

City of Algonac Spring 2014

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LIONS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

The recently adopted City of Algonac Recreation Plan, which was based on input gathered from residents, identified the renovation and improvement of facilities at Lions Field as a top priority. Residents indicated they wanted to see the facilities modernized and more family friendly features installed that would compliment the existing community pool and create the opportunity for a full day of activity.

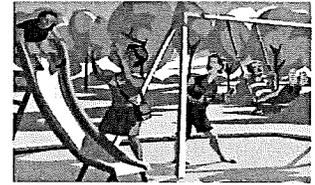
In pursuit of those goals the City Council recently directed the administration to prepare a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to partially

fund phase one of the planned improvements. Phase one improvements would include:

- New and expanded parking facilities that include a pool drop off area
- Demolition of the existing tennis and basketball courts
- Construction of a new lighted dual purpose basketball/ice rink facility.
- New picnic pavilions, grills and tables
- Connecting handicapped accessible pathways
- A new Beach Volleyball court
- A new Backstop and basic field improvements to support informal baseball games

•New perimeter fencing for the park

The anticipated cost of \$260,000 would be paid for thru 70% grant dollars with the balance of needed funds provided by the City. Grant announcements are expected to be made later this year with successful applicants seeing construction occurring in 2015.



BLIGHT CONTROL A COUNCIL PRIORITY

The City of Algonac will continue this summer to focus on controlling blight and properties with uncut grass. The City Council increased the hours of the part time code enforcement officer earlier this month to allow time for proactive blight patrols. The inspector will be patrolling 1/2 of town on a rotating basis each Tuesday afternoon noting violations he observes and following up to verify compliance for locations that have previously received ordinance violation notices. He drives a clearly marked vehicle displaying

“Algonac Code Enforcement” signage. Property owners who receive 10 day notices and do not correct violations will be subject to misdemeanor prosecution and/or the cost of the city cleaning up the blighted conditions. In the case of uncut grass greater than 10 inches in height, the city employs a private contractor to cut the grass and then bills the property owner the full cost incurred by the city plus a \$100 administrative fee. Please respect your neighbors and fellow citizens and properly maintain your prop-

erty. Beautiful neighborhoods promote strong property values and make our city an attractive place to live. To report blight conditions call the building department at 794-9361 ext. 214



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WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWED

The City of Algonac recently renewed our contract for waste services with the current provider, Emterra Environmental USA. The new five year agreement, that runs thru May 2019, maintains the same level of services that Algonac residents presently enjoy. Strict price controls negotiated in the new agreement mean that Algonac residents should see no increase for the next five years in the \$168 annual fee they currently pay the city for these services.

The new agreement continues refuse and recycling pickup on Thursday of each week. Weekly pickup of yard waste begins in the first week of April and continues thru the last regular service day of November. Christmas trees will continue to be collected thru the month of January. Residents must have their approved items set out no later than 7:00 a.m. on the morning of scheduled pickup. All residents will be receiving a flyer in the mail from Emterra in the next several days explaining services provided in more detail. The flyer will go over proper set out procedures and what materials are accepted and what materials are not. If after reading the flyer you have any other questions or in the event your weekly pickup is missed please call Emterra customer service toll free at 1-877-609-6753.



MUSIC IN THE PARK IS BACK!!!



Again this year the City of Algonac and Clay Township are partnering to put on a summer long free concert series for the enjoyment of our residents and seasonal visitors. The concerts will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a wide variety of music. The shows for the first half of the season will be held at the gazebo in Riverfront Park in Algonac and the second half of the season in the Clay Township Park next to the township hall. The City of Algonac and organizing committee would like to thank and acknowledge this year's Title Sponsor—Laborers Local Union 1191 Grant Fund.

Riverfront Park

6/19/14 Kerry Sutton & Blue Ridge—Bluegrass
6/26/14 Dude & the Abiders—Acoustic Rock
7/10/14 Mickey Meldrum—Hometown Favorites
7/17/14 Brenda Loomis Band—Country Western
7/24/14 Voo Doo Doctors—Rhythm & Blues

Clay Township Park

7/31/14 Burnwood—Country Rock
8/07/14 Tnt Sound Explosion—Reggae
8/14/14 Tenacious Red—Classic Rock
8/21/14 Algonac Theatre Group—Comedy Skits
8/28/14 Sun Messengers—R&B and Jazz Octect