



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2016

## Water/Sewer Rate Increase Approved

On January 19, the Village of Algonquin approved increases to water and sewer utility rates effective November 2016. The rate adjustment was the result of a Comprehensive Water and Sewer Rate and Fee Study, completed in January 2016 by RHMG Engineers, Inc. The rate and fee study evaluated capital infrastructure needs as identified in the Comprehensive Water Master Plan (2012) and the Wastewater Facility Plan Update (2014), both of which call for \$22 million in water and sewer infrastructure repair and replacement through 2022. The Village carefully considered information gathered by its licensed operators, engineers, financial consultants, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Village is committed to providing safe, reliable drinking water to its customers. **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and reports/studies are available online at [www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks](http://www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks) to help further explain the need to the rate increase, as well as its impacts to our customers.**



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## Algonquin Community Survey

In September 2015, the Algonquin Community Survey was sent to 1,500 randomly selected households in the community. Overall, the top quality of life measures in the Village rated Excellent or Good by residents include your neighborhood as a place to live (91.3%), Algonquin as a place to live (90.0%), shopping opportunities (87.8%), and Algonquin as a place to raise children (86.5%).

The Algonquin Community Survey helps the Village evaluate and prioritize public services provided to the community. To view the entire report of survey results, please visit us online at [www.algonquin.org/VillageManager](http://www.algonquin.org/VillageManager).

## Document Shredding Event

Groot, along with the Village of Algonquin, will offer a free shredding event for residents of the Village of Algonquin. This event will be held Saturday, June 18, at the Public Works Facility (110 Meyer Drive, Algonquin) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Participants must verify they are a resident of the Village of Algonquin. Material accepted includes standard office paper and file folders. All material shall be free of binders and binder clips or any other materials that could compromise the integrity of the equipment. Each participating resident is limited to eight (8) standard size banker boxes each. More information is available online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## Season Pool Passes

Beat the heat this summer with an early bird pool pass at the Algonquin pool and splashpad, located at 599 Longwood Drive in Algonquin! **Both individual and family passes will go on sale April 11.**

The pool features a 1-meter spring diving board, interactive splashpad area, lap pool, concession stand, lounge chairs, and new deck shade structures. The Algonquin pool also offers programs for all ages, including the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program and expanded offerings of Aqua Zumba and lap swim! For complete pool and swim program information, please visit us online at [www.algonquin.org/pool](http://www.algonquin.org/pool).

## Historic Commission Workshops

Open to the public on the third and fourth Saturdays of each month at Historic Village Hall, 2 S. Main St. Call 847-658-4322 for more information.

## Student Art Exhibit

The fifth annual Algonquin Student Art Exhibit will take place throughout the month of April at the Algonquin Area Public Library (2600 Harnish Drive). An awards reception will be held at the library on April 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. More information is available online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org)

## Rain Barrel/Composter Sale

Through a partnership with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County, the Village of Algonquin is offering rain barrels and composters for a great price and a convenient pick-up location at the Ganek Municipal Center.



Order online at [www.conservemc.org](http://www.conservemc.org) or call 815-337-9502. Orders must be placed by May 13.

### Art on the Fox

Father's Day Weekend - June 18-19 - Riverfront Park  
[www.artonthefox.com](http://www.artonthefox.com)

## Spring Hydrant Flushing

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. **Spring hydrant flushing is performed in six different zones and will begin on April 18, concluding May 29.** Residents are encouraged to avoid using water while hydrant flushing is taking place as temporary losses of water pressure and water discoloration may be possible. A detailed schedule is online at [www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks](http://www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks).



## Groot Spring Cleanup

In April, the Village, along with Groot, will sponsor a Village-wide cleanup program for single-family residences and townhomes that currently receive residential refuse and recycling services. This program is to encourage residents to reduce fire hazards in their homes and to "spruce up" their neighborhoods. **STICKERS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS SPECIAL PICKUP.** Typical items to be discarded include toys, clothes, couches, beds, dressers, and