

City of Algonac Summer 2015

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New Budget Keeps City Taxes Low



The 2015-16 Budget adopted by the City Council on June 2nd keeps the tax rate in Algonac the lowest among the eight cities in St. Clair County. The total City of Algonac tax rate of 13.5777 mills, compares to the average of 16.6598 mills charged in other local cities. Algonac property owners pay approximately 23% less than the average tax rate charged by other St. Clair County cities. This year's general fund budget maintains present services including 30 man hours per day of contracted police patrol, thru the St. Clair County Sheriff, with a second officer on duty during evening hours.

Street Improvements Continue in 2015

In follow up to the paving of Sheldon Street completed last month, the City Council at its June 16th meeting authorized additional infrastructure improvements to all be completed this fall. The City Council approved design work for the repaving of Howard Street from Scout to State Street and Dixie between M-29 and Michigan Street. This follows award of a contract to Murray Underground of Fort Gratiot on June 2nd in the amount of \$172,362 to replace the water main and repave Channelsyde Drive. Work is scheduled to commence on all three projects after the Labor Day Holiday.

Laws for Displaying Fireworks

The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2011 greatly expanded the type of fireworks Michigan residents are allowed to display and for the first time defined what days of the year, at a minimum, fireworks are permitted to be used. Michigan residents are allowed to legally display what are called "consumer", "low impact" and "novelty" fireworks. These are the type of fireworks sold in regulated stands on the roadside in the State of Michigan.

The City of Algonac 2012 Fireworks Ordinance limits fireworks displays to the minimum 30 days per year mandated under State law. These are the day before, day after and day of the following 10 holidays recognized by the State of Michigan:

New Years Day—January 1

Martin Luther Day—3rd Monday in January

President's Day—the 3rd Monday in February

Memorial Day—the last Monday in May

Independence Day—July 4th

Labor Day— the 1st Monday in September

Columbus Day—the 2nd Monday in October

Veteran's Day—November 11th

Thanksgiving Day—4th Thursday in Nov.

Christmas Day—December 25th

Residents are asked to respect their neighbors and refrain from displaying fireworks after 11:00 p.m. Persons setting off illegal types of fireworks or any types of fireworks after 11:00 p.m. will be subject to citation under State statute or the City of Algonac Anti-Noise Ordinance. Your city council and fellow residents ask everyone's cooperation in displaying fireworks in a safe and responsible manner.

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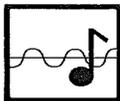
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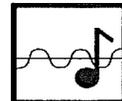
Community Pool Open!



The City of Algonac pool is open for the 2015 summer season. Open swim is available from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The first session of morning swim lessons is already underway with the second session scheduled for two weeks beginning Monday July 6th and a third two week session beginning the week of Monday July 27th. Classes are offered in 4 levels of ability from beginner to advanced. Kids can participate in successive classes and advance from one level to the next. A reduced fee schedule instituted by the City Council two years ago continues this summer with daily admission only \$1.50. Multi-visit and season long discount passes are available. See the City Website at www.algonac-mi.gov for complete information.



Music in the Park Underway



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 Clay Township Park. This year's schedule is:

Riverfront Park

June 18th - Pony Up - County Rock
June 25th - Little Big Band—Jazz and Big Band
July 9th - Blue Ridge—Blue Grass
July 16th - F Street Blues—Blues and Rock
July 23rd - Mickey Meldrum—Hometown Fav.

Clay Township Park

July 30th - Burnwood - Country Rock
August 6th - Dude and the Abiders – Acoustic Rock
August 13th - Voo Doo Doctors – Rhythm & Blues
August 20th - Sun Messengers - R&B and Funk
August 27th - Soul Providers – Motown Soul

The City of Algonac and organizing committee would like to thank and acknowledge this year's Title Sponsors, Cortis Brothers and Michigan Laborers LECET Trust. We hope to see everyone in attendance on Thursday evenings at the 10 events scheduled for this summer!