



The Town Crier

City of Algona

JANUARY 2015

City of Algona Community Social

Saturday, January 24th 5-8 PM

at the Filipino American Hall—103 6th Ave N

Join us as we celebrate Algona's 60th anniversary. There will be a free pasta dinner, entertainment, and door prizes (must be present to win).

Entertainment will be provided by Magician Kevin Wolfe.

Mark your calendar's and come enjoy a great night!



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

RATE INCREASES

Due to escalated rates for the purchase of water, as well as King County sewer increases, residential utility rates are increasing. Water rates are increasing 10%, sewer rates are increasing 12%, and storm water rates are increasing \$2.00. New rates will begin January 2015 and will reflect on the January 31 statement.

Commercial/Industrial rates are increasing as well.



PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Beginning 2015, payment arrangements will only be accepted **once during a 12 month period**. Unfortunately, due to the increasing amount of past due accounts, it has become necessary to enforce this policy. It is not our intent to create a hardship, however, it is important to maintain accounts in good standing to avoid possible liens and/or collection procedures.

Message from the Police Chief

Now that the holidays are behind us and the kids are back to school, it is important that we are aware of our driving habits and pay extra attention to children walking to and from school bus stops. Slow down for children and buses as we never know if a child could suddenly appear. Algona Police Officers have increased bus stop patrols and enforcement.

We are proud of our police explorers who not only attended our community functions during the holidays, they also attended a six day intensive training academy during the Christmas break. If you or someone you know is interested in the police explorer program, stop by the Algona Police Department and obtain a brochure. The program is for individuals between 14 and 21 years of age.

Algona Police Department Mission Statement

We are dedicated to provide non-discriminatory, effective and efficient law enforcement service in protecting the life and property of the citizens of Algona, and to ensure that the constitutional rights of all persons are protected.

Is Your Pet Prepared?...

Winter brings the chance for power outages, flooding, snow, ice and all kinds of emergencies.

When you prepare your family, think about preparing for your pets as well.

- ♦ Have a 3 day supply of food and water for your pets.
- ♦ Keep an extra supply of medicines that your pet takes.
- ♦ Have your pet wear a collar with rabies tag, identification and Metro license at all times.
- ♦ Talk to neighbors, friends or relatives about what to do if your area needs to evacuate while you're at work. Can someone else get your pet and your pet's emergency kit for you?
- ♦ Consider microchipping—along with a Metro license, these tools will help you reconnect with your pet if you're separated.
- ♦ Make sure you have contact information for Metro Animal Services in case you need to find your pet. Put their phone number in your cell phone: 253-299-PETS.

Pet licenses can be purchased and renewed at Algona City Hall, 402 Warde Street. You can also license by mail by downloading the form at www.metroanimalserivces.org.



Mayor's Message

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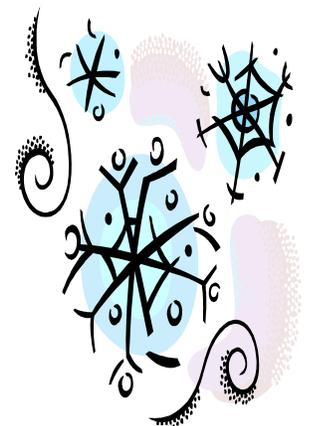
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8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Public Works Crew

I want to take this opportunity to discuss the excellent job our Public Works Department performs for the citizens of the City of Algona. Our crew members maintain our streets, water, sewer and storm water systems, as well as the public parks and City owned buildings. They are often called off of a scheduled project to deal with a broken water main, or one of many other unanticipated emergent situations.

Jimmy Griess, our Public Works Director, has worked for Algona for over 20 years, moving his way up the ranks. Not only does he oversee the utility functions of the City, but must also complete State and Federal reports, making sure all requirements and mandated laws are fulfilled. He has implemented the radio read water meters, as well as improvements from streets to parks. Having a Director with Jimmy's experience, and the dedication of our Public Works Crew, is truly beneficial for the maintenance of our City's infrastructure. Please join me in thanking these dedicated individuals for a job well done!

What to expect this year

2015 is Algona's 60th birthday! In order to celebrate, the City is planning monthly events to encourage citizens to get to know each other, and enjoy what being in a "small city" is all about. A "New Year's Social" has been scheduled for January 24th, from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Filipino American Hall. A complementary pasta meal will be served with entertainment and door prizes. Please come out for the evening, have a great meal, and share this opportunity to meet your neighbors and get acquainted! This year is our "diamond" anniversary and we plan on doing it big! Stay tuned for more fun to come!

Great progress has been made in securing the funding necessary to build our new Community Center/City Hall complex. The City has reserved approximately 50% of the estimated cost of the project, and is working diligently with our contracted lobbyist to procure the remaining funds needed from the State Legislature. We are hopeful that the funding, design, and building will be completed by the end of 2016. Investment in our Community Center will provide a meeting space for our seniors, youth, and citizens, now and many years in the future. The building will include a commercial grade kitchen to be used for City sponsored community events, as well as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and other family events. This is an exciting time for Algona-look for more details to come in the near future!

The City received a \$600,000 grant from the Puget Sound Regional Council for the overlay of West Valley Highway, from 1st Ave to the south City limits. Once this section is completed, we will begin the process to increase the speed limit. We are hopeful the project will begin this summer, with King County as lead management.

Although the Boeing Plume will go on for years to come, progress is being made. A test cleanup will be considered this year. It has not been totally defined, but is being looked at with the oversight of our own experts. The test will be of two different controlled areas. One area will be treated, and the other not. After treatment, the two areas will be compared to determine the effectiveness of the test chemicals. We cannot start final cleanup until we have determined the extent of the plume, and the effective method. The City will continue to update our website with information as it is received.

Happy New Year from Mayor Dave Hill



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Don't Forget
Free Popcorn
Fridays!

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5 Disconnect notices for past due October Bills	6	7 Water shut off for past due October bills Xmas Tree Pickup	8 Planning Commission 6:30 PM Xmas Tree Pickup	9	10
11	12	13 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	14	15 Penalties posted for past due November bills & notices mailed	16	17
18	19 City Hall Closed	20	21	22	23	24 Community Social Filipino Hall 5-8 PM
25	26 Disconnect notices for past due November Bills	27 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	28 Water shut off for past due November bills	29	30	31

