

The Town Crier

City of Algona

January 2024





PLANNING COMMITTEE

Algona Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th but we need your help! We are looking for citizens from Algona to be a part of our planning committee to help bring fun and excitement to our event. Please share your talents with us and make this the BEST Algona Day yet!

If interested please contact Gary at garyk@algonawa.gov or 253-217-5000 We are having our first meeting in January.





FACT:

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 City Council

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The Algona City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

The Council conducts workshop sessions the fourth Monday 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 Mondays

Visit our website at: www.algonawa.gov



Water Rates Effective January 1st, 2024, per Ordinance 1227-23

Size of Service 3/4-inch metered residential	Qty Allowed per Month (100 cubic ft. equals one unit) 400 cubic ft.	Monthly Service Charge \$35.66
Multiple residential units (apartments, duplexes, etc.)	400 cubic ft. per residential unit	\$35.66 per residential unit
Residential units where water has been disconnected per Section 13.02.200	0 cubic ft.	\$22.00
Metered bulk rate		\$64.82 + \$3.40 per 100 cubic ft.
Commercial/industrial up to one-inch meter	400 cubic ft.	\$37.00
Commercial/industrial one-inch meter	400 cubic ft.	\$41.58
Commercial/industrial two-inch meter	400 cubic ft.	\$46.44
Commercial/industrial three-inch meter	400 cubic ft.	\$50.57
Commercial/industrial four-inch meter	400 cubic ft.	\$54.09

Actual water consumption for residential uses shall be billed on a monthly basis for each one hundred cubic feet consumed over the quantity allowed at the following rates:

Additional Unit Charge (400 – 1,000 cubic feet)	Additional Unit Charge (1,001 – 1,500 cubic feet)	Additional Unit Charge (1,500 + cubic feet)	
\$3.40 per cubic foot	\$3.85 per cubic foot	\$4.31 per cubic foot	

Sewer Rates Effective January 1st, 2024, per Ordinance 1228-23

Single-family residences	\$79.32 per month
Single-family residences, unoccupied with water disconnected	\$26.46 per month
Multiple-residence buildings	\$79.32 per month per residential unit
Lots permitted for multi-dwellings on a single service	\$79.32 per month per residential unit
Business, commercial and industrial units; churches; service organizations; meeting halls; and schools (public and private)	\$79.32 per month for the first 750 cubic feet of water used as per meter readings, and \$10.49 for each additional 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof

^{*}Stormwater Rates did not increase. Please see Algona Municipal Code Chapter 2.50 for further Information at algonawa.gov.



Mayors Message

Happy New Year

Flooding, especially in the north end of town, was particularly bad in early December. We called the King County Emergency Management team when the water was starting to rise and asked for help. When King County Emergency Management couldn't assist, they were kind enough to send us to the state level where we immediately received assistance. They were able to view the flooding from the drone footage prepared by our designated Emergency Management Coordinator, Chief Schrimpsher.

Shortly after receiving the video, the state allotted 600 feet of flood barrier material to the City. Our public works crew worked long hours the next several days setting up the flood barriers to hold the water at bay and start pumping the water out of the area. This allowed the homes to be more accessible for the residents.

Since then we secured another 600 feet of flood barriers from the state. We also had two sets of flood engineers visit the flooding site. One pair of engineers are working on our Flood Management Plan and the Army Corps of Engineers sent two of their own engineers to try to see if they could provide some answers. All of engineers agreed that the bulk of the flooding was caused by the lack of maintenance on a retention pond just north of the Algona city limits. It is full of silt and plants causing the pond to fill quickly and force water south. The water should be flowing north to the Green River. Both the engineering teams said that the work done on the 167 ditch last summer helped reduce the impact of the rising waters and agreed it could have been a lot worse without that cleanup.

We are still planning to finish cleaning the 167 ditch from 5th Ave S to 5th Ave N. I expect this to start in the late spring 2024. We are also looking at all areas around the city and working to formulate a plan to fix the issues. I will continue to inform the community of the progress we make.

Big thanks goes out to our Public Works Team, Chief Schrimpsher and City Administrator Jessica Griess for all the extra effort everyone put in to get the flooding under control.

Troy Linnell, Mayor

~Taking Care of Business~

"Recognizing businesses in your community"



The Valley Mart, "Your friendly neighborhood store" has been operated by the new owners over the past 3 1/2 years. They pride themselves in their friendly atmosphere and staff. They are grateful to own a business in this wonderful small town where everyone is friendly. One of the things they love is how the Police work to keep the people and business's safe in Algona. The Valley Mart is located at the corner of 1st and Milwaukee Ave. The have great snack's, candies, groceries, apparels and more.

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 City Hall & Comm. Center Closed	2	3	4 Planning Commission 6:30pm	5	6
Comm. Center Advisory Board 5pm	8 Council Meeting 7 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	City Hall & Comm. Center Closed Martin Luther King Day	16 Late Notices for November Water bills	17	18	Story Time 10am KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM	20
Disconnect notices for past due November Bills	Council Meeting 7 pm Council Workshop 6pm	23	24 Water Shut off for past due November Bills	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	SAVE Water	Use	the Blue Heron less chemicals our yard Ret Sound Pris Here Tis Here