

# Algonac *WAVE*

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## ALGONAC CITY COUNCIL

Rocky Gillis, Mayor  
Ray Martin, Mayor Pro Tem



Mike Bembas  
Corey Blair  
Ed Carter  
Dawn Davey  
Cathy Harris

Denice A. Gerstenberg  
City Manager

## CITY HALL HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
8AM to 6PM

Closed 12:30PM to  
1:30PM.

City Council Meetings  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
at 6PM

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## Chat with the Mayor

Talk with  
Mayor Rocky Gillis  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
4PM at  
Algonac City Hall

## New Ordinance Encourages Development of Vacant Property

City Council approved a new ordinance in December 2023 that will require owners of vacant property to register and pay a fee to the city if the property remains vacant. This ordinance is designed to encourage property owners to consider immediate implementation of a plan to revitalize the property. Detroit, Melvindale, Mount Clemens, and Southfield are examples of communities that have a similar ordinance in place.

## Lions Field Swimming Pool Update

The pool at Lions Field was closed in 2020 due to water loss and safety concerns. The pool served the community since 1957 and needs to be replaced. The Algonac City Council hired an architect and the construction plans have been completed for a new pool. The total estimated cost of the new pool is \$1.7 million dollars. To save taxpayer money, the city has been actively seeking grants funds for the new pool. The city has received a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for \$300,000 and a grant from the MEDC Revitalization and Placemaking Program for \$400,000. The city has applied for one more grant and expects an announcement in early 2024. The City is hoping to fund as much of the pool as possible with grant funds.

**Trash collection starts at 7AM on  
Thursday morning. Please have items  
to the curb prior to 7AM.**

## DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ALGONAC WATER TOWER...

- Stands 139 feet tall.
- Maintains water pressure, through gravity, to distribute water to customers and ensure proper flow from your faucet.
- Provides backup capacity in case of a power outage or a fire that requires a large amount of water.
- Provides water storage (500,000 gallons) to level out the peaks of daily water demand.
- When the tower is full it holds 4,170,000 pounds of water.

## \*\*\*\*\* ELECTION NEWS \*\*\*\*\*

In 2024, three (3) elections will be held in the City of Algonac: February 27, August 6, and November 5. Recently, City Council approved the location of an Early Voting Center for all of Algonac and Clay Township voters. The Early Voting Center, which will be located at Clay Township Hall, will operate just like a normal precinct. It will be open for nine (9) consecutive days prior to Election Day to offer in-person voting to anyone unable to visit a precinct on Election Day. The Algonac voting precincts, Precinct 1 & Precinct 2, which are located at St. Catherine's Church Community Center, will still be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. for in-person voting. The Absent Voter Counting Board will still count the absent voter ballots at Algonac City Hall on Election Day. There are no changes to the elections or for the voters of Algonac, other than the addition of the Early Voting Center. Early Voting was approved by Michigan voters through Proposal 2022-2 at the November 2022 election.