



The Town Crier

City of Algona

OCTOBER 2016

NEW SOLID WASTE PICK-UP DAY

As a way to simplify service, solid waste pick up will be changing from two days, to only one day. Currently, service is scheduled over two days—half the city on Wednesdays and the other half on Thursdays. **Beginning Thursday, November 3, solid waste pickup will only be on Thursdays for the entire city (along with yard waste and recycle).** Waste Management will be sending out notification of the change in the next week or two. Please make note to yourself that Wednesdays will no longer be a solid waste pickup day beginning the first week of November! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact City Hall at 253-833-2897 Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.



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.

CITY OF ALGONA PUMPKIN FARM

The FREE pumpkin farm is back!! Come try out the new and improved mini-pumpkin sling shot, the Blue Heron Express, and FREE pumpkins for the kids!!

WHEN: Saturday, October 22nd
Noon to 4 PM

WHERE: Waffle Park - 301 1st Ave
(next to Coco Joes)



This event is brought to you by: Waste Management;
The Filipino American Community of Puget Sound;
CIMtech; EZ-Access

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



**SEMI-ANNUAL CURBSIDE CLEAN UP
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17**

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

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month—which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. There are several things you can do to show your support for the cause: consider donating to an organization, host or join a fundraiser, become a sponsor, etc. One such advocate is One.7, Inc., which is proud to sponsor and support the Valley Girls & Guys! Non-Profit Cancer Awareness Organization. By making donations and sponsoring events, One.7, Inc. is dedicated to helping bring this disease to an end. Please visit their website at www.1point7.com to learn more about events and fundraisers they have and see how you can help!

NEW! - Online Bill Payment

As a way to offer more choices and convenience in how you pay your bills, the City now lets you view and pay your bill online. All you need is an internet connection through a web browser and an e-mail address.

We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, and it's easy to use. Simply go to www.xpressbillpay.com, select "new to Xpress Bill Pay", fill out the brief form, and pay your bill or setup auto pay.



Mayor's Message for October 2016

School is in Session

We will ticket anyone passing a school bus with the red lights flashing!

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Last month I proposed to form an advisory group to help Algona provide services to our teenagers. What I envision is a group of 5 to 10 teens who will meet and discuss what they would like to see the City offer as activities for teenagers. To date, we have not received any applications.

I doubt the teens in town regularly read the Town Crier, so I would like to ask parents in the city to please pass this along to teenagers in your households. This committee will meet requirements for community service, and be a chance to contribute to making Algona more responsive to the youth in our community. Meetings should not occur more than 3 or 4 times a year, and refreshments will be offered. Please contact Noah at City Hall to volunteer for this group.

Fall is Here

Fall is here and the leaves will once again be blocking our storm water drains. The Public Works crew will be doing their best to clear the drains as quickly as possible. We can really use your help! When you see a storm drain that is either blocked or about to become blocked, call it in to City Hall. We really appreciate your assistance in our annual battle with the elements. Your Public Works Department will respond as quickly as possible. Your patience and support will be greatly appreciated.

City Service Costs are Rising

In the Council's efforts to keep costs to our residents as low as possible, the city has worked hard to keep service fees and taxes at a minimum, and have only made increases as required by other jurisdictions we contract with for these services.

The cost of storm water drainage is one area the city needs to increase in order to keep up with demand. The Public Works crew has to inspect and clean all the storm water basins and lines on a regular schedule. A new requirement that has been mandated by the State is inspection of retention ponds and other storm water facilities on private property.

We currently have the lowest storm water fee in the valley. This fee will have to be increased in January of 2017. It is your right to attend City Council meetings, and help the Council make decisions that will affect the amount of these increases. All City Councilmembers are residents, who pay the same fees as everyone. They have the responsibility to be sure all fees cover the costs of services today, as well as in the future. Our current monthly fee is \$ 9.50 per single family residence. Please exercise your right to help make good, sound decisions for the welfare of our great City.

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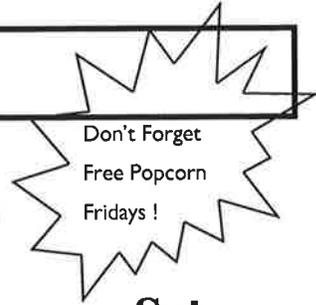
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9	10	11 Council Meeting 7 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17 Penalties posted for past due August bills and notices mailed	18	19	20	21	22 Algona Pumpkin Farm—Waffle Park—Noon to 4 PM
23	24 Disconnect notices for past due August bills	25 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	26 Water shut off for past due August bills	27	28	29
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