



# The Town Crier

City of Algona

NOVEMBER 2016

## NEW SOLID WASTE PICK-UP DAY

As a way to simplify service, solid waste pick up is 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 has sent out notification of the change to the affected residences. 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.



City Hall will be closing at 3 PM on Monday, November 21st for an employee appreciation meeting.

### 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 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.

## 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: MAXIMUM OF UP TO 5 BAGS (EQUIVALENT OF 160 GALLONS)

- 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

### 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](http://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. We want to make sure everyone has a nice Holiday so November's giveaways will be on the 10th and 17th.

### RATE INCREASES

Due to escalated rates for the purchase of water, as well as King County sewer increases, residential utility rates are expected to rise. Water rates are expected to increase \$1.64 for base and \$0.26 per unit, sewer rates are expected to increase \$3.73, and storm water rates are expected to increase \$2.00. New rates will begin January 2017. Commercial/Industrial rates are expected to increase as well. A public hearing will be held at the Council Meeting on November 22 at 7 PM.

You may not think about how water gets to you when you need it. You don't have to, because we do. We run the treatment plants, pumps, and pipes that deliver clean water and safely carry away our used water.

But here's a dirty secret: Those systems are aging. Many parts need to be fixed, upgraded or replaced. Waiting until they fail is not an option. We all need water to wash, cook, bathe, and do countless other daily tasks. Our families need water to thrive.

Your water and wastewater bills pay for investments that guarantee clean, safe water is available. All day, every day—now and for future generations.

Water—Essential. Reliable. Invaluable.

Learn how water works for you.  
Visit [TheValueofWater.org](http://TheValueofWater.org)



[DOH.Wa.Gov/DrinkingWater](http://DOH.Wa.Gov/DrinkingWater)

#ValueWater

### HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING - WAFFLE PARK SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd - 6 PM

Join us for our 5th Annual Holiday Tree lighting at Waffle Park. Entertainment will be provided and refreshments will be supplied. Come join in the fun and get the holiday spirit started.





## Mayor's Message for November 2016

### E-Mail Communication

At the beginning of the Boeing Plume Crisis, we had a significant number of people sign up to receive our e-mail alerts. We continue to use this system to communicate with our citizens. If you are not already signed up and receiving our notices by e-mail, we urge you to add your name to our list. We used the e-mail list to notify the public about the "storm of the century" that never happened, but did provide an excellent opportunity to practice planning in case we get a real disaster. We also use it to remind people of our public events like the Harvest Festival where we gave away pumpkins and had the pumpkin sling shot. Not to brag, but I hit the target 4 of my 5 tries, better than the Police Explorers! I'm sure next year they'll plan revenge!

We do not flood you with e-mails and we do not sell the list to anyone. It does provide us one more way to communicate with you and to keep you informed on city news. We seldom get any coverage by the Auburn Reporter, and unless there is some form of crisis, never by the Seattle or Tacoma press.

### Community Center

We continue to work on building a new community center on the City owned property on Washington, behind the City Council Chambers. There is almost daily contact between Diana Quinn and the architect. Virtually everything has to be decided now, so it can be included in the bid package. Or, there are some items like the commercial kitchen appliances that we intend to purchase and have installed by the contractor, where we need to specify the dimensions and power usage.

Unlike commercial buildings where the financing is a mortgage, Cities have to sell Bonds. This results in a situation where we place the package for bid by multiple banks and select the best offer. We hope the low interest rates continue into next year, providing us excellent repayment terms.

We intend to have both the construction bid package and the finance bid package ready by the middle of January.

### West Valley Highway

For the second year in a row, King County Roads did not complete the approximately 4 day job of doing the overlay from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N to the southern City limits. They have considerable excuses, but no valid reasons for not completing the overlay. We budgeted to pay the King County share of the costs, which we will roll over to next year. I cannot help but wonder why so many other cities were more important? Some people may blame myself and the City Council for the delay, but we were told almost monthly that we were going to be done in a month, but they never got the order to go ahead until September, and then it became "weather permitting". Who builds roads in the winter? I am sure that it will be completed as soon as we get good weather in 2017.

## Algona City Staff

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**Ryan Miller**  
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Police Officers

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**Jimmy Griess**  
Public Works Director

**Salvador Marez**  
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**Noah St. Martin**  
**Matt Bailey**  
Utility Workers

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





Don't Forget  
Free Popcorn  
Fridays!

# NOVEMBER 2016

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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6	7	8 Council Meeting 7 PM	9	10	11 City Hall Closed	12
13	14	15 Penalties posted for past due September bills and notices mailed	16	17 Curbside Cleanup	18	19
20	21 City Hall Closed at 3 PM	22 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	23	24 City Hall Closed	25 City Hall Closed	26
27	28 Disconnect notices for past due September bills	29	30 Water shut off for past due September bills			