



The Town Crier

City of Algona

SEPTEMBER 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.

Volkswalk September 26 9am to 1pm—Matchett Park Walk through Algona to Pacific

Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association is a walking club that puts on non competitive walking events throughout Pierce County. Walks are designed to appeal to everyone in safe, stress free, environments. You do not need to be a member of DVVA to enjoy the walks. www.daffodilvalleyvolkssport.com.



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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

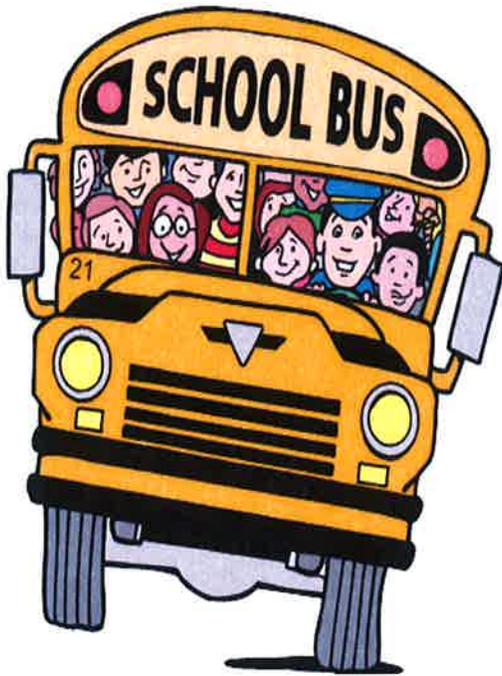
All meetings of the City Council are open to the public

Council Meetings
2nd & 4th Tuesday

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www.algonawa.gov

Home Town Community Services

Home Town Community Services continues with it's giveaways at City of Algona Council Chambers at 402 Warde Street, 9AM to 11:30 AM. September's giveaways will be on the 10th and 24th, and October's giveaways will be on the 8th and 22nd.



School Bus Stop Safety

School is starting and the police department will be 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. Visit www.safekids.org to learn more.

Ways You Can Cut Water Use

Water conservation is more important than ever during this unprecedented drought. There are several steps you can take to reduce water usage including:

- Water lawns and gardens early or late in the day, which reduces water loss through evaporation.
 - Water deeply but infrequently.
- Fix leaks in the home, such as running toilets and dripping faucets.
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes, which saves water.
 - Wash vehicles at locations that recycle water.





Mayor's Message for September 2015

Sound Wall on Hwy 167

Last month I had to finish my message before meeting with the contractor working on Hwy 167 and a representative from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). I mentioned that we thought we were getting a sound wall, but did not know the details in last month's message. They not only confirmed that we are getting a sound wall, but informed me that they intend to finish building it by the middle of January!! They also confirmed that the sound wall will be on the east side of Hwy 167 and extend from the Ellingson northbound on-ramp to the 15th St SW northbound off ramp. I have been trying to get us a sound wall for 9 years, and finally we will have one. It will not stop all the noise from the highway, but it will help!! This will contribute to making Algona even a better place to live.

I knew that we would end up with a sound wall with the transportation package passed by the legislature last session, but that construction may not start for 10 years. I am excited to see Algona receive the sound wall that should have been there when they built Hwy 167 almost 50 years ago!! Now if we could only get WSDOT to fix the drainage problems they created with the construction of Hwy 167! Do not hold your breath, we may receive some relief when they complete the construction of Hwy 167 (part of the Transportation Package) in 10 years or more.

Property Values in Algona

In case you have not noticed, there is a small building boom going on in Algona, and there is probably going to be more in the future. It helps support our property values and contributes to the growth of Algona. I have reviewed several transactions in the last few months on the King County Assessor's web site and several existing home properties have sold for considerably more than their appraised value (King County Appraiser). Of course there are probably some that have declined in value, but if you want to check it out for yourself, the web address is: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/Assessor/eSales/Welcome.asp>. Algona is Area 087 and sub area 017. It only lists residential properties at this time, but it is an interesting tool. I believe that it works for the entire county.

Road Maintenance

We have finished with our annual chip seal of streets in Algona. We also patched the part of 1st Ave N between Algona Blvd and the freeway underpass. We will be resurfacing West Valley Hwy from Ellingson to 1st Ave N next year using a grant from Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The grant is a partnership with King County, who will be managing the project for Algona.

Our steady maintenance of Algona's streets has paid off with minimizing other costs. We have better streets than most other small cities, resulting in longer life of our streets. We intend to continue our annual maintenance plus seeking grants to improve and overlay the streets.

Intersection of Boundary and O street

I have heard from several residents that they want the crosswalk striped at that intersection. Algona has the half of the road that is East bound (South side of the street). Auburn has the other side of the street. We have been in discussions with Auburn and this week we met with several people from Auburn on this subject. I am supportive of striping the crosswalk, but Auburn has studied the intersection and it apparently does not qualify for a crosswalk. We will be continuing to study the situation, but we cannot take any action without both Auburn and Algona agreeing. I am asking the resident of Algona to be aware, many of our residents use that intersection to access the stores and bus system, give them a break and yield to pedestrians. I am also reminding the residents who walk that route to be careful and make sure the drivers see you and are in fact yielding.

I will continue to research the issue to see if there is any way to convince Auburn the need for a marked crosswalk. We are looking at the Auburn study and may conduct a study ourselves to compare with the Auburn results.

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Don't Forget
Free Popcorn
Fridays!

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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6	7 Labor Day City Hall Closed	8 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	9	10 Planning Commission 6:30 PM	11	12
13	14	15 Penalties posted for past due July bills and notices mailed	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	23	24	25	26 Volkssport Walking Event
27	28 Disconnect notices for past due July Bills	29	30 Water shut off for past due July bills			