and then found strangled and tossed

into a murky canal, Simon Serrailier is recalled to duty. The police task force under Serrailier takes immediate action but they are stymied and local residents become anxious and angry over what is seen as police incompetence. Fear becomes a reality when the killer targets a young mother and a Cathedral wife. A good read especially if you like to be kept in suspense until the very end.

The last four novels were reviewed by Brenda Cobill.

See you at the library!

Reading is an Active Mental Process

Unlike TV, books make you use your brain. By reading, you think more and become smarter.



**TELKWA MUSEUM SOCIETY
Contributed by Janet McDivitt**

Watch for the Museum's display each day from 10 am to 4 pm at the Fall Fair, including our popular "Building the Railway" presentation.

On Labour Day weekend, we will hold our Silent Auction at the Museum. Viewing & bidding on Sept. 4 and 5 from 10 am to 4 pm & Sept. 6 from 10 am to 2 pm. Closing bids on Monday at 2 pm. Come out & participate!

Members and friends of the Museum will be assisting with Gate Duty at the Kinsmen's Labour Day Weekend BBQ, Demo Derby and Slow-Pitch Tournament events.

St. Stephens' Church is available year round for occasions such as marriages, baptism, memorials, etc. Rental cost is \$100 for a full day with

setup the day before if needed. The back room of the Church can be rented for a small meeting area - an evening session would be \$20.00, a very nominal fee. For bookings call Janet or John at 846-9093.

After the Long Week-end, the museum will close for the season, although anytime you wish to visit us,

Next mtg. is Sept. 22 at 7:30 pm (4th Wed. of each month)

For info on the museum or church call the museum at 846-9656, Janet G. at 846-5282, John or Janet McD. at 846-9093 or Doug B. at 846-9642. Museum phone will be available until Sept. 4th

See you at our Auction, Fall Fair and Telkwa BBQ

**TELKWA & DISTRICT SENIORS' SOCIETY (Young at Heart Club)
contributed by Janet Goheen**

Hi Everyone,

I hope you've all had an enjoyable hot summer. And it was hot!

We will be getting back on track now and ready for the fall. So here is what is happening at the Seniors' Center. Have fun at the annual BBQ/Demolition Derby.

We will be serving a pancake breakfast on each day of the Labour Day Weekend

Sept. 3, 4 & 5 Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

- Sept. 1 Bingo at 7:00 pm.
- Sept. 7 Meeting at 1 pm
- Sept. 17 Potluck Supper at 6 pm
- Tuesdays Games day starting at 1 pm
- Mon. & Thurs. Carpet Bowling starting at 1:30 pm
- Wednesdays Sip & Stitch -11 am to 4 pm starting Sept 8

We are a very active group and we're focused on having fun and enjoying life. Come on out and have some good times at Telkwa's "Young at Heart Club". Hope to see you there!



CHURCH WORSHIP

- Telkwa Christian Reformed Church (next door to BV Home Center) will be going back to their regular 2 services beginning September 12th at 9:30 am with The "New Series of the Life of Jesus in Mark's Gospel" and 11:00 am with "Messages About How God Wants the Best For Us". Check us out soon!
- Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa 846-9710 Sunday 10 am & 2:30 pm.
- Mt. Zion Lutheran Congregation at St. Stephen's 847-3364 Sunday 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

Monthly Newsletter

If you have an article that you'd like to put in the newsletter or any ideas or suggestions, please contact me (Helen) at the municipal office and I'll see if there's room for it.

Riverside Room

A reminder that we will no longer be renting out the Riverside Room. We are utilizing it for much needed office space.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Never be afraid to do something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark; professionals built the Titanic.
- A truth that's told with bad intent beats all the lies you can invent.
- Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so.
- Ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which we will not put.

SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE BEAR FACTS: AN APPLE A DAY - contributed by Debbie Wellwood

Keep it natural. From late summer through fall, red elderberry, blueberry, soapberry, Saskatoon berry and other wild berries are important natural foods for bears. Bears are now entering a period of hyperphagia (literally hyper-eating), in a final attempt to build the thick layer of fat they will need to survive months of hibernations through the short, cold days of a long winter. We are now entering the season when all bears are highly motivated to find the best food resources possible. Your support and efforts are needed to help prevent conflicts from occurring between bears and people in the Village of Telkwa and surrounding areas.



Domestic fruit can be a powerful attractant. Apples might earn points from teachers but do you know just how bad they can be for bears? Have you ever watched a bear feeding in a fruit tree? Have you ever wondered about this bear's future? In essence, bears that feed on domestic fruit and others sources of food from people are being rewarded for their efforts. Given their massive energy demands, they will soon be looking for more - If not in your yard then elsewhere in your neighbourhood. Bears that learn to associate people and the places we live with sources of food, become bolder and more comfortable around people. The trail of property damage that a hungry bear, conditioned to getting food from people, can be considerable. These bears are at a much greater risk of being killed by people than their more wary relatives.

A few tips for preventing fruit tree related problems:

- Ideally, pick your fruit just before it is ripe & definitely before it falls to the ground. Many fruits can be ripened indoors,
- Clear brush from around fruit trees. This may help to deter less bold bears by reducing security cover that they can hide in.
- If the fruit is not wanted or trees are abandoned, organize friends, neighbours or a community group to pick the fruit. They can keep some or all of the fruit in exchange for their efforts.
- An electric fence can be very effective for excluding bears from highly attractive foods, such as fruit trees, beehives and livestock - provided it is properly installed and maintained. Visit the Living with Wildlife Foundation website at <http://www.lwwf.org/> for more information.
- If bears can not be prevented from getting access to fruit, cut these trees down, and
- When landscaping, choose trees and shrubs that do not produce fruit that will attract bears.

