



VILLAGE OF TELKWA

MAY 2009

WHERE THE RIVERS MEET & FRIENDS GATHER

From the Municipal Office
-For Your Information-

INFORMATION

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Municipal Office

Hours:

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
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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

Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Statutory Holidays excluded.

The public is welcome to attend.

The next 2 Council meetings are:

May 11 & 26 at

7:00 pm

The Agenda may be viewed at the Village Office.

ICE JAM 2009

A HUGE THANK YOU to the many volunteers who quickly responded to the sudden ice jam on April 22nd. Mother Nature certainly has her ways of surprising us. Ice jams occur when warm temperatures and/or heavy rain cause snow to melt rapidly. Snow melt, combined with heavy rains, can cause frozen rivers to swell, which breaks the ice layer on top of the river. The ice layer often breaks into large chunks, which float downstream and often pile up near narrow passages & other obstructions, such as bridges and dams. Ice Jams can happen without too much warning - this is why it is so important to always be prepared.



SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Village of Telkwa will be holding its Spring Clean-up this month on your regular garbage pick-up days of May 20th and 21st.

We will accept yard waste, and cardboard. Please ensure that any yard waste such as leaves or grass clippings are bagged and separated from everyday household garbage.

The Village will not accept motor vehicle parts, appliances, refrigerators or hazardous materials.

For further information, please contact the Municipal Office at 846-5212.



NEW EMPLOYEES

Council and staff are very pleased to welcome, and looking forward to working with, full-time maintenance man, Jim Harding, temporary full-time maintenance man, Kevin Materi and casual Administrative Assistant, Stacey Giddings.

SPRING BURNING AND GRASS FIRES

Before you decide to start burning, some things you should consider first are:

- ◆ Can I reach the entire area with a garden hose or by some other means of delivering water?
- ◆ Is it contained in some way so that it cannot burn outside of the area that I want to burn?
- ◆ Who can I call upon to assist me in keeping the fire under control?
- ◆ Are there any trees nearby that have long grass right up to them?
- ◆ Are there any burning restrictions due to local air quality issues?
- ◆ Call **(1-888-281-2992)** or check the Air Protection Branch Website at: www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect/
- ◆ Areas larger than .2ha require a burn registration number that can be obtained Mon. to Fri. at: **1-800-797-1717.**

GAMES TOWN 2010

Three BC communities will be honoured as shining examples of the spirit of sport, healthy living and community engagement around the 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games. Every community has a chance to shine as British Columbians tell their stories through words, photos and videos online at www.GamesTown2010.ca

Your community could take home the grand prize of \$100,000.00 towards upgrading a recreation centre or sport facility .

For more information on how you can help your community compete for the title, go to www.GamesTown2010.ca

HWY 16/HANKIN PROJECT

Construction season is here! As you may have already discovered, there will be minor delays and/or detours as the Hwy16/Hankin Ave. corridor gets its finishing touches. We are anticipating the project to be finished within two months. There is still landscaping and some pipe work to be completed. The finished project will give Telkwa a great facelift.

Please slow down and watch out for workers and pedestrians.

We appreciate your patience through this construction phase.



Telkwa Reading Center - contributed by Christine Tessier

Good children's literature appeals not only to the child in the adult, but to the adult in the child

The Reading Center currently has two computers available for patron use. We don't have the internet connected yet but hope to do so in the upcoming weeks. Please check with staff if you wish to use one of the computers.

I wish to thank Eric from Man-Maid for his janitorial services these past few years. Eric has now retired and the Reading Center is looking for someone to do cleaning in the library on a part-time basis. If you are

interested please leave a resume at the library and I will contact you.

New additions to the shelves: The Outlander by Gil Adamson-this is definitely my favourite read so far this year. Adamson gives us a tale featuring a young widow and murderess on the run from her husband's family. We follow her trek through mountain passes until she seems to settle in a small mining community. However, family is never far behind and the story keeps a suspenseful air as they follow her trail, never flagging from their mission. The ending is superb but, of course, far too soon.

The Associate by John Grisham-this is the story of a young would-be lawyer who is caught in a web of blackmail and deceit when an episode from his past comes to light. Kyle McAvoy must constantly look over his shoulder to avoid his blackmailer who wants him to collect firm secrets that could win a major trial worth millions of dollars. The novel keeps us in suspense as each page reveals more twists and turns and Kyle seeks to find a way out of his dilemma.

The Patient by Michael Palmer-a great medical thriller. A vicious murderer is victim to a brain tumor. If

Jessie operates he will live to kill again but if she doesn't he will kill thousands with the traps he has set. Fast-paced and filled with medical jargon, it's a page turner

Northern Lights by Nora Roberts-set in beautiful and cold Alaska, this novel contains all the ingredients for a good tale - romance between the new Police Chief and the hometown independent woman, intrigue by local n'er - do - wells, a sixteen year old murder mystery and unforgiving Mother Nature. One of Roberts better stories.

