



The Town Crier

City of Algona

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Affordable Spay/Neuter Services for Your Pet

Northwest Spay & Neuter Center has partnered with Metro Animal Services to make affordable spay and neuter services more accessible to our residents. They are a high-quality, high-volume spay and neuter clinic and, because they are a non-profit, are able to keep prices low. They also offer further-reduced and free specials to qualified clients. With Metro Animal Services as a partner, Northwest Spay & Neuter now offers an animal shuttle. Animals are picked up from a designated location in the community, brought to Tacoma for surgery, and returned to their owners at the same location the following morning. Transportation is offered at no additional cost to the client. For more information, contact Northwest Spay & Neuter Center at 253-627-7729.

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.

Fix That Leak! Don't Drip & Drive.

This summer, maintain your car's safety and reliability by checking it for leaks. Every drip counts—even a single drop of oil on your driveway can affect the life of your car. Plus, vehicle leaks are bad for our environment.

Go to www.fixcarleaks.org to find a list of participating mechanics offering free leak checks and up to \$50 off leak repairs in August and September—and be sure to fix that leak!



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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

The Algona Police Department would like to thank Auburn Area Fire Medic Campaign and King County Health Department for the 4 automated electronic defibrillators that were given to the Algona Police Department. Due to these additional units, every police car is now outfitted with one.



New Community Group:Algona Public Awareness Coalition (APAC)

APAC

Home Town Community Services has partnered with Futurewise to create the Algona Public Awareness Coalition (APAC). The coalition's goal is to work with the community and for the related groundwater pollution that is under part of northeastern Algona.

The trichloroethylene (TCE) groundwater contamination, commonly referred to as the "plume", is oriented in a northwest direction and comes from historic activities at the Boeing Auburn Fabrication plant. TCE is no longer used at the facility and the levels of pollution are low.

Boeing Site History

The Boeing Auburn site opened in 1966 and became the largest airplane parts plant in the world. Up until the early 1990's, TCE was used as a degreasing solvent to clean metal parts at the site. TCE was a common chemical used widely in the US manufacturing industry. It is believed tank leaks and spills on the Boeing property released the TCE that created the plume.

In 2002, the Department of Ecology and Boeing signed an Agreed Order that required a Remedial Investigation, meaning soil and groundwater studies had to be conducted. Groundwater and soil sampling was required in order to determine the chemical constituents, the extent in the ground, the rate and direction of movement, and the potential effects to human health. The results of these studies, which are ongoing, will be used to create a Feasibility Study of potential cleanup options and will be used to determine the Cleanup Action Plan.

In Algona, the groundwater moves at a rate of about 400 feet per year. Even though the sources of pollution have been removed, the chemicals continue to move slowly in the ground. Boeing has conducted interim cleanups on the site, but in 2011, it was discovered that the plume was larger than expected. There was concern about the contamination because the groundwater levels in Algona are shallow. Testing of water in the drainage ditches was conducted in 2012-2013, and the state Department of Health assessed the results and found that the levels of pollutants are very low.

In June 2014, Boeing's contractor began installing additional groundwater monitoring wells in the northern area of Algona to continue sampling and data collection. The results of these studies will be available to the public. Currently, **there are no threats to the drinking water.**

APAC Activities

APAC will be working to learn the community concerns and questions and to relay these to the State Department of Ecology. APAC will be going door-to-door to talk to residents, will be conducting activities at events, and will be putting together a community meeting in the fall. For comments, questions, concerns or to get involved with APAC, please contact: Jeanette Ordonez at 253-247-0460 or jeanette@futurewise.org. Funding for this work comes from the State Model Toxics Control Act Public Participation Grants which are distributed via Ecology.



Mayor's Message

Algona City Staff

Help

I need your help. The City needs volunteers to be involved in city events and to serve on City boards. The City needs to staff several volunteer positions on City Boards. There is no special knowledge or level of education necessary, just a desire to do what is best for the City of Algona. The positions on City Boards are appointed by the Mayor (Me!) and confirmed by the City Council.

The City Administration and I have worked very hard to make Algona the best little city in Western Washington. We have special events, which we are expanding every year. We added the Fishing Derby this year. All of the special events depend on volunteers to supplement City Staff. Please volunteer so that we can continue to offer family friendly events like our Easter egg hunt, Fishing Derby, Movies in the park, Algona Days, Smores 'N More and the Holiday Social. You set when, where and the amount of time you will volunteer.

We currently need at least 6 volunteers to fill board positions. There are openings on the Board of Adjustment and the Civil Service Commission. These are positions that are important to the operations of the City. These boards provide the opportunity for you to learn more about the operation of the city and to contribute to the ongoing effort to make the city even better. Some of these committees sound like they are staffed by some experts! No need for experts, just individuals that care about Algona and want to make it better.

I was recently told that there are some young adults living in Algona that are interested in getting involved. I am challenging you to step forward now and to volunteer. We need your point of view. There are going to be some exciting changes in Algona in the next few years, and this is your opportunity to contribute and guide those changes. 2015 is Algona's 60th birthday, so 2015 will be our "Diamond" celebration. We need your help!

Please contact City Hall for information on how to volunteer, and details on what board or commission positions are open.

West Valley

I am asked by someone almost every day when we will be increasing the speed limit on West Valley. The speed limit was lowered because of the dangerous condition of the roadway. Since then, I secured a grant from the State of Washington to make some traffic changes at First Ave N and West Valley and to overlay from First Ave N to almost the transfer station. I have guided a grant from Puget Sound Regional Council through the process, which we hope to receive in 2015. I worked an agreement with King County, who has assisted us with all the technical support and helped me guide the project through the process. We have one more vote in October before the project will be forwarded to the Federal Agency for funding.

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