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Algoma Utilities would like to thank Russ Ritchie for 12 years of service on the Algoma Utility Commission as City Council Representative and as a Commissioner!

We appreciate all of your time and dedication to the Algoma Utility Commission.

Enjoy Retirement!



Algoma Utilities' Water Operator Receives State Award

At the April 19th Algoma Utility Commission meeting, General Manager Pete Haack made the announcement that Christopher Massart was awarded the prestigious 2017 District Operator of the Year Award by the Wisconsin Rural Water Association (WRWA). This award, which is given yearly, was presented at the WRWA annual Technical Conference in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. It is awarded to individuals that demonstrate excellence in the field of waterworks operation. Over 1,300 water system and industry personnel met for four days exchanging ideas and technology through technical sessions and exhibits.

"The role of a water operations specialist has become increasingly difficult as state and federal governments have imposed tougher standards for water utilities," said Dave Lawrence, WRWA Executive Director. "Christopher has been recognized by his peers as a well-trained and dedicated operations specialist, deserving of WRWA's highest award for a state licensed water operator."

Haack said, "District 1 Operator of the Year is an impressive accomplishment. District 1 consists of about 104 different water systems covering the northeast quarter of the state. At Algoma Utilities we are all aware of the extra time, effort and amount of pride Christopher devotes to Algoma's water system. Now his peers throughout the state recognize Christopher as an outstanding operator. This is a well-deserved award."

Grants Available

Algoma Utilities, through funding available from our power supplier, WPPI Energy, is soliciting requests from local organizations interested in a Community Contribution Grant or Economic Development Grant. Typically, grants are awarded to Algoma Utility, not for profit customers, to help offset specific community programs or project costs.

Grant requests will be accepted at the Utilities' office through July 10, 2017. To be considered for a grant, non-profit organizations must submit a letter requesting assistance. The letter should include information as to how the not for profit organization will use the funds to benefit the community or local economic development. Organizations must also show that funds are necessary to complete a project or program and the time frame in which the grant would be utilized.

Examples of past grants include, but are not limited to:

- Algoma school projects
- Local safety programs
- Literacy and youth programs
- Local economic development programs
- Spring/Summer festivals or events
- Park improvements
- Power quality improvement projects

Letters should be sent to: Algoma Utilities, Attn: Office Manager, 1407 Flora Avenue, Algoma, WI 54201. If you have any questions concerning the grant programs please contact the Algoma Utilities office at (920) 487-5556.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig. **Digger's Hotline**

The summer project season is here. Call 811 or visit www.diggershotline.com before you start any digging project. Wisconsin law requires that anytime you disturb the ground's surface that you call Digger's Hotline. The consequences of not calling Digger's Hotline can be fatal and very expensive.

When you call Digger's Hotline they will notify all utility providers of your intention to dig. Please allow 3 business days for utility personnel to come and mark the location of their facilities.

Digger's Hotline is free service.



Pool Filling Program

Algoma Utilities offers a Pool Filling Sewer Credit Program. You can obtain a credit on the sewer portion of your utility bill if you complete a Pool Filling form. **Before you fill your pool you will need to read your water meter and again after your pool is full.**

Forms can be obtained at the utility office or by visiting: www.algomautilities.com under the Customer Services tab and click on Water Service. Then simply return the form to Algoma Utilities **prior to the end of the month your pool is filled.** Credits are only given for usage of 1,000 gallons or more.



A/C Tune-up Incentive

An inspection and tune-up of your central air conditioner unit can improve its efficiency and increase its life span. Without regular cleaning and maintenance, an air conditioner can lose up to 5% of its original efficiency for each year of operation.

Algoma Utilities offers cash incentives to encourage regular inspection and maintenance of central air conditioners. If you are a homeowner or business owner with a central air conditioner, you may be eligible for up to \$35 toward a professional service inspection and tune-up.

Eligibility:

- The Central Air Tune-up Incentive Program is available to residential and business customers with a valid Algoma Utilities electric account.
- Only central air conditioning units of 5 tons or less that have not had a tune-up within the **last three years** are eligible.
- To receive a \$35 cash incentive, a tune-up of the central air conditioner must be performed by a professional service technician and include a 12 point inspection.
- Qualifying inspections and tune-ups must be completed between May 1 and August 31 of 2017. Rebate form must be submitted by September 30, 2017.

Rebates will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis, until allocated funds are spent.

You can obtain more information and applications for the A/C Tune-Up Incentive at our office or you can visit our website at www.algomautilities.com and look for the A/C Tune Up icon at the bottom of our home page.



Algoma Utilities' Annual Water Quality Report Available

This year's Annual Water Quality Report, also referred to as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), is available for viewing on-line at <http://www.algomautilities.com/media/2016CCR.pdf> We encourage readership of this document as it contains information on the quality of your drinking water. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Algoma Utilities makes continual efforts to improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

Algoma Utilities is pleased to report that our drinking water is SAFE and meets federal and state requirements.

Copies of the Consumer Confidence Report are also available at Algoma Utilities, City Hall, Chamber of Commerce and Algoma Public Library.

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the Consumer Confidence Report please check the box below and return the form to our office. You can also request a copy by calling our office at 920-487-5556 or e-mailing us at algomautilities@wppienergy.org.

Paper Copy mailed to you. Please provide your mailing information.

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