



The Town Crier

City of Algona

JUNE 2015

Auburn International Farmers Market

The Auburn International Farmers Market will run from June 7 through September 27 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!



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.

Algona Days 2014 July 17 & 18

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.

Just a reminder for the 4th of July ...

Legal Fireworks: Party Poppers, Booby Traps, Snappers, Sparklers, Cylindrical and Cone Fountains, Illuminating Torch Wheels, Roman Candles, Mines, Shells, Helicopters, Aerial Spinners, Ground Spinners, Flitter Sparklers, Smoke Devices

Illegal Fireworks: Sky Rockets, Missile-Type Rockets, Firecrackers and Salutes, Chasers, Jumping Jacks, Ground Devices containing more than 50 mg of explosive material and Aerial Devices containing more than 130 mg of explosive material.

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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



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 through Friday, 9am to 12pm, July 13 to July 17. Fee is \$79.

Mini-Hawk (Soccer, Basketball & Baseball)

This multi-sport program is tailored to your child's age and skill level while teaching life lessons such as respect and teamwork. This program gives children ages 4-6 a fun and positive first step into athletics. This course will be Monday through Friday, 9am to 12pm June 29 to July 3. Fee is \$79.

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

Notice of Availability—Draft 2015 Comprehensive Plan

The City of Algona has published a Draft Comprehensive Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Copies of the Draft Plan and Environmental Impact Statement are available for review during business hours at City Hall, 402 Warde Street. The plan is also available on the city's web page at www.algonawa.gov. A public hearing will be held on June 9, 2015.

Home Town Community Services

As of the first of June, Home Town Community Services can be reached by phone at 253-939-3616 or 253-737-4745. We will still be doing the giveaways as normal in the City of Algona Council Chambers at 402 Warde Street. June's giveaways will be on the 11th and 25th.

As we move into summer, please be reminded that open garage doors, unlocked doors and windows are among the most commonly reported ways that burglars enter people's home. The Algona Police Department is here to assist you. Stop by the Police Department or flag us down and get to know the officers who serve your community. For your assistance, we provide a vacation watch service to our residents who request it and we will make "extra patrol checks" of your home while your are on vacation. Let us know if you would like us to provide this service for you.



Mayor's Message

Algona City Staff

Community Center

We continue to seek financial support for a Community Center in Algona. In May we applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). It is a Federal Grant that is administered locally. We applied for the maximum amount which is \$500,000. We will know later this year if we qualify. We are competing against other communities in the southern region of King County. We used CDBG money to build the Sports Court in Matchett Park in 2007 and in 2008 we used CDBG money for Americans with Disabilities improvements to City Hall. We are also seeking money from the Legislature. We have requested \$1.5 million. We are unsure if we will receive anything from the State of Washington, but we continue to hope for some assistance from the legislature.

Staffing Change

There is one staffing change that I would like to mention. Kevin Caviezel has been hired by the Sumner Downtown Association as Executive Director. Kevin has been the event coordinator for Algona since April 2011. Kevin has helped us add or improve many events for the public, including:

- Movies in the Park
- Algona Fishing Derby
- Youth Free Lunch during the summer in partnership with the Auburn School District
- Activities for the Youth participating in the Free Lunch Program twice a week in the summer in partnership with the YMCA
- S'mores and More in October with story teller.
- Algona Days (improved) changing to a Friday evening, complete with a Movie in the Park and a Saturday parade, vendors and performances by Dance Groups.

Kevin also worked to secure sponsorship from businesses to help fund the events, maintained our web page, managed the purchase and installation of the Holiday Tree and community sign in Waffle Park, managed the email blast and even helped answer the phones when needed.

We are going to miss Kevin. However, he is leaving us with a good start that we will continue to expand by expanding existing events and adding events when we hire a new Events Coordinator. An Algona Community Center will contribute to our ability to offer more services and events.

Police Recognition

Algona Sgt. James Schrimpscher received a Leadership in Policing award last weekend from ASIS International, an international organization of Law Enforcement and Security Professionals. The award recognized his leadership during the turmoil in our Police Department of the last 18 months. The retirement of Chief Buster McGhee, the administration of Interim Chief Lee Gaskill, the removal of Interim Chief Gaskill and the investigations (Administrative and Criminal) and arrest of Mr. Gaskill created considerable stress and the need for leadership. Sgt. Schrimpscher, without fanfare or complaint stepped forward and kept the Police Department running. This is important recognition of the dedication and leadership of Sgt. Schrimpscher and our entire Police Department's commitment to excellence.

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Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM





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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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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 April bills & notices mailed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Disconnect notices for past due April Bills	23 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	24 Water shut off for past due April bills	25	26	27
28	29	30				

