



# The Town Crier

City of Algona

MARCH 2015

## Bricks 4Kidz

Blasting down a quarter mile track in just 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds, a dragster accelerates faster than a jumbo jet, a fighter jet, or a Formula One race car! At the end of the run, the dragster is going more than 300 miles per hour! In this class, we'll find out how the dragster can go so fast, and learn about the special equipment needed to race these amazing cars. Join us as we build a motorized dragster model out of LEGO® bricks.

**Monday, March 23 6 PM**

**City of Algona Council Chambers, 402 Warde Street.**

**This class is free and open to ages 5—12.**

**Call 253-833-2897 to register. Space is limited.**

### 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.*

## Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday, April 4, 2015—11 AM Matchett Memorial Park  
402 Warde Street (Behind City Hall)*

*Age Groups: (2-4) (5-7) (8-12)*

Bring the kids with their baskets to the park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We are seeking sponsors to donate grand prizes such as non-gender specific Easter baskets, children's videos, children's games, pre-packaged chocolate bunnies, or Easter-style stuffed animals.

Donations need to be received in City Hall no later than Friday, March 27th. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 253-833-2897. Dust off the baskets and get ready to hunt.

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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)



**Recycling Collection Event**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2015—9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**ALPAC Elementary School**  
**310 Milwaukee Blvd N**

Algona's **Recycling Collection Event** will be on April 25th. Items collected include used tires (some restrictions and fees apply), used anti-freeze, used oil and oil filters, used batteries, bulky wood (large materials only), appliances, electronic equipment, computer peripherals, scrap metals, textiles, reusable or recyclable household goods, porcelain toilets and sinks, propane tanks, and other materials if practical. **Some fees apply.** For more information, contact 206-938-8262

**Monthly Water Reading**

In an effort to bring your water use to a more manageable level, we will begin reading water meters every month. Up until now, the meters were read every other month, resulting in two months worth of water use on bills received during the odd months of the year. By reading monthly, residents can identify unusual water usage, such as leaks, more quickly and help reduce the amount of water loss as well as a higher water charge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact a customer service representative at City Hall.

**Comprehensive Plan Update**

Every ten years, the City is required to update its Comprehensive Plan to meet State Growth Management guidelines. A current Plan ensures that we develop according to our local desires while holding to the principles of good transportation, a quality environment, housing affordability, quality parks and up-to-date infrastructure. A draft has been completed and will now come before the public and the Planning Commission and City Council for hearings and adoption. Your input will help ensure that the Plan draws an accurate picture of where we want to be as a community in the next 20 years. The Plan is available for review at City Hall. Look for upcoming meetings and hearings leading to Plan adoption in June.



## Mayor's Message

### Community Center/City Hall

I am continuing to seek funding from the State of Washington for our Community Center/City Hall building. I spent two days in Olympia in February and met with not only our delegation from the 30th District, but with other Legislators and Senators. The request is a capital expenditure, and won't be considered until they finish the operating budget and the March financial forecast. I believe we have a good chance to receive these funds. If we fail, we'll pursue other funding sources. Our current City Hall, office, storage and conference area is maxed out. We've had to add two portables to provide needed space. Algona is in dire need of a public meeting center.

### Why is a Community Center needed?

Algona has no facility where we can have indoor community events. While the Filipino community has been very helpful by providing their Community Center for our use, it is not always available. There are additional services that I want to provide to the Algona community. It is my intent that the community center would be available for rent to residents for occasions like family reunions, graduations, birthdays and other private events. It will provide a shelter from the weather for community events like the January community social, Algona Days, Easter Egg Hunt and other causes.

We already have partnerships that will be offering services to our residents when the Community Center is finished. We plan to offer tutoring to our youth in partnership with the King County Library System. We plan to offer lunches and other services to our seniors in partnership with the Auburn Valley YMCA. All of this at minimal costs to the City. This is not an exclusive list, but a starting point. We want to open the facility to use for other community groups like the Police Explorers.

We want to build a facility that will serve the community with minimal maintenance for 40 to 50 years, maybe longer. The residents of Algona deserve to have a place where they can gather and share in events and enjoy small town benefits.

### West Valley Highway

Although I hoped for the completion of the overlay on West Valley from 1st N to Ellingson in 2015, the King County Roads department has informed me that they will not be completing the project until 2016. We were hoping for a quick completion of the project, but by the time the King County Roads department can do the preliminary engineering, it will be too late to bid the project. Since this grant is federally funded, there are literally thousands of conditions and reports that have to be provided.

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





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**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	11	12 Planning Commission 6:30 PM	13	14
15	16 Penalties posted for past due January bills & notices mailed	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Disconnect notices for past due January Bills	24 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	25 Water shut off for past due January bills	26	27	28
29	30	31				

