

City of Algonac Fall 2016

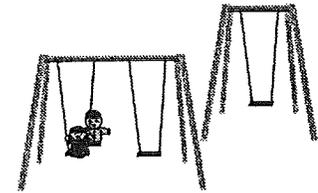
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Lions Field Improvements Underway

The 2013 City of Algonac Recreation Plan 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. To that end the phase one improvements underway include:

- New and expanded parking and a pool drop off area
- A new lighted dual purpose basketball/ice rink facility
- New picnic pavilions, grills and tables
- Connected handicapped accessible pathways
- New Beach Volleyball court and horseshoe pits



At their meeting on September 6th the City Council awarded the low bid of Cortis Brothers Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$254,833 to do the work. The City has received a federal grant of \$100,000 thru the Land and Water Conservation fund to help pay for the project. The balance of the cost will be paid for thru funds that have been saved over time in the City's Capital Improvement fund including monies received from the County's shared recreation millage.

City Council Seats Part of November Election

Four of seven seats on the Algonac City Council are up for election on November 8th. Three current members of the City Council, Helen Meldrum, Ray Martin and Michael Bembas are seeking re-election. The fourth seat is being vacated by Gary Tuzinowski who is retiring from City Council after more than 30 years of service to the City of Algonac. Three other residents whose names will appear on the ballot are Eileen Tesch, Corey Blair and former Mayor James Wisdom. Jacob Skarbek is seeking election to council as a write-in candidate.

Road/Water Improvements Continue

In late 2013 the City of Algonac completed an evaluation of our street and water distribution systems. Those studies identified where improvements are most needed and created a prioritized list of the best places for the city to spend available resources. Earlier this year, Channelsyde Drive was resurfaced and the aging and undersized water main at this location replaced. At their meeting of August 2nd the City Council approved the low bid of James P. Contracting of Romeo in the amount of \$240,900 to completely reconstruct the entire length of Colonial Lane and install much needed drainage improvements. That work is being completed at this time. In addition, crack sealing repair on over 3.5 miles of 13 Algonac streets will be completed in the next several weeks at a cost of over \$33,700. Replacement of undersized water mains on Washington Street North of Mill Street will be completed in 2017 along with other projects remaining on the prioritized lists developed as part of the completed studies. Look for announcement of these projects early next year.

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Irene Bird, Mayor
Mark Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem
Michael Bembas, Council Member
Ray Martin, Council Member
Helen Meldrum, Council Member
Joe Nugent, Council Member
Gary Tuzinowski, Council Member

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Leaf Pick-Up Schedule

Leaf pick-up by DPW crews in the City of Algonac continues thru the end of the week of December 5th, weather permitting, according to the schedule shown below. Zone 1 consists of all streets north of Smith Street while Zone 2 includes Smith Street and all streets south to the City limits.

We ask the cooperation of residents in raking leaves to the edge of the street and away from all street signs and mail boxes. Where there are ditches the leaves must be raked to the street edge of the ditch only and free of any other debris. All residents are responsible to ensure vehicles are not obstructing the work crews or the leaves next to your property cannot be picked up.

10/31—11/4 Zone 1	11/21—11/23 Zone 2
11/7—11/11 Zone 2	11/28-12/2 Zone 1
11/14- 11/18 Zone 1	12/5—12/9 Zone 2



Santa Arrives on December 7th!!!

The annual Algonac Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday December 7th in front of City Hall. A Jingle Bell 5k run/walk to benefit the Algonac Band will start at 5:00 p.m. with registration in the lobby of city hall starting at 4:30 p.m. The band boosters will also be raising money thru a contest in Riverfront Park where people or businesses can decorate a tree or reserved area in the park to create a Christmas themed scene. These will be lighted at the same time as the main tree. The minimum donation is \$20. People interested in participating can contact Band Booster representative Diana Siegal at 586-569-1228 for more information.

The tree lighting ceremony will immediately follow the Santa parade which is scheduled to start at 6:15 p.m. and features decorated and lighted antique tractors. After Santa arrives at City Hall, the tree lighting ceremony will conclude with music from the Algonac High School band, the tractors will offer hayrides in the neighborhood behind city hall. The fire hall will be cleared of equipment and everyone invited inside. Christmas music will be playing and refreshments will be served with all children having a chance to visit with Santa and have their picture taken with him. Please join us December 7th!!