



The Town Crier

City of Algona

APRIL 2016

Curbside Spring Clean Up!

Wed / Thur May 4th / 5th

YARD WASTE:

Yard waste must be separated from other waste, bundled or bagged in **brown paper bags**. Plastic bags will **NOT** be accepted! Bags cannot exceed **65** pounds. Brush and branches cannot exceed three (3) feet in length or three (3) inches in diameter. No rocks, bricks, cement, sod, dirt etc.

GENERAL GARBAGE:

All garbage and/or trash must be in bags, boxes, or cans. **NO** appliances, furniture, or other large bulky objects. **NO** hazardous materials such as paint or chemicals

FACT:

Keeping pollutants out of the water isn't just a good idea-it's the law. The Washington State Water Pollution Control Law (RCW 90.48) and the King County Code (KCC 9.12) prohibit the discharge of pollutants to the storm drainage system, surface water and groundwater. Direct dumping of material or polluted stormwater can negatively affect every water body it enters.

Recycling Collection Event

Saturday, April 23, 2016—9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

ALPAC Elementary School

310 Milwaukee Blvd N

Algona's **Recycling Collection Event** will be on April 23rd. Items collected include used tires (some restrictions and fees apply), used anti-freeze, used oil and oil filters, used batteries, bulky wood (large materials only), appliances, electronic equipment, computer peripherals, (keyboards, mice), scrap metals, textiles, reusable or recyclable household goods, porcelain toilets and sinks, propane tanks, and other materials if practical. **Some fees apply.** For more information, contact 206-938-8262.



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The Algona City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

The Council conducts workshop sessions the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

All meetings of the City Council are open to the public

Council Meetings
2nd & 4th Tuesday

Visit our website at:
www.algonawa.gov



100 Conversations—Promoting Respect, Consent, and Healthy Relationships both online and offline.

www.100conversations.org

The 100 Conversations campaign was born from work with young people around digital safety and sexual assault prevention. We live in a society where parents are expected to have “the talk” with their kids, and we know that just one “talk” will not encompass everything young people need to know. 100 Conversations was created to help us all have “the talk”. It’s easier than you think. The website highlights conversation topics, techniques, and ideas that can make a real difference.

Browse through the site and see what works for you.

Traffic Safety

As Spring approaches, your Algona Police Department would like to share some basic traffic safety reminders with our community.

Spring is an excellent time to have your vehicles safety checked. These checks should include among other things: tread wear on your tires, brakes, and general mechanical condition of your vehicle. It is important to insure all of the lights on your vehicle work as we are conducting vehicle safety stops when we observe vehicles with defective equipment.

Slow down for our residents who need your care and caution. Algona is primarily a residential community with many children. As Summer approaches, more and more residents are out walking our streets, especially children.

Buckle up. It saves lives. **Make sure your child safety seats are properly installed** and that the child safety seat you use is appropriate for the child riding in it.

We are here to assist you. Please do not hesitate to call us at any time or stop by during normal business hours.



Mayor's Message for April 2016

Algona City Staff

Community Center/City Hall

I received a call from the floor of the Washington State House of Representatives at 5pm, just before the legislature adjourned. It was Teri Hickel and Linda Kochmar, our 30th District Representatives. Teri and Linda had wonderful news for Algona! They had succeeded in securing an additional \$500,000 grant for Algona's Community Center, for a total of \$1,000,000! Remember, we were able to secure a \$500,000 grant in the 2015 Legislative session. This is wonderful news, and although we had put in for the grant, we never thought we would be able to get the full amount. Teri and Linda have provided support for our long needed community center for the people of Algona. Senator Mark Miloscia also worked hard in the Senate to keep the grant moving.

I will be inviting all three of them to attend a City Council meeting, it would mean a lot to them for us to show up and thank them for their assistance in our efforts to keep Algona one of the top suburban cities in the Seattle/Tacoma area. They had to twist arms and promote our project to get it through the Legislature. We really need to thank them for their efforts!

Why is a Community Center needed?

I already wrote on this last year, but I want to refresh everyone's memory of why this is important. Algona has no facility where we can have indoor community events. While the Filipino Community has been very helpful by providing their community center for our use, it is not always available. There are additional services that we want to provide to the community. It is my intent that the Community Center would be available for rent on a limited basis to residents for events like family reunions, graduations, birthdays and other private events. It will provide a shelter from the weather for events like the January community social, Algona Days, Easter Egg Hunt and other occasions.

We already have partners that will be offering services to our residents when the Community Center is finished. We plan to offer tutoring to our youth in partnership with the King County Library System. We plan to offer lunches and other services to our seniors in partnership with Hometown Community Services. We plan to offer exercise and health classes to our residents in partnership with the Auburn Valley YMCA. This is not an exclusive list, but a starting point. We want to open the facility to use of other community groups like the Police Explorers.

We want to build a facility that will serve the community for 40 or 50 years, maybe longer. The residents of Algona deserve to have a place where they can gather and share in events and enjoy the small town benefits.

Coffee with the Mayor results in action!

I have now held three "Coffee with the Mayor" sessions. There have been as many as 15 people stop by and as few as 8. They have proven not only informative for me, but conversations at the meetings have actually lead to the City Council considering new legislation to ban compression brakes (Jake brakes) within the city limits. Trucks on 167 are using them, impacting the ability of some residents to get a good night's rest. After the residents discussed the problem with me, I asked them to come in and speak with the City Council at their meeting. Once the City Council were made aware of the issue, they requested that our City Attorney draft legislation that will allow the Washington Department of Transportation to post signs for us and allow the police to enforce the law. We will first warn truck drivers to discontinue the use of compression brakes, and let our residents live without the penetrating sounds created by the use of these brakes. Should the same trucker be stopped again, the police will be authorized to issue tickets. We hope the signs will be enough, but we will enforce the law if necessary.

So now the shameless plug, come on down on Sunday, April 24th between 9 am and 11 am for Coffee with the Mayor, we usually have tea and so far we have had donuts or banana bread, provided by the Mayor. These informal meetings provide the opportunity to ask me questions, bring issues to my attention, hear what residents have to say, or just to say hi to me and your neighbors! I hope to see you there.

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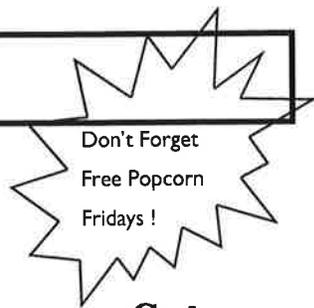
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