



# The Town Crier

City of Algona

OCTOBER 2014

## Algona's Comprehensive Plan Update Public Open House—Oct. 9th —6 PM City Hall Council Chambers

Please share your thoughts with the City on the Comprehensive Plan Update. What do you want for Algona over the next 20 years?

### SEMI-ANNUAL CURBSIDE CLEAN UP

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5 / THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6

*Available to all Waste Management Disposal Customers*

Place extra waste on the curb with your regular garbage by 6 AM

#### YARD WASTE:

- Yard waste must be separated from other waste, bundled or bagged in brown paper bags or in cans (no more than 32 gallon size and marked yard waste). Plastic bags will NOT be accepted! Bags cannot exceed 65 pounds
- Brush and branches cannot exceed three (3) feet in length, or three (3) inches in diameter
- No rocks, bricks, cement, sod, dirt, etc.

#### GENERAL GARBAGE:

- All garbage and/or trash must be in bags, boxes, or cans
- NO appliances, furniture, or other large bulky objects
- NO hazardous materials such as paint, chemicals, and antifreeze
- NO tires or batteries

#### 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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### S'mores 'n More—October 25th

Join us for an evening of fun for the entire family at S'mores 'n More Family Night—October 25th, 6 to 8 PM, Matchett Park. There will be s'mores, storytelling by the campfire, treat bags and more. For more information, contact a customer service representative at 253-833-2897.



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)



## **Algona Police Explorer Program**

The Algona Police Explorer Program is seeking youth to participate in our Explorer Post. Officer Terbinos Gebremariam of the Algona Police is an advisor for the Explorer Program. If you or someone you know is at least 14 years of age, and no older than 21 years of age and are interested in being a Police Explorer, you can get your Explorer Application at the Algona Police Department.

## **School Bus Stop Safety**

School has started and we have begun actively patrolling your child's bus stops in the morning and afternoons. However, it is important to explain to your child certain safety rules to keep your child safe. Take the time to talk about safe walking routes, who they can talk to, and many other important safety rules.

## **Home Town Community Services**

At this time, Home Town Community Services is not going to serve lunches for the month of October. We will still be available for giveaways on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Please feel free to contact us via Facebook: Home Town Comm. Services in Algona, or via telephone at 253-735-6080.

## **Stormwater Facts....Did You Know?**

Rain is a part of life in the Pacific Northwest. Storm water runoff is rain or snowmelt that flows off developed land. Virtually all of our urban creeks, streams, and rivers are harmed by storm water pollution. Storm water is the leading contributor to water quality pollution of urban waterways in Washington. Untreated storm water is unsafe. It can contain toxic metals, organic compounds, bacteria, and viruses. Untreated storm water is not safe for people to drink and is not recommended for swimming. Polluted storm water can lead to beach closures for swimming and shellfish harvesting. It can also trigger toxic algae blooms. During the wet winter months, high storm water flows can cause flooding and damage property. In Washington, urban storm water harms and pollutes streams that provide habitat for fish and wildlife. Alterations to the watershed, such as building homes and other structures, and clearing away trees and shrubs, are the leading causes for storm water pollution. Storm water transports a mixture of pollutants such as petroleum products, heavy metals, animal waste and sediments from construction sites, roads, highways, parking lots, lawns, and other developed lands. As a result, drinking water supplies are not replenished and streams and wetlands are not recharged. This can lead to water shortages for people and inadequate stream flows and wetland water levels for fish and other wildlife. Storm drainage systems are designed to decrease the chance of flooding in areas that have been developed with homes, businesses, and roads. The storm drainage system collects storm water runoff and carries it to the nearest wetland, lake, or stream. In Algona, the storm drainage system is in the form of ditches that carry the water along a roadside or piece of property. These drainage systems are meant to carry only unpolluted stormwater to the nearest natural body of water. Putting oil, antifreeze, detergents, and other material into the storm drainage system is the same as dumping them directly into a lake or stream.



## 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.
- ♦ If you need to evacuate, have pet litter and litter box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.
- ♦ Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency/evacuation. Where will you go if you need to evacuate? Don't assume that all shelters will be able to allow pets. Plan for pet-friendly alternatives before you're in the middle of an emergency.
- ♦ 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?
- ♦ Talk to your vet about their advice for emergency preparedness.
- ♦ 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.metroanimalservices.org](http://www.metroanimalservices.org).

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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



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Don't Forget  
Free Popcorn  
Fridays!

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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5	6	7	8	9 Open House Comp Plan 6 PM  Planning Commission 7 PM	10	11
12	13	14 Council Workshop 6 PM  Council Meeting 7 PM	15 Penalties posted for past due August bills & notices mailed	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 S'mores n More
26	27 Disconnect notices for past due August bills	28 Council Workshop 6 PM  Council Meeting 7 PM	29 Water shut off for past due August bills	30	31	