Recent bear reports for the Telkwa area. The Conservation Officer Service has received numerous reports of black bear sightings including mothers with cubs and single bears. At this point, reported sightings are primarily in the Round Lake, Tyhee Lake and Quick areas. Many black bears are focusing on Saskatoon berries which are now ripe but reported incidents include a black bear killing chickens and another one with cubs that has been feeding on apples. Based on these reports, and if these bears are presented with opportunities to get food from people, I think we can anticipate a significant increase in conflicts between bears and people as the season progresses and berry crops diminish. There is much that can be done to help these bears stay out of trouble in and around Telkwa.

Your actions can create a safer community for people and bears.

For more information about how to prevent conflicts, visit the Village of Telkwa website at <http://www.telkwa.com/community-newsletter/> for previous Bear Facts Articles (April to July 2010)

Conservation Officer Service: To report a serious wildlife conflict, call toll free 1-877-952-7277.

FEDO'S MARTIAL ARTS - Teen/adult summer Jui Jitsu Challenge Thursdays from Aug. 5 to Sept. 9. Fight night on Sept. 9. Fall Jui Jitsu classes start Sept. 13, Mon.-Thurs. from 7 - 8:15 pm. To register or for more info call Fedo's Martial Arts at 250-846-5289.

PIANO LESSONS Desiree van der Meulen is offering piano music lessons for ALL ages. Please call 250-846-9109 for further details about available lesson times and days. All inquiries are welcome.

GOOD FOOD BOX Order your good food box at Smithers Community Services (250-846-9515) by Sept. 13th for only \$15.00 (pay at time of order) and enjoy your fresh fruit & vegetables on Sept. 20th. It's an excellent way to ensure your family is getting good nutrition in their daily diet. Put your order in & pick it up at St. James Church - 1636 Princess Ave. in Smithers. Just one more way to support local enterprise & reap the rewards while you're at it. For more info call Janet at 846-5282.

LOCAL HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER at Round Lake Hall on Saturday, October 2 at 5:00 pm. Come out to celebrate our local foods, meet some local farmers and join in on some after dinner entertainment. Bring a favourite dish or two made from local foods and add a label to highlight the local ingredients.



QUICK PLAY DAYS - Come Out to Round Lake Hall for Quick Play Days! Geared for children between ages of 0-5 years. We enjoy a variety of toys, books, a parachute, climbing toys, etc. This is generally an unstructured, community organized play group, where we enjoy the large open space of Round Lake Hall throughout the winter and shoulder seasons. Coffee and tea are provided - baked goods are welcome. Every Monday 10 am to 12 noon, starting Sept. 20, 2010. For more information contact Tara Strauss at 250-846-9179.

RECAP ON UPCOMING EVENTS

Labour Day Long Weekend - Annual Kinsmen's BBQ - See last month's newsletter for full schedule. It's also on our website - www.telkwa.com

Sept. 2 - New Traffic Flow Begins - Watch for the new one-way streets

Sept. 2, 3 & 4 - Seniors' Pancake Breakfast - Enjoy a great breakfast in a friendly atmosphere.

Sept. 13 - School Begins
Please slow down and watch for the extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic.



Sept. 16 - Last "Music in the Park" of the Season - Come and enjoy the last "Music in the Park" of the summer. Bring a picnic, relax, enjoy the sunset, local musicians, friends and neighbours.

PLEASE NOTE: Water Use Restrictions are now back to Stage 1

- 1.1 Flowers/Shrubs/Trees and Vegetable-Any Day Watering
Water of trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables using a hose-connected or an automatic in-ground sprinkler will be limited to the hours of 4:00 am to 9:00 am or 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm any day of the week.
- 1.2 Lawns-Twice a Week Watering
Watering of lawns using hose-connected or automatic in-ground sprinklers will be limited to the hours of 4:00 am to 9:00 am and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at premises following the zone schedule as set forth:

Zone 1 on Monday and Thursdays
Zone 2 on Tuesdays and Fridays
Zone 3 on Wednesdays and Saturdays
There will be no lawn watering on Sundays
- 1.3 Washing Vehicles
Washing of motor vehicles, boats and recreations vehicles must be with a hose equipped with a shut off device that is spring loaded and operated by hand pressure. Washing of vehicles will occur in accordance with the above zone schedule



Water Restriction Zones

Zone 1 - is described as that area on the East side of the Bulkley River (Highway 16 Corridor and the Bench area)

Zone 2 - is described as that area on the West side of the Bulkley River, on the North side of Coalmine Rd (Cottonwood Flats Area)

Zone 3 - is described as that area on the West side of the Bulkley River, on the South-East side of Coalmine Road. (Woodland Area)

PLEASE NOTE: The Ministry of Environment has issued a "Low Stream Flow Advisory". The Skeena, Bulkley, Kispiox and Nass Rivers are well below normal levels and have experienced some of the lowest flows on record for this time of year. Low stream and lake levels can lead to water shortages, creating hardship for people, agriculture, industry and fish. Potential implications include: (1) critical shortage of water for drinking, agriculture, industry and aquatic life (2) warmer water temperatures lead to poor drinking water quality and could be lethal for fish and other aquatic species (3) low water levels can strand fish and create migration barriers. (4) low flows can deplete groundwater supplies, as surface and groundwater "feed" each other. Water conservation is everyone's responsibility. We urge you to conserve water during these critical low flows.