

Recycling Tips: A reminder that all recyclables must be in **blue or clear plastic bags**. Staff need to be able to see what is in the bag when it is being collected. **Please ensure bags are visible** when you put them out. It can be difficult for the driver to see bags behind snowbanks, especially if it snows. Sometimes the most visible place may be across the road or at the end of a neighbour's driveway, with several bags in one pile. Recycle bags are available for free at the Village Office. Come by to pick up more, and get a recycling brochure at the same time.



Don't forget—your dog needs a 2016 dog tag!

All dogs living within Village limits are required to have a tag. It's an easy way for us to reunite them with their owners in case they have wandered. Tags are only \$15 for spayed/neutered dogs. Be mindful of your dog's barking and how it may be impacting your neighbours. Please also remember that dogs are not permitted to run at large in the Village. Keep them home and safe or on a leash when out and about. Fines for dogs running loose start at \$100.



Brown Bag Lunch Talk—"New Year....Renew You"

Join Wendy Marion-Orienti on February 4 from 12:05-12:55 pm at the Healthy Living Centre to talk about the New Year and a New You! Bring your lunch and join us for this free, informal talk. 1070 Main Street, Smithers. 250-877-4424 for more info. Everyone welcome.

Divorce Care provides practical information and support for individuals going through a separation or divorce. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7pm at the Smithers Christian Reformed Church (4035 Walnut Drive, Smithers). There is no cost and drop-ins are welcome. For more information, email buttonp@telus.net, call 846-9101, or visit divorcecare.org

FireSmart Committee—Call for Volunteers

The FireSmart Program provides communities tools and information needed to mitigate interface fire concerns. Interface issues occur when residential, agricultural or industrial settings with natural vegetation are at risk for wildfires. Telkwa is establishing a FireSmart Committee to oversee the process of establishing and maintaining the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative. Committee tasks will include: assessing hazard areas, planning community outreach to inform the public, and advising Council to ensure FireSmart principles are being followed. This is an important step in protecting our community from wildfires. If you would like to be involved with the FireSmart Committee, please submit your name and contact information to the Village office: info@telkwa.ca, 846-5212, or stop in. Deadline is February 12, 2016.



Clean Burning Tips

Heating with wood? Emissions from wood stoves can severely impact air quality. High levels of particulate matter are a health concern for seniors, children, and those with compromised immune systems. To reduce smoke levels in the Valley, ensure that you are burning smart. If flames are slow and lazy, or if you can see smoke coming out of your chimney, your fire needs to be hotter. Open the damper to allow more air into the fire-box. Additionally, ensure that you are burning dry wood. Dry wood gives off more heat and produces less smoke. Gather your wood in May or June so it has sufficient time to cure before winter burning. Burning cleaner helps reduce the risk of chimney fires and means we can all breathe easier.

The Woodstove Exchange Program is back! Receive a \$250 rebate for replacing your old wood stove with an EPA-certified wood burning appliance. Visit www.telkwa.ca for more information.

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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 : 250-846-9144
Bylaw Enforcement: 250-846-5212
Fire Dept. Emergencies: 911

Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, or the Tuesday following a statutory holiday. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The next regular meetings are February 9 and 22 at 7 pm. Agendas may be viewed at the Village office or on our website at www.telkwa.ca



For more information on what's happening in Telkwa visit our website:

www.telkwa.ca

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



TELKWA READING CENTRE

WED AND THURS 3-5 PM AND 7-9 PM
SATURDAY 2-4 PM

I rarely ever read fantasy. In fact I can't remember the last time I did—well, maybe Harry Potter! I am so glad I decided to give **Six of Crows** by Leigh Bardugo a try. It is a wonderful telling of an old-fashioned adventure with some very interesting characters. The setting feels just like Amsterdam or London while the place of the heist has the feel of an ice palace. The characters possess some out-of-this world skills such as the gift of healing with touch and the ability to climb anything. Humans do exist and they are up to no good. Brekker is the leader of a gang known as the Dregs (of Society). He is presented with the challenge to kidnap a scientist who has developed a formula for a powerful, mind-altering drug. Of course, he will be handsomely paid. The scientist is being held in a highly secure fortress but Brekker is up to the challenge and his choice of comrades, with their skills, makes the impossible more likely. I so enjoyed this book and am looking forward to the sequel.

