



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!



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.

Skyhawks Sports Academy Sport Programs for Kids

Beginning Golf

Boys & girls ages 5-9 will learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning. Instruction is simplified so that young players can make an effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment is provided. This course will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am to 12pm, July 18 to July 21. Fee is \$69.

Register online at www.skyhawks.com, or call 1-800-804-3509 for more information.



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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 July, giveaway day will be on Thursday July 28, 2016, 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!

Algona Days 2016

July 15 & 16

It's that time again! Planning is underway and it is not too late to help. The City would love to have as many residents help out as possible. Also, if you or someone you know is interested in participating in the parade, please fill out an application at City Hall.

House Number Regulations

Just a reminder, the official number of each house in the City of Algona must be conspicuously placed above, on, or at the side of the entrance so that the number can be plainly seen from the street under Chapter 12.16 of the City of Algona Municipal Code. If the house is *less* than 40 ft from the street, the numbers must be at least 4" in height. If the house is *more* than 40 ft from the street, the numbers must be at least 6" in height. It is important to understand the importance of this code, as the VRFA must be able to see the address number to be able to respond to an emergency.



Mayor's Message for July 2016

Community Center

I am writing this Mayor's Message on the weekend of June 25, 2016. I hope that by the time you read this, the City Council will have issued the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the new combined Community Center/City Hall (at their June 28th meeting). That is the next step in making the Community Center a reality for the people of Algona. I wish I could say it is the last step, but we still have several more hurdles to clear before we can cut the ribbon and open it officially in the fall of 2017. Some of the major steps we have yet to complete include: Securing the financing, completing the design details, bidding the project, overseeing the construction, installing the computers, phones, furniture, audio visual and other non-structural components that may not be specifically included in the bid package.

If the CUP is approved, then we will be completing the floor plan and design for the building. Engineers and architects will be completing their work. We will be making adjustments to the floor plan for both facilities. If you are interested in contributing your comments to our design work, please contact City Hall to schedule a time to meet with myself or one of the staff to review the latest configuration. Your comments are encouraged, after all, it is your community center and will be for the next 30 years or more. We may not be able to include all recommendations in the final design, but your input is important. You may have an insight that we have not considered yet.

Algona Days/Coffee with the Mayor

Do not miss Algona Days this year. Your event coordinator, Noah St. Martin has gone all out to make this the biggest and best Algona Days in my memory. I am going to have the opportunity to speak with residents, property owners or other interested parties on Saturday, July 16 from 2 to 4 pm. Location will probably be in the City Council Chambers, but check with the City Booth for additional information.

Our Dedicated Staff

Algona has a dedicated, hardworking staff in all departments, and I do not mention that enough in my monthly message. I want to talk about the Public Works Department this month. Most cities have employees broken into different specialty sub-departments such as roads, water, grounds and building maintenance. Algona does not have the luxury to have specialists, instead, we have staff that are specialists in every area. Under the leadership of Public Works Director Jimmy Griess and Public Works Supervisor Salvador Marez they all fix broken water lines, patch and repair roads, trim trees, maintain buildings and too many other functions to even mention. John Zanoni, Noah St. Martin and Matt Bailey all may work in two or three of these areas in any given day. They all are dedicated and strive to keep up Algona's infrastructure so that it does not break, while remaining concerned with budget. They read the water meters and turn on and off the water. They put up and remove the flags and so many other tasks that I cannot even list them all. They keep Algona running, usually in the background, unnoticed and unrecognized for their dedication. The next time you have a chance, give the workers a wave, or as I do, a salute.

I will be discussing the other departments in coming months. It is fundamentally true that we could not operate this small city without the dedication of each and every staff member. I could write a whole Mayor's message on each staff member's contribution. I tease and joke with them, but their dedication to our city (a couple of them live in Algona) is without parallel in any other city that I know about.

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10	11	12 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	13	14 Planning Commission 6:30 PM	15 Penalties posted for past due May bills and notices mailed ALGONA DAYS	16 ALGONA DAYS
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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