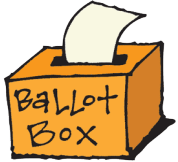


## Telkwa Business Leadership Award

It's that time of the year where we recognise a local business that goes above and beyond. In cooperation with the Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Telkwa will award the *Telkwa Business Leadership Award* at the Chamber's gala reception on November 12th. Mayor and Council would like to hear from you—which local business provides superior service, purchases and hires locally, demonstrates innovative business promotion, has longevity in the community, has a welcoming, accessible facility and actively supports local community events? Eligible businesses must have a valid business license, be in operation for at least a year, and be within the municipal boundaries. You can vote online at our website, on facebook, or come to the Village Office for a paper ballot.



## Happy Thanksgiving!!

A reminder that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, October 10th for the statutory holiday.



## TOWN HALL MEETING—ASSET MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SESSION COMMUNITY HALL, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 7PM - 9PM

The Village of Telkwa is beginning the process of developing a comprehensive Asset Management Plan. This informational session will explain what Asset Management is and give an update on the work that has already been done.

## THE BEAR FACTS: It's the Witching Hour for People and Bears By Debbie Wellwood

When I think of fall, bears and witches come to mind. According to legend, midnight marks the witching hour, the time when witches emerge to cast their spells, most predictably on Halloween Eve. But, at this time of year, it's troublesome interactions between people and bears, not people and witches, that demand our attention. Decades of wildlife reports to the Conservation Officer Service tell us the probability of conflicts between people and bears is greatest in September and October in BC. Research also shows bears are driven to maximize their food intake at this time of year in order to store enough fat to survive, and for females to give birth to and nurse their cubs, during hibernation. If conditions make it challenging for bears to get enough natural foods and human sources of food are readily accessible then serious conflicts between people and bears are predictable. This year is shaping up to be one of those years. Conservation Officers have been receiving and responding to a flurry of reports associated with bears getting into human-related attractants, including garbage, fruit, and compost in the Telkwa and Smithers areas. Bears that are human-food conditioned often pay the price with their life because of the increased risk to human safety and property that they pose to people.

### You can help create a safer community for people and bears:

- Remove and secure garbage and other attractants including pet food, birdseed and livestock feed. Store these in a secure area such as your basement or an enclosed garage.
- Keep your barbecue clean and grease free. Store it with the cover on. Better yet, store it in a secure area.
- When bears are not active in your area, manage compost to minimize its attractiveness.
- Pick fruit as soon as it is ripe. If fruit falls on the ground, pick it up daily. Cut down abandoned or unwanted fruit trees and replace them with trees that don't attract bears.
- Electric fences offer the best protection for attractants that are more challenging to secure (e.g. fruit trees, beehives, smokehouses, livestock, composts).



Visit the *Living with Wildlife Foundation* website ([www.lwwf.org](http://www.lwwf.org)) for ideas for electric fencing. Visit the WildSafeBC website (<https://wildsafebc.com/>) for information about preventing conflicts with wildlife in British Columbia. This site also hosts the Wildlife Alert Reporting Program (WARP) where you can find out about wildlife reports in your area.

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

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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 meeting is October 11 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.com](http://www.telkwa.com)

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



The Telkwa Fire Department is asking residents to have their chimney cleaned in time for the fall and winter months!



### TELKWA READING CENTRE

TUES AND WED 3-5 PM  
THURS 3-5 PM AND 7-9 PM  
SATURDAY 2-4 PM 250 846-9286



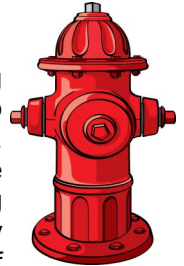
*Don't be the one who gets surprised—take extra care and watch for trick-or-treaters on Hallowe'en. If you are out and about, wear reflective gear, carry a light and watch for traffic.*

### Haunted House and Fireworks—Oct 31st

The Telkwa Volunteer Fire Dept is hosting a Haunted House from 6:30pm - 8pm at the BBQ Grounds. Admission is by donation. Fireworks will follow at 8pm. Hot chocolate and popcorn will also be served. Come out and enjoy a fun family event.

### Fire Hydrant Maintenance

The Village of Telkwa will be maintaining fire hydrants from September 23 to October 14 during normal working hours. This maintenance is necessary to ensure that all fire hydrants are in good working condition. This maintenance activity may cause discoloration and movement of sediment in the water mains. Running the tap for a minute or two will alert you to any discoloration. If residents experience any discoloured water they should not wash clothes or run the dishwasher until the water clears up. This discoloration does not pose a health risk. The best way to flush discoloured water from your home so as not to waste water is to run the garden hose to water lawns and gardens until the water runs clear. The Village thanks residents for their patience and cooperation.



#### BV CDC Early Years Centre

Stay and Play Fall/Winter Offerings Drop In Free  
Wednesdays 10am-11:30am (0-3yrs)

1471 Columbia Drive Smithers

#### \*New Telkwa Offering\*

Fridays 11:30am - 1:30pm (0-6yrs)

Telkwa Community Hall, 1380 Birch St

### Street Banner Design Contest 2016

The Village of Telkwa invites community members to submit design proposals for a series of banners to be displayed along Hwy 16. Designs should be representative of the community and reflect the history, natural beauty and spirit of Telkwa and the surrounding areas. Submitted designs must be original works. Deadline for submissions to the Village Office is Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 4:00pm.



On Thursday, October 6th, noon to 1pm, Birgit Laskowski and Dr. Darren Jakubec will talk about insomnia at October's Brown Bag Lunch at Smithers Healthy Living Centre, across from Salvation Army on Main Street. This is free. For more info, 250.877.4424.

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

Seniors Centre 846-9570 Contributed by Janet McDivitt

#### Activities for October 2016

- Oct 1, Saturday Pancake Breakfast 8 to 10 am  
Adults \$5 / Preschoolers \$3  
EVERYONE WELCOME!
- Oct 4, Tuesday General Meeting 1 pm
- Oct 5, Wednesday Bingo 7 pm
- Oct 19, Wednesday Bingo 7 pm
- Oct 21, Friday Pot Luck Supper 6pm Sharp



#### Weekly Activities

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

New members welcome!  
Ages 50 and up.  
\$10 for the Year

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

Bus schedule can be viewed at [www.telkwa.com](http://www.telkwa.com) or [www.scsa.ca](http://www.scsa.ca)

