The Town Crier

City of Algona

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NEW! - Online Bill Payment

As a way to offer more choices and convenience in how you pay your bills, the City now lets you view and pay your bill online. All you need is an internet connection through a web browser and an e-mail address.

We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, and It's easy to use. Simply go to www.xpressbillpay.com, select "new to Xpress Bill Pay", fill out the brief form, and pay your bill or setup auto pay.

It's fast, it's easy, it's secure, and you no longer have to write a check each month or find a stamp.
Don't wait...sign up today!

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

August 27th—11am to 2pm—Matchett Park 402 Warde Street

Come climb on the big rigs that work hard for you! This free event is for kids and adults alike, and is your chance to get up close to the vehicles and equipment seen around town.

- POLICE VEHICLES
- DUMP TRUCKS
- GARBAGE TRUCKS
- TRACTORS

AND MORE....

For more information, please contact Algona City Hall at 253-833-2897.

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.

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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

Home Town Community Services

We will only be open once a month during the summer season. For the month of August, giveaway day will be on Thursday, August 25th, from 9AM to 11:30AM.

Auburn International Farmers Market

The Auburn International Farmers Market will run from June 5 through September 25 this year. They are open Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm - rain or shine. Stop by and pick up some fresh fruit and vegetables, handcrafted items, and concessions. There will also be free performances, guest chefs, children's activities, and classes on health, nutrition, and gardening. There are more than 40 vendors offering a variety of local delights. The Farmers Market is located at 23 "A" Street SW in Auburn, at the Auburn Sound Transit Plaza. Hope to see you there!

Movies in the Park—August 6 & 20—Matchett Park

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a fun and family oriented evening under the stars. The movie on August 6th will be "Minions"; and on the 20th will be "Pan". Join us at dusk (approx 9:30pm) for a great time.

Coffee With the Mayor

Coffee with the Mayor is Sunday, August 28, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Drop in for refreshments and discussion on any issue weather it's a complaint, question, suggestion, or praise. This is your opportunity to meet with me for any reason!

Mayor's Message for August 2016

Algona Days

What a crowd for Algona Days! There was a crowd all day Saturday from the parade until 5pm. The Rat City Roller Girls were a lot of fun, from the parade to the end of the day, they were active meeting the community and skating around the park area. The Brother's in Arms Motorcycle club were the color Guard for the parade and had some beautiful motorcycles. The Filipino American Community Dance Group treated the crowd to many traditional dances followed by some remarkable music by Wally and the Beaves Band. The third annual Health Fair was there. There were inflatable rides, including hamster balls. The ever popular Blue Heron Express had lines of riders all day Saturday. Dave's Beer Garden (No relation to me!) did not do as well as we had hoped, but we are going to be working with them to improve the event next year.

Friday evening had the ever popular Islander Steel Drum Band, inflatable toys and the movie was Jurassic World.

This was the biggest turnout we have ever obtained. We are getting ready to start planning for next year, so if you would like to contribute, give Noah a call. At first it will just be meetings to discuss options and determining what changes should be made for further improvement of the event.

Community Center and New City Hall

We continue to move forward to complete the Community Center and New City Hall. The Planning Commission has held the required Public Hearing and the City Council has approved the required Conditional Use Permit. We have received two $500,000 grants (Total $1,000,000) from Washington State, sponsored by our legislative representatives and State Senator. We have saved about $1,000,000 over the last few years. Next, we will be raising another $ 3,000,000 through loans which will be paid off using various funds. No property tax increase is anticipated to fund the improvements. With interest rates historically low, we will be borrowing at a very low rate.

I anticipate that the community will benefit from the facility for about 40 to 50 years without any major structural expenses. We are building to meet the silver **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design** (LEED), a rating system devised by the United States Green **Building** Council (USGBC) to evaluate the environmental performance of a building and encourage market transformation towards sustainable design. We are building the new building to replace the current building that will be remodeled for use by the Police Department, providing additional safety for our officers. That will be a future project when money comes available. The current City Hall was built as a school in the 1960's, so it has provided shelter for the city for about 55 years. The city bought the existing building and park from the Auburn School District in the 1970's.

One of the best benefits to the community will be the ability to have indoor community events. I anticipate that we will make the facilities available to individuals, community groups, youth, seniors and individuals for parties and celebrations. The key word here is anticipate. Legal and other issues will have to be addressed before we will be able to "rent" the facility. However, when completed, we will be able to use the facility for many functions like senior lunches, community events like movies and other events best held indoors.

If we are able to maintain our schedule, we should be ready to occupy the new facility in October or November of 2017. I am really excited. We will definitely have some hoopla to mark the date. Hoopla is a technical term!

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Don't Forget
Free Popcorn
Fridays !

AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 **Movie in the Park— "Minions"**
7	8	9 Council Meeting 7 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15 Penalties posted for past due June bills and notices mailed	16	17	18	19	20 **Movie in the Park— "Pan"**
21	22 Disconnect notices for past due June bills	23 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	24 Water shut off for past due June bills	25	26	27 **Touch-A-Truck** **11am to 2pm** **Matchett Park**
28 **Coffee with the Mayor— 4pm to 6pm**	29	30	31			