



March 2, 2026

Dear Tetonia friends,

As we come to the end of a very warm winter, we need to be cautious as we move forward into Spring and Summer. First, let me list some of our upcoming activities.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4, 2026 at 10 AM. We look forward to seeing you there! We could use some donations to make this event meaningful for our children. We are specifically looking for scooters, tricycles and youth bicycles.

Given our warm winter weather and our rain and slushy snow, our roads have undergone some rough days. These are the worst-type conditions for our roads given that we can't plow and it leaves mud which makes travel difficult and it leaves ruts and potholes on our roads. We are definitely aware of these conditions and we plan to grade our roads as the weather conditions allow as things move into Spring. Please be patient and drive slowly on our roads in order to maintain the integrity of the roadways.

Watch for children, pedestrians and animals on our roadways. Give them the space they need so that we can all be safe on our roads.

As the snow melts and we have ground exposed, let's take a few minutes to clean up our roadways and properties with any trash that has accumulated over the past few months. Before the grass gets tall, it's a wonderful time to clean-up.

You may have heard about the State of Idaho budget shortfalls for this year. This short-fall is causing some of our local budgets to be slashed which is a reality that we must address directly. Specifically, there will be less money available for roads, bridges, water and sewer projects.

Last month I discussed the issues that we look for with regard to the future growth of our town. This month, I want to emphasize the priorities that we focus upon in order to run Tetonia in an effective and efficient manner.

The three top priority targets for Tetonia's success include (1) keeping our excellent water system running; (2) keeping the sewer system flowing; and (3) maintaining our roads. We have an aging water and sewer system and our roads are, of course, gravel based. We are constantly monitoring our systems to ensure that we maintain them appropriately and in a timely manner. I believe that a well maintained system will give us longer life than a poorly maintained system. We have plans for improvements for each of these priorities; however, all of these improvements are costly.

Secondary priorities include items such as our parks, library, city activities, etc. Given our limited resources, we try to fund these secondary priorities through donations and grants.

If anyone wants to discuss our priorities with me, I would be happy to hear your ideas.

Our P&Z meetings are typically held on the first Monday of each month. Our City Council meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Watch for meeting notices and agenda items. We would love your input on any of the issues we are addressing at our meetings.

Let me know your thoughts! You can reach me at mayor83452@cityoftetonia.com. I can also meet with you during evening hours or on Fridays or Saturdays if you would like to meet.

Let's have a marvelous March!

Your friend,

Mayor Brent W. Schindler