



# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF TELKWA

## “WHERE RIVERS MEET AND FRIENDS GATHER”

### DECEMBER 2009

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
ONE AND ALL



#### INFORMATION

##### Village of Telkwa

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Phone: 250-846-5212  
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info@telkwa.com

##### Municipal Office

###### Hours:

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

##### 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

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.telkwa.com

(New website is now available)

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

December 14th at 7:00 pm. The agenda may be viewed at the Village Office.

**NOTE: There is only one Council Meeting in December**

#### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Well here we are at the end of the first year as a new Council. It has been an extremely busy year, to say the least. The following are a few highlights that have taken place this year.

We had the ice jam to contend with in the Spring - Our staff, fire department and many volunteers did a tremendous job in keeping the damage to a minimum.

Early in the year we purchased a new multi-use truck and later in the summer we purchased a new unit for the garbage pick-up. The Hankin Avenue project has finally been completed, the new water mains under the highway from Hankin Ave. to the Telkwa One Stop was completed on time and on budget, new equipment has been installed at the pump on the Highway. This will better serve the water department as the pump will now produce only as much water as is needed rather than run at full capacity. The fencing around the water storage tank has been completed, there's been major upgrades at the cemetery and new signage for the village will be installed as funds become available in the new year. The Tower St. drainage and realignment has been completed and a number of problem sewer and water lines have been upgraded. With help from BC Hydro, the lighting in all the municipal buildings have been upgraded to energy efficient equipment. We just completed a new bridge over the dike on Cottonwood St.

BC Housing has indicated they are prepared to build eight units of the First Senior Housing complex in Telkwa in the Spring of 2010.

Council and staff just finished a strategic planning session with an outside facilitator. It was so good to have all the staff participate and bring their ideas forward.

At this time I would like to thank all the volunteers who gave of their time to make the village beautiful this past summer and to the many volunteers who continually dedicate their time to the safety, concern and enjoyment of our community.

I would like to thank the volunteer fire department members who keep us safe and give unselfishly of their time. I would also like to thank the Council members, as it has been a learning curve for all of us. I volunteered Council to paint the tires at Woodland Park as well as painting the outside ice rink for the upcoming torch relay in January. You did a bank-up job!

I especially want to thank TOM, KIM and all the village staff for their help and support. You have made my job much easier.

At this time of year I pray God's special blessing on each and every one of you. Have a safe and joyous holiday.

*Carman Graf*  
Mayor  
Village of Telkwa

#### CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Village Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays. We will be closing at noon on Dec. 24th and reopening at 8:30 am on Jan. 4th. Garbage pick-up will not be interrupted.

**HAVE A SAFE AND  
HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

**FOR ALL AFTER-HOUR  
EMERGENCIES  
PLEASE CALL  
250-846-9144**

#### Gala of Lights Christmas Contest

Once again, Telkwa will be lighting up for Christmas with the "Gala of Lights" Christmas contest.

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize for both residential and business categories.

1st	\$100.00
2nd	\$ 75.00
3rd	\$ 50.00

Councillor Rick Fuerst and Admin. Asst., Stacey Giddings have volunteered to judge the contest in the early evening of Dec. 15th. (about 6:00 pm) Make sure you have your lights on as soon as it gets dark.  
**Good luck to everyone.**



Here are my picks for the month:  
**Order in Chaos** by Jack Whyte - this is book three in the Templar Trilogy. The Templars are under attack in France as King Philip seeks to destroy them and take possession of their wealth. Sir William Sinclair is given a secret order advising him to flee with as many men & as much treasure as he can escape with. Making their way to Scotland, the knights must now try to adapt to a new way of life, maintaining their vows in secret & ensuring that the Templars do not become a thing of the past. Whyte's conclusion of this trilogy is as intriguing & entertaining as the other two. The ending will leave you very satisfied.

**Say You're One of Them** by Uwem Akpan - this collection of short stories explores distressing themes in the life of impoverished Africans. A selection in Oprah's book club, each story gives us a glimpse of life through the eyes of the children involved. The themes range from child trafficking to

religious prosecution to the circumstances of extreme poverty. Brilliantly written.

