

The **2016 Important Dates Calendar** has gone out to all residents in the Village of Telkwa. It is a 12-month calendar indicating council meetings, garbage pick up and recycling days. If you regularly receive our newsletter, you should have received a 2016 calendar. Additional calendars can be picked up at the Village Office at your convenience or found at [www.telkwa.ca](http://www.telkwa.ca), under the 'Village Office' tab.

Mayor Repen invites any residents who have questions or concerns to feel free to contact him. It's a great way to learn more about the Village and share what's important to you. Contact Mayor Repen at [darcyrepen@gmail.com](mailto:darcyrepen@gmail.com)



*Village of Telkwa Council and Staff wish you and yours a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year.*

### Garbage and Recycling Tips

Tie blue recycling bags closed before you put them at the curb. This helps prevent loose material from flying out of the truck. Flattening boxes and plastic cartons before placing them in the bags makes it easier to tie the top. Ensure all garbage in your garbage can is bagged (no loose garbage, pet waste, etc) and the lid is fully closed. If you have excess garbage, tags can be purchased for \$2.00 at the Village Office. When placed beside your garbage can, tagged bags will be picked up during regular garbage collection. Thanks for your help.



### Love your dog? Please remember to get a 2016 dog tag for them!



Cost is \$15 for spayed/neutered dogs. 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. 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 you are out and about. Finally, be mindful of your dog's barking and how it may be impacting your neighbours. Fines for dogs disturbing the peace start at \$50.

### Bear Smart Telkwa—Thank you!

While bears are all snuggled into their dens, we'd like to send a big thank you to those who supported Bear Smart Telkwa program initiatives in 2015.

2015 was a successful year with relatively few conflicts between people and bears. Most likely this is due to a combination of people's efforts to prevent problems with bears and favourable weather conditions for natural foods for bears. Kevin Nixon reported that all of the major berry species that bears eat had bumper crops this last season.

Bear Smart would like to thank the following who provided knowledge, interest, and support to collaboratively and proactively reduce conflicts between people and bears in the Village of Telkwa:

- Telkwa Community Initiatives Society (TCIS)
- Bear Smart Telkwa Working Group: Kevin Nixon, Patou, Sarah, Tom
- Village of Telkwa Mayor and Council
- Village of Telkwa Staff
- Northern Lights Wildlife Shelter

Thanks also to the BC Conservation Officer Service, notably Kevin Nixon and fellow Conservation Officers, and the BC Conservation Foundation (WildSafeBC), especially Frank Ritchey.

Finally, thank you to all of the residents in Telkwa that have put time and effort into applying Bear Smart practices that help to prevent problems with bears. Thank you!



### Telkwa Fitness Classes

**Mon & Wed 6:30-7:30pm**

Telkwa Elementary School

For more info contact Lauri at 846-5987

**Tues & Thurs 6:30-7:30pm**

Telkwa Community Hall

For more info contact Joni at 846-9133

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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 January 11 and 25 at 7 pm. Agendas may be viewed at the Village office or on our website at [www.telkwa.ca](http://www.telkwa.ca)



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

[www.telkwa.ca](http://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

"Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain is reminiscent of "Out of Africa". Beryl is brought to Kenya as a child and grows to love the place she is raised in. Unusually for her times, she struggles to keep her independence as a horse trainer and single woman.

The novel is based on the real life of Beryl Markham as she became one of the first woman pilots to voyage across the Atlantic. She also served as a bush pilot for African guides. Amid scandal and flaunting of convention, this woman was often left in poverty but managed to be true to herself. A very interesting story.

If anyone would like to review books they read from the Reading Centre, I would be pleased to include it in my monthly column. Email me at [telkwalib@citywest.ca](mailto:telkwalib@citywest.ca)

See you at the library! *Christine*

### Carol Sing Fun!

The Telkwa Museum Board thanks everyone for their participation at the St. Stephens Carol Sing in December. Lori Koop's Primary Children's Choir was absolutely delightful. Helen's gentle singing accompanied by her table harp was entrancing and Monica Vandermooren's expertise on the piano led us all in joyful song. Doug told the story of Rev. Stephenson's 30-day snowshoe 'holiday', venturing from Atlin to the Bulkley Valley down the Telegraph Trail, carrying packages and mail for all the telegraph operators. The usual hot chocolate & goodies accompanied cheerful socializing after the carols. Happy New Year all!

### Round Lake Hall Coffee House—Sat Jan 9 7:30 pm

Tunes from Ransom E. Slaughter, Theresa Mohr, Tiana Wisselink and Lonesome P. Dawson. \$5 at the door. Contributions to the snack/baking table most welcome. Brought to you by the Round Lake Community Association. Info: [events@roundlakebc.com](mailto:events@roundlakebc.com)

### Quilted Blankets for People In Need

Have fun and make quilted blankets for those in need in our community. Join The Quilting Group With Heart every Wednesday from 10 am to 4 pm at the Seniors' Centre. Everyone welcome—no sewing skills or equipment needed. Donations of batting, fabric, flannel and fleece welcome. Questions? Call Josefine at 846-9240 or Carol at 846-5888.

**Divorce Care** is a group which aims to provide practical information and warm support for individuals going through a separation or divorce. The group meets on Wednesdays at 7pm from January 13 - April 6 at Smithers Christian Reformed Church (4035 Walnut Drive, Smithers). There is no cost and drop-ins are welcome. Contact (250) 846-9101 or email [buttonp@telus.net](mailto:buttonp@telus.net) or check out [divorcecare.org](http://divorcecare.org) for more information. This group is sponsored by the Christian Reformed Churches of Telkwa and Smithers.

### CHURCH WORSHIP

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

### Health Information Hub Brown Bag Lunch

Thursday, January 14th, noon to 1 pm—Dr. Don Chinnick talks about "Understanding Pain and Body Function" at the Smithers Healthy Living Centre, 1070 Main St. Everyone welcome—bring your lunch. Call 877-4424 for more information.

### Telkwa Volunteer Fire and Rescue

New members wanted and welcomed!! Practices are held Wednesdays from 7—9 pm.



### Junior Firefighter Program

Join the Telkwa Fire Department's Junior Firefighter program. Learn firefighting and medical skills and test yourself in a variety of scenarios. For youth 14 -17 years old. Practices are every Tuesday at 7 pm at Firehall #2. For more info, drop in or call Chief Cunningham at 778-210-0264.

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

Seniors Centre 846-9570 Contributed by Janet McDivitt

### Activities for January 2016

Jan 5, Tuesday General Meeting 1pm  
Jan 6, Wednesday Bingo 7pm (just one in Jan.)  
Jan 15, Friday Pot Luck Supper 6 pm (sharp!)  
Jan 22, Friday Social evening of games/music 7 pm

### Weekly Activities

Mondays **Carpet Bowling** 1 pm to 3:30 pm  
Wednesdays **Sip & Stitch/Painters** 10 am to 4 pm

A reminder that it's time for active members to renew their memberships. Always looking for new members to join —\$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](http://www.telkwa.ca) or [www.scsa.ca](http://www.scsa.ca)

