

February 3, 2025

Dear Tetonia friends.

After a whirlwind January, here we are in February! Apparently our groundhog friend, Punxsutawney Phil, saw his shadow yesterday in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. I am not sure our Teton Valley groundhog was even able to get out through the ice! Needless to say, despite today's rain, our Spring won't be for several more weeks in the future.

Thank you to all of you who participated in our wonderful Snow Plane Rally! Temperatures were cold but the atmosphere was friendly and warm. It was wonderful seeing many of you at this annual event.

Let's get ready for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! This event will occur on April 19th - starting at 10:00 AM. We are already getting ready for this event by stuffing eggs and collecting prizes. If you would like to donate prizes or help, please contact Jacque and ask how you can help!

Please keep your water dripping in your homes even on our warmer days. As the weather changes, the frost line also changes in the ground. We have had a number of frozen pipes. When you keep a small stream of water running in your home, it helps keep the pipes flowing!

As you probably know, our local option tax failed by two votes in November. This would have been a small sales tax on goods and services purchased in Tetonia. This would have been a new way to have our town's visitors and tourists help fund our city infrastructure needs. We are seeking new and innovative ways that we can improve the integrity of our water and sewer systems and improve our roads. We will continue to apply for grants. We are attempting to keep your utility costs low. We plan to put the local option tax issue on next November's ballot again. I would love to hear your thoughts about the local option tax!

Please keep cars, trash cans and other objects out of the right-of-way so that when we plow we can effectively plow the entire road.

February is a month when we celebrate our U.S. Presidents including President Washington and President Lincoln. I am excited to meet with our students this month at Tetonia Elementary to talk about our wonderful rights as U.S. citizens and residents.

February is also a month when we celebrate those we love. (Valentine's Day). I love Tetonia; I love our valley; I love my family; I love our heritage; I love our City Staff and I love all of you! Let's reach out and let those around us that we love and appreciate them!

Let's have a fantastic February!

Mayor Brent Schindler