**Blue Christmas** by Mary Kay Andrews - a lovely little story that will get you in the Christmas spirit. Eloise is owner of an antique shop and she is determined to have the best decorated shop in town. Soon it appears as if someone is trying to sabotage her efforts - decorations are destroyed & food for the Open House is stolen. Could it be the competition or is someone from the past getting revenge? A delightful read which you can gobble up in one afternoon. FUN!

**The Monster of Florence** by Douglas Preston - in this true crime story, Preston documents the case of a notorious serial killer operating on the outskirts of Florence. Altogether, eight young couples are brutally murdered. Mario Spezi, an Italian journalist, and Preston, follow the clues and reach conclusions that enrage Italian lawmen. The book

attempts to unmask the killer, who is still at large, as well as expose the human ambition and greed standing in the way of justice within a so-called democratic western nation.

**Of Bees and Mist** by Erick Setiawan - Meridia, the child of a broken marriage, falls in love with Daniel. The future looks bright until her mother-in-law's true nature is revealed. Forced to deal with this evil mama, Meridia fights for the well-being of her family & in the process learns to understand her troubled childhood. In telling this story, Setiawan invokes magical metaphors to represent the hurt, pain, joy and laughter that are part of family relationships. This novel is complex and compelling - an adult story that can be read on several levels.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all you readers out there!**



**Christmas Food Hamper Program - Smithers Community Services - Totally Volunteer Based**

Especially at this time of year we think of those less fortunate & try to give what we can to help make someone's Christmas a little brighter. If you would like to make a donation to the food hamper program, please drop off your non-perishable items or unwrapped Christmas presents at the Municipal Office no later than Dec. 14th.

Volunteers are always needed for packing and sorting, delivering the hampers and, of course, for donations.

**Telkwa Museum Society - Contributed by Janet McDivitt**

Greetings of the Season!

We wish to thank all those who attended our Bazaar in Nov. & really appreciated the number of vendors who participated. Much time and effort goes into such an event to make it successful. Thanks again!

In December you may notice the "open sign" out front of the Museum on different days. Feel free to drop in, take a look around or check our Gift Shop. We will be hosting our annual

Carole Sing-a-Long on Sat., Dec. 12th at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen's Church. Our special guest will be Curt Gesch on the keyboard and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments to follow.

Members will meet in the new year on Wed., January 27th at 7:30 pm New folks are always welcome. For information you may call Janet G. at 846-5282, John or Janet McD. At 846-9093 or Doug B. at 846-9642

Warmest wishes for the Holidays from all of us to all of you . . .



You can pick-up the following forms at the village office:

Volunteer Registration Form, Adopt-an-Item Program Form and/or Sponsor-A-Family Form

For detailed information please call Nathalie or Kristy at 847-9515 or 250-877-9405. E-mail: [champers@scsa.ca](mailto:champers@scsa.ca)

**Telkwa Seniors' Society (Young at Heart Club) - Contributed by Janet Goheen**

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope all your shopping goes well and that you all enjoy the season. Here is what we can look forward to in December at the Seniors' Center.

- ⇒ Dec. 1st - Meeting Day at 1:00 pm
- ⇒ Dec. 2nd - Bingo at 7:00 pm. Jackpot is climbing!
- ⇒ Dec. 5th - Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 - 11:00 am
- ⇒ Dec. 11 - Annual Christmas Dinner at 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Dec. 31st - New Years Eve Party
- ⇒ Carpet Bowling is every Monday & Thursday at 1:30 pm

- New! Sip and Stitch will be every Wednesday from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Tuesday is games day at the centre from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

So we hope to see you all out during the holiday season and come enjoy the New Year's Eve Party. For tickets, please Call Pete or Joy at 846-5442.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
EVERYONE  
and  
ALL THE BEST IN**

**THE NEW YEAR**



**The Fire Department is still  
looking for Volunteers**

**You Can Make a Difference !!!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Contact:**

**Corey Kortmeyer, Fire Chief (778)  
210-0263**

**or**

**Randy Cunningham, Deputy Chief  
(778) 210-0264**

#### **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Mount Zion Lutheran Church** will be having a Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm December 24. Everyone is welcome.

**Christmas Season Happenings at Faith Reformed Church in Telkwa. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Sunday evening, December 20th at 7:30 pm. Sing, Celebrate & Fellowship. All ages welcome. Nursery will be provided.

