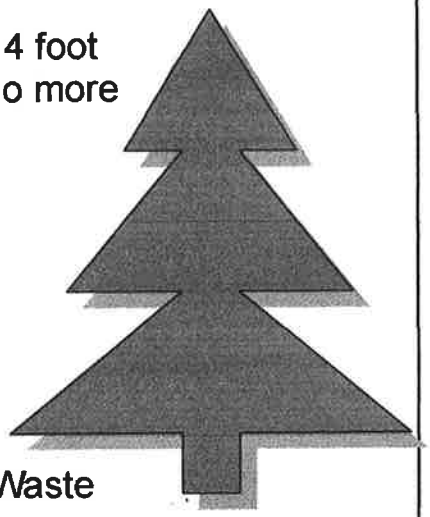
The Town Crier

City of Algona

JANUARY 2016

Annual Holiday Tree Pick-up!

Wednesday, Jan. 6 and Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016



- Holiday trees need to be cut into 4 foot lengths and tied into bundles no more than two feet wide.
- All tinsel, garland, and ornament hangers must be removed.
- Flocked trees *WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED* as they are not recyclable.
- This pick up is free of charge to Waste Management customers.

MAD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS
JANUARY 23rd—CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

10 AM—K thru 4th Graders;

11 AM—5th thru 8th Graders

The City of Algona is going MAD!!!! The Mad Science Workshop is coming back and wants to experiment on us all! Come watch the fun scientific demonstrations and get hands on with fun experiments. This activity is FREE and space is limited, so please sign up at City Hall.

Welcome New and Re-elected Council Members

The City is pleased to announce our newly elected council members—Troy Linnell and Mike Dawkins. Troy holds council position no. 3., and brings a wealth of knowledge and assets to our City. Mike Dawkins holds council position no. 5, and will serve the community effectively and successfully. Additionally, Bill Thomas has been re-elected to council position no. 1. Congratulations to all members!!

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.

Algona City Council

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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

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www.algonawa.gov

RATE INCREASES

Due to escalated rates for the purchase of water, as well as King County sewer increases, residential utility rates are expected to rise. Water rates are expected to increase 10%, sewer rates are expected to increase 15%, and storm water rates are expected to increase $2.00. New rates will begin January 2016. Commercial/Industrial rates have increased as well.

FREE YOGA CLASSES

We are offering FREE yoga classes on January 13th and 27th starting at 8:30 AM. These 1 hour classes will be held in our Council Room at 402 Warde Street. Space is limited so please sign up at City Hall.

HOME TOWN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Home Town Community Services hopes everyone had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's now time to get back to normal with the giveaways, and they will again be the second and fourth Thursday of each month. January's giveaways will be on the 14th and 28th.

APAC in the New Year

We would like to hear from the community! The Algona/Auburn Public Awareness Coalition (APAC) is getting ready for the new year and to start things off strong we want to hear from you. In 2015 we held a number of events, participated at other events, visited residents at their homes, put together informational materials and more. Through our work with the community we have heard from residents that they would like to be more involved and get a group of community members together to better understand the Boeing Auburn groundwater contamination plume. APAC would like to help the community do this! In late January we will be organizing our first community group gathering over coffee. The date and location is to be determined. Our goal for this first gathering is to be a place for neighbors to come together, talk about issues related to the plume and tell APAC how we can provide clearer information and better work with residents. Keep you eyes peeled for an announcement on the date, time and location of our community group gathering. You can sign up for our email list at http://wa-apac.org/contact-us/more-from-apac/. For more information please contact Jeanette Ordonez at 253-247-0460 or jeanette@futurewise.org.

We hope you will join us!

Mayor's Message for January 2016

Happy New Year – Looking Onward to 2016

We are starting the New Year with two new City Council members and a lot on our plate. The building of the Community Center and City Hall, the negotiations with King County on their desire to locate the new Transfer Station in Algona and the Boeing Plume are all continuing from previous years. I am asking the City Council to review our Municipal Code and to modify, repeal or replace as appropriate, to bring our code up to date. Algona has some antiquated ordinances that may not be what we want or may be unenforceable. Algona also has some ordinances that do not agree with each other. I believe that the City Council will be able to modernize and strengthen our Municipal Code over the next year. I will be continuing my work on all of the above and my efforts to keep Algona one of the best places to live in the region.

Last year we adopted the Comprehensive Plan, as required by the Growth Management Act (GMA). This year we will be adopting legislation and zoning to implement our comprehensive plan. This is important because the Comprehensive Plan sets the growth and future development projections of Algona for the next 25 years.

Flags

Many of you have indicated your appreciation of the seasonal flags we have placed over some of the city streets. I think they add some personality to the streets and some cheer to my heart. I hope you find them attractive and fun. These are the things that help make Algona unique.

Coffee with the Mayor

I will be available in the City Council Chambers one day a month to meet with residents and others who have a complaint, question, suggestion or praise. Drop by and have a cup of coffee or tea. I will be trying different times and days to accommodate different schedules. I have set Saturday, January 23rd , for the first date. I will be at City Hall, in the City Council Chambers from 8 am to 10 am. I will bring the coffee and tea, plus some treats. This is your opportunity to meet with me for any reason. I may not be able to resolve problems or issues until I get an opportunity to speak with staff, but I will be available to hear what you have to say.

We can only fix problems we know about; do not presume that I already know about some issue or problem. Staff tries to keep me briefed on what is happening in their departments, but they all work 40 hours a week, and have an hour or two (or less) to brief me on what is happening. This is your opportunity to speak directly with me on any issue, or no issue at all! Sometimes it is a resident suggestion that prompts action. Sometimes it is just to gain information on what is happening in the City or plans to happen. We have many things scheduled for this year, including an asphalt overlay on West Valley, sidewalk rebuilds on Milwaukee and a portion of First Ave as well as improvements we will be requiring of developers. Although we will be doing our very best to make all of these improvements go smoothly and be intelligently designed, if you see something or have a suggestion, I welcome that input.

Community Center

The completion of the long overdue Community Center will remain one of my primary tasks this year. Algona residents need a community center were we can hold community events regardless of weather.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

Don't Forget
Free Popcorn
Fridays !

JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 **City Hall Closed**	2
3	4 Disconnect notices for past due October bills	5	6 Water shut off for past due October bills **HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP**	7 **HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP**	8	9
10	11	12 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	13	14 Planning Commission 6:30 PM	15 Penalties posted for past due November bills and notices mailed	16
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