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY



Telkwa Museum Society- contributed by Janet McDivitt
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Members will soon be out and about tidying up the Museum and grounds in preparation for the open season.

Plans are in the making for some special events and/or activities for July 1st. Watch for details in the next newsletter and perhaps even some posters around the village. We will be holding a

raffle to help with expenses for the events. The raffle is for a Stainless Steel Broil-Mate BBQ and a 5-piece Wilkinson Steel utensil set. Tickets will be available shortly from the members or you can purchase them at the time of the event on July 1st - draw at 1:00 pm. Tickets will sell at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Our next meeting is Wed. May, 27th at 7:00 pm.

For information on the Museum or St. Stephen's Church please call Janet G. at 250-846-5282, John & Janet McD. at 250-846-9093 or Doug B. at 250-846-9642.

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

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

Well, Winter seems to be over and we are all thinking of the planting and the yard work that is to be done. With this in mind, we are starting to cut back on the activities at the centre. The square dancing has come to an end and will start up again in the Fall. Here is what's going on in May:

- May 2 - Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 - 11:00 am
- May 5 - Regular Meeting at 1:00 pm
- May 6 - Bingo at 7:00 pm
- May 9 - Spring Tea from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

- May 15 - Potluck Supper, with Silent Auction at 6:00 pm
- May 13 & 26 - Sip & Stitch at 11:00 am
- Mondays and Thursdays - Carpet Bowling at 1:30 pm

We are looking for donations for our auction and we thank all those who can help us out.

Please come out an enjoy our Spring Tea. Tickets can be purchased for Joy K at 250-846-5442 or Janet G at 250-846-5282.

Hope to see you there!



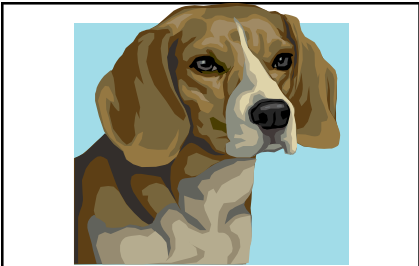
The Telkwa Seniors' are committed to staying "Young at Heart"

**AFTER HOURS
EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**If there is an after-hours emergency and you have to get in touch with Municipal Staff please call:
250-846-9144**

The message on the answering machine will give you the phone number of the person on-call.

**Animal Control
A Few More Excerpts From the
Animal Control Bylaw No. 522**



4.1 Every owner of a dog shall keep the dog on a leash not longer than 2 metres and under the control of a competent person while upon a highway or public place or any place not owned by that person.

4.2 Every person in control of a dog or other animal shall immediately remove and dispose in a waste container or by other sanitary means, any excrement deposited upon any public place or private land other than the animal's owner's land.

4.4 The Animal Control Officer may secure and transport any dog running at large in a dog trap designed for this purpose or any other secure, humane method for this purpose.

4.5 An owner having custody of a female dog in heat shall confine the animal during the ovulation period.

Don't forget the Bylaw Officer's Number
250-846-5928


2009 Dog Licenses are now due.


T I P S F O R L I V I N G W E L L


 Spend time with the very young and the very old. The ideal way to reset your watch is to spend time with someone who doesn't wear one. Hold a sleeping newborn in your arms and try to match the pattern of her slow, steady breathing. Make no attempt to check your watch, the stock market, your email, etc. while holding her. Or take an elderly friend out for breakfast. Pay attention to how little the food matters to him and how much the

conversation does, even if very little is actually said. (K.C. Spencer in "Slowing Down to the Speed of Life" in *Imagine: Creating a Meaningful Life*.

 "Play. Re-establish 'childlike' qualities. Science tells us when we play it increases our immune cells that combat disease. Playfulness also increases creativity and optimism at home and at work."- *Stress Reduction Tips" from the Stress Institute.*

 Attitude of Gratitude. It is physiologically impossible to be grateful and experience stress at the same time. Research shows grateful individuals report having more energy and less physical complaints than their non-grateful counterparts. Studies tell us daily gratitude exercises result in higher levels of alertness, enthusiasm, determination, optimism and energy. "- *Stress Reduction Tips"*

 Remember to Laugh - Rent your favourite comedy video. Tape a TV show that you know makes you laugh and keep it on hand for stress emergencies. Go the library and borrow a book by an author who can make you laugh. Read the daily comics in the newspaper. Or, phone the funniest person you know.



G E T T O K N O W Y O U R C O M M U N I T Y

Did you know that:

- * the Municipal office has trail network maps for the public? Go and explore the trail system and be amazed at what you'll see and how you'll feel.
- * the public is welcome and encouraged to come to a Council Meeting? The 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.
- * you can submit a point of

interest for the monthly newsletter? Let's hear from you.

- * volunteers are what makes a community? What a remarkable group we have - and there's always room for more. Make your ideas count. This is your community!
- * The Municipal Office is open to anyone for any concerns or questions. Drop by anytime.

* we have Public Transit schedules at the office. Come and get one and try a trip to Smithers and back. The cost is right and you can do your part to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**THE POSSIBILITIES
FOR ANYTHING
ARE ENDLESS**

Church Worship

Telkwa Christian Reformed Church
846-5777
Sunday 9:30 am and 11:00 am with coffee in between.

Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa - 846-9710

Food for Thought

"To find a fault is easy; to do better may be difficult."

Thank you, Linda, for your many contributions to our newsletter over the years. Our readers will miss your current happenings section. In the meantime, if there's anyone who would like to see a "current happening" event placed in the newsletter please call Helen at 250-846-5212 or email: reception@telkwa.com.

GOOD FOOD BOX

Order your good food box at Norma's Ark on May 4th for only \$15.00 (pay at time of order) and enjoy your fresh fruit and vegetables (including some locally grown in the summer) on May 11th. It's easy, convenient and an excellent way to ensure your family is getting good nutrition in their daily diet. Everyone can take advantage of this great opportunity. Go ahead and put your order in on the 4th! Give it a try and see what you think! Just one more way to support local enterprise reap the rewards while you're at it.



KINSMEN'S SOAP BOX DERBY

The Bulkley Valley Kinsmen will be hosting a Soap Box Derby on May 23rd from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm in front of Hoskins Ford in Smithers. Registration begins at 10:00 pm on the day of the Derby. Children and adults of ALL ages are welcome to join the fun. Kits are available. Please call Leroy at 250-846-5320 or Len at 847-2856 for any question you may have.

A LITTLE INFO ON SOAP BOXES

A soapbox car is a motorless vehicle capable of holding a driver (usually a child) built for the purpose of racing or recreation. Propelled by gravity, soapbox cars can reach upwards of 50 km/h (30 miles per hour). Originally, soapbox cars were built from wooden soap (or orange) crates and rollerskate wheels, but have grown more sophisticated over time, with materials like aluminum and fiberglass being utilized.



PIANO LESSONS

Desiree van der Meulen is offering Piano music lesson for ALL ages. Please call 250-846-9109 for further details about available lesson times and day. Lessons will commence in September 2009. All inquiries are welcome.



FOR PETE'S SAKE.-SING

In celebration of the 90th birthday of legendary folk singer, Pete Seeger, & in honour of his Peace Prize nomination, join a sing-along, part of a world-wide event on Sun., May 3rd from 1:00-4:00 at the newly renovated Round Lake Hall.

TELKWA SENIORS' HOUSING SOCIETY

The Telkwa Seniors' Housing Society is seeking people to serve on its committee. For inquiries please call Erik Jacobsen at 250-846-9797.

ROUND LAKE COMMUNITY POTLUCK and AUCTION

Saturday, May 23rd at 5:00 pm at the Round Lake Hall. Silent Auction of Tools, Story-Sharing and Songs.

BASEBALL and SOCCER

The ball diamonds and the soccer fields will soon alive with activity. Why not go out and cheer on your hometown teams!

The 10 Commandments of Creating Community (by Kathie Snow)

- > See yourself as, and become a "regular" (not special) person or family
- > Expect inclusion. First and foremost, inclusion is a state of mind. See yourself or your family members as citizens of your community who belong!
- > Develop and nurture relationships with people in natural environments and typical activities: community activities, church, school, leisure, etc.
- > Use natural supports and generic services instead of services and programs from the system (like soccer, ballet, swimming, etc. in place of formal therapy). What would we do if there was no system? Would we really go without or would we find what we need in our

- communities?
- > Ask for others' help and then give back to others however you can in return.
- > Be specific about what you want and need from the community but also be flexible.
- > Be patient with others and with yourself as we all try new ways of doing things. If your first effort fails, learn from the experience and try again.
- > Experience the "dignity of risk. Be willing to try things you've never done before!
- > Be proactive, not reactive, when dealing with others. Think "win/ win" not "win/lose." Negotiate and compromise.
- > Act as if - no matter what - you cannot fail! See yourself as successful. Attitude is everything!

Phase One Water Restrictions Guideline

Water restrictions for sprinklers and car washing is in effect as of June 1.

Watering zones are as follows:

- Zone 1**
East side of the Bulkley River (Hwy 16 Corridor) - Mon & Thurs
- Zone 2**
West side of Bulkley River (North of Coalmine Rd)
Cottonwood Flats side - Tues & Fri.
- Zone 3**
West side of Bulkley River, (SE of Coalmine Rd) Woodland side - Wed & Sat.

For further restrictions, contact the Village Office, 846-5212.