Worship Services: Christmas Day at 10:00 am. Regular services on Dec. 27th at 10 am & 2:30 pm. Old Year's Eve. Service on Dec. 31 at 7:30 pm. New Years Day Service at 11 am (combined service at Bethel Reformed Church in Smithers) Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **Join together for a Christmas Dinner**

On behalf of the Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa, we are hosting a

#### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**



**For all who would like to  
come and join in a meal of  
celebration**

Friday, December 25th at  
Faith Reformed Church Fellowship Hall.  
Doors open at 5:00 pm. Drop in anytime.

If you would like more information call Verna at 250-846-5728. Transportation provided, if needed. Contact Seiger at 250-846-5311.



#### **OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY COMMUNITY GRANTS**

##### **Olympic Torch Relay - Telkwa, Route Community, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The Vancouver 2010 Torch Relay is a 100 day celebration of light shining on the people and places that define our national character. 100 days of Canadians inspiring Canadians to be their best.

On day 93, in the early evening of Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Olympic Torch will be coming through Telkwa on Hwy 16 beginning at Hankin Avenue ending just a few metres past the turn-off to Telkwa High Road. Please join the community in lining Highway 16 between these two points to cheer the torch bearers on. Glow candles and stick flags will be passed out to all spectators. You will be asked to crack the glow candles to light up the route on both sides of the road. Times will be confirmed in the next newsletter, flyers and our website. Check out our newly revised website. [www.telkwa.com](http://www.telkwa.com)

##### **2010 Telkwa Olympic Torch Relay Hockey Tournament - January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 All Telkwa residents, we are looking for teams, referees, cheerleaders and spectators !**

In a lead up celebration of the Olympic torch relay, in the spirit of Telkwa heritage and the much loved Canadian game of hockey, the Village of Telkwa is holding an outdoor, old-fashioned, fun-filled hockey tournament at the Joseph Dockrill Skating Rink. The tournament will take place Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> and end shortly before the Telkwa torch relay begins. There will be food and entertainment provided; hotdogs and hot chocolate, traditional hockey organ music, great tunes and sound effects with a play-by-play announcer and colour commentators between periods and games. The hockey games will be a shortened version, 10 minute periods, and have some creative rules to make it more fun. Teams and referees will be issued jerseys that will be theirs to keep. There will be bronze, silver and gold medal presentations at the end of the day. Once the tournament has ended it will be close to the time the torch relay bearers will be arriving. At this time we would encourage people to move over to Highway 16 to take part in cheering the torch bearer on.

To register a team or to be a referee, please call Rick Fuerst at 250-846-9292 or 778-810-0066

#### **POTENTIAL DANGER OF RADON AND WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Radon gas is a radioactive, colourless, odourless gas that is naturally found in the soil in many parts of the North. It can build up in the basements and lower levels of people's homes & can be inhaled and lead to lung cancer.

Health Canada is recommending that all homes in Canada be tested for radon gas since testing a home is the only way of detecting the presence of radon gas. Testing is easy and generally costs less than \$60.00. Northern Health is now offering radon test kits for \$30, making it easier for homeowners in the North to test their home. These are available at the Public Health Protection Office in Smithers at 3790 Alfred Avenue or can be ordered by contacting the Prince George Public Health Protection office at 250-565-2150 or [radon@northernhealth.ca](mailto:radon@northernhealth.ca). Once elevated radon concentrations have been detected in a home, there are several mitigation strategies available for homeowners.

For more info contact 1-250-565-2150 or [radon@northerhealth.ca](mailto:radon@northerhealth.ca)

#### **THINKING DRIVERS TOP RULES FOR WINTER DRIVING**

- ◆ ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
- ◆ ADJUST YOUR SPEED TO THE CONDITIONS
- ◆ GET THE "FEEL" OF THE ROAD
- ◆ KEEP THE WINDSHIELD CLEAR OF SNOW, ICE AND FOG
- ◆ USE SNOW TIRES, TIRE CHAINS OR STUDED TIRES ON ICE AND SNOW
- ◆ GENTLY APPLY YOUR BRAKES TO SLOW DOWN OR STOP
- ◆ UNDERSTAND AND USE ABS CORRECTLY
- ◆ FOLLOW AT A SAFE DISTANCE
- ◆ DO NOT USE YOUR CRUISE CONTROL



**GOOD FOOD BOX**

Order your good food box at Norma's Ark by December 6th for delivery on December 16th. Cost is \$15.00 to be paid at time of order. It's easy, convenient and an excellent way to ensure your family is getting good nutrition in their daily diet.

**Community Learning Services and the Telkwa Reading Center** will once again be offering a free "Mom, Pop and Tots" P.L.A.Y. (Parenting, Literacy and You) Program. This program will run every Thurs. from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The winter session will start October 1st & end Dec. 17th. This is a great opportunity to come to the reading centre for songs, stories & art. This also develops new skills to support your child's early learning development. For more inform, contact S.C.S.A.. at (250) 847-9515.

**Yoga** If anyone is interested in Yoga classes beginning in January please call Phillipa at 250-846-9777

**Enjoy the holiday season and make sure you keep it safe for everyone. Always have a designated driver.**

**Telkwa Potter's Guild** Get ready for the fall season! Beginners are welcome. Lessons and workshops available. Drop - in for those with experience is Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed. 10am-10pm. Tools, wheels, clay, glazes... IT'S ALL HERE! Call Nika (250) 846-9309.

**Round Lake Community Association contributed by Dina Hanson**

- Dance to the Ski Bums, Sat. Dec. 5th at 8:00 pm at Round Lake Hall - Cost \$10.00
- Coffeeshouse with Lori Koop & Laura Owens, Sat. Dec. 12th at 7:30 pm at Quick Chalet - \$5.00
- Winter Solstice & Christmas sing-along, Monday, Dec. 21st at Round Lake Hall. Bring snacks to share; hot chocolate will be provided.
- New Year's Eve Dance, to the high energy rock & roll music of Glenn Farrell and Magneto, Thur. Dec. 31st at 8:00 pm. Tickets \$20.00 in advance & \$25.00 at the door. Snacks, bar and prizes.

For details on all these events and more, check out the Round Lake Web Page at [www.roundlakebc.com](http://www.roundlakebc.com).

**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. Lessons will commence in September 2009. All inquiries are welcome.

**Jui Jitsu** Classes for children ages 8-12 and Youth 13-Adult. Call: Fedo's Martial Arts 846-5289

**G.E.M.S.** Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savor. Friday nights at the Telkwa CRC Church. Call Connie Mann at (250) 846-5685 for more information.

**PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST 2009 WINNERS, PRIZE CONTRIBUTORS AND THANK YOU'S! - Contributed by the T.C.I.S.**

**Congratulations to the following Pumpkin Carvers for "Best in Category"**

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|-----------------|---|
| 0 - 5 years     | Zane Stokes-DeYoung                                 |
| 6 - 9 years     | Alyssa Olsen  |
| 10 - 12 years   | Ross Chick  |
| 13 - 17 years   | Tristen Taylor                                      |
| Adult           | Kelly Stokes  |
| Family          | The Desmarais/Beck Family (Pat, Phillipa and Lowen) |
| People's Choice | David Bradburn                                      |
| Special Needs   | Jeremy Hawes  |

**BIG THANK YOU to the Following Businesses for Contributing Prizes:**

- ALL FOR LESS WAREHOUSE
- ART & SOUL POTTERY
- BV HOME CENTRE
- CONNIE'S COIFFURES
- MOUNTAIN EAGLE BOOKS
- SPEEDEE INTERIOR STATIONERY
- TELKWA ONE STOP
- TELKWA POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES
- ZELLER'S

**Big "Kudos" to the following Volunteers & Organizers:**

- All pumpkin carvers and participants.
- Nick Dewitt and Adam for making the Madison Detailing Shop available.
- Judges Jane Matthews of Two Rivers Lodge, former Mayor Sharon Hartwell and current Mayor Carmen Graf
- The Village of Telkwa for the supply of Fireworks.
- The Telkwa Volunteer Fire Department and past Fire Chief "Stoney" for safely setting off and supervising the Fireworks.
- Andre Coupé for serving the popcorn.
- The "Thriller" zombie dance team for capping off the evening.
- The Telkwa Museum Society for supplying the tables.
- Telkwa Community Initiatives Society members for set up and take down.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**