Unfortunately, the Reading Centre will be closed on Wednesday evenings due to a lack of staff. We need two more volunteers in order to have the library open the hours it should be open. If anyone is interested in helping out on Wed. evenings from 7pm to 9pm or Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm, please let me know. Thanks, *Christine*

Volunteer Program Leaders for Chronic Pain Self-Management Program (CPSMP)

The CPSMP is a free educational program for people living with chronic pain to help them understand and manage symptoms, deal with stress and difficult emotions, learn to safely maintain physical health, and communicate effectively with their health care team. The University of Victoria's Centre on Aging is looking for volunteers to co-lead a CPSMP in the Bulkley Valley. Volunteer leaders will be trained in group facilitation, healthy living strategies and supporting others. A Training Workshop will be held late Feb in Smithers. For more info and to register, contact John Murphy at jamurphy@uvic.ca or 1-866-902-3767.

TELKWA MUSEUM: The Museum is currently putting together a new mining exhibit for Minerals North 2016, to be held in May in Smithers and Telkwa. If you have artefacts, stories or information about mining in this area over the years, we would love to hear about it!

Member, member! Who wants to join this great group of volunteers? We actively preserve the history of the community and create interesting exhibits for all ages. Members can play many roles: silent partners, volunteers for specific events, archiving artefacts, or working on new displays.

St. Stephen's Church is always available for rent for your special occasion or for meetings - call Carol at 846-5280.

We will open for the summer season in early May. Until then, you can visit anytime by appointment - call Doug at 846-9642.

Round Lake Coffee House - Sat Feb 6

Doors at 5:30. Dinner by Quick Eats from 6 to 7pm. \$12 for "Street Food of the World". Music starts at 7:30 pm \$5. Adam Gagnon, Geoff Birch, Dina and Cor, Agent Button. More info: www.roundlakebc.com

CHURCH WORSHIP

Telkwa Christian Reformed Church
Sunday Services - 9:30 am and 10:30 am
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (at St. Stephen's Church)
Sundays - 10 am
Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa
Sundays - 10 am & 2:30 pm

The Seniors Centre is looking for a volunteer fitness instructor to provide a 1-hour evening fitness class every second week. Classes would start ASAP and run until mid-April. This is a great opportunity to accrue hours toward a fitness certification. Unfortunately, classes have been cancelled due to lack of instructors. This group of seniors are a joy to work with and it's tons of FUN!!! Please contact Lauri Deveau at 846-5987 if you are interested.

TELKWA & DISTRICT SENIORS' SOCIETY (Young at Heart Club)

Seniors Centre 846-9570 Contributed by Janet McDivitt

Activities for February 2016

Feb 2, Tuesday General Meeting 1pm
Feb 3, Wednesday Bingo 7pm (just one in Feb.)
Feb 6, Saturday Pancake Breakfast 8 am to 10 am
Feb 19, Friday Pot Luck Supper 6 pm (sharp!)

Weekly Activities

Mondays **Carpet Bowling** 1 pm—3:30 pm
Wednesdays **Sip & Stitch/Painters** 10 am—4 pm
Thursdays **Darts** 10 am—12 noon
Carpet Bowling 1 pm—3:30 pm

Reminder—it's time for active members to renew their memberships. Always looking for new members —\$10 per year. Ages 50 and up.



Need to get around? Consider the bus! Transit Information: 250-847-4993

Bus schedule can be viewed at www.telkwa.ca or www.scsa.ca