



# The Town Crier

City of Algona

SEPTEMBER 2014

**Home Town Community Services** wants to see you!!! Come join us for a variety of activities. We are open Mon-Fri 9am to 1pm. We offer a lunch made fresh and served at noon. In addition, you can join us for crafts and exercise classes. We are located at 401 Warde Street and share space with the church. Please stop in and see us—the coffee and tea is waiting for you!

## 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](http://www.fixcarleaks.org) to find a list of participating mechanics offering free leak checks and up to \$50 off leak repairs in September—and be sure to fix that leak!

### 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.*

## Survey.....Banning Smoking in Public Parks

More people than ever want to ban smoking outright. Half of the American population would like to ban smoking in public places altogether. As support for this proposal gains in popularity, the City would like to know what you think about banning smoking in our public parks.

**Should smoking be made illegal in public parks?** Yes No

Please take a moment to mark your answer and return this form. You can include it with your payment, or drop it off at City Hall. Your opinion counts as attitudes toward smoking are changing dramatically.

### 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

**Visit our website at:**  
[www.algonawa.gov](http://www.algonawa.gov)



### **Message From the Chief of Police**

I am honored to serve our community as the Chief of Police. It is a pleasure to serve the City of Algona with many professional and highly qualified individuals who do what is best for our town. I recently hired two new patrol officers. Officer Terry Carter is a Lateral Police Officer with 15 years of experience and Officer Rich Quiles has 18 years experience. Both are highly trained and are an excellent addition to your police force.

I recently was invited to be a member of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a state and national organization led by police chiefs, sheriffs and prosecuting attorneys. As a member of this organization, I join over 225 of Washington's top cops who advocate for more investment in high-quality preschool and child abuse prevention programs. My support for these investments is based not only on my experience in law enforcement, but on research studies showing that at-risk kids who attend a high-quality preschool were far less likely to drop out of high school and commit crimes than similar kids who did not attend the preschool. I will share more about these programs in future issues of "The Town Crier". You can read more about Fight Crime: Invest in Kids at [www.fightcrime.org/washington](http://www.fightcrime.org/washington).

Police Chief Lee Gaskill

### **New Community Group: Algona Public Awareness Coalition (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.

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](mailto: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

As Summer ends and Fall begins, I want to take a few minutes to reflect on a few of the accomplishments of my administration. I believe the most important is continued financial stability. While we have continually improved the services to our residents, repaired and improved roads, added parks and improved existing parks, we have managed to live within our income.

The Sports Court at Matchett Park was the first project I personally saw from start to completion. This facility is used almost daily and provides a positive image of Algona. The Sports Court was mostly paid for by a Community Development Block Grant of over \$90,000. Although this grant was obtained by the previous administration, we were at risk of losing the grant because we were not meeting deadlines.

We also purchased Wetlands to preserve and hopefully someday convert to an educational park. This purchase was facilitated by King County Council Member Pete von Reichbauer, who secured a \$25,000 grant for the purchase price. We also had a study prepared by a wetlands biologist using a grant from King Conservation District and another grant from WRIA 9. All three grants were obtained by the City through my efforts.

We secured a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board to build Main Street and to install sidewalks. This was a grant for over \$1,000,000. Prior to this build out, Main Street was in poor condition and there were no sidewalks, or even anywhere to walk but in the street. We were also able to secure funds to improve Warde Street plus sidewalks on both sides. At the same time, we secured a grant to make major improvements to City Hall to install sidewalks and access to help us comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements, making City Hall more accessible.

I will discuss our accomplishments from time to time. It is easy to forget where we started.

### **End of Summer**

We had quite a variety of events and activities this summer. We had Lunches for our youth, Dance Groups, Bands, Movies and even a climbing wall. One very popular attraction in the park this year was the "Blue Herron Express", a ride for children. It was built by your Public Works/Parks Crew (Jimmy, Salvador, John and Noah) with mostly donated parts and driven on Algona Days again this year.

Partnerships are what made many of the events possible. Auburn School District provided the lunches, feeding as many as 64 youth. The Auburn YMCA provided some activities for the youth that attended the free lunch program. Many businesses donated money or products for the city programs. The Police Explorers volunteered for most of the events and with resident volunteers really made a contribution to the success of our parks program. The events were enjoyed by many and we are hoping for even more next year.

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**Office Hours:**  
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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM





Don't Forget  
Free Popcorn  
Fridays!

# SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1 Labor Day City Hall Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Council Workshop 6 PM  Council Meeting 7 PM	10	11 Planning Commission 6:30 PM	12	13
14	15 Penalties posted for past due July bills & notices mailed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Disconnect notices for past due July bills	23 Council Workshop 6 PM  Council Meeting 7 PM	24 Water shut off for past due July bills	25	26	27
28	29	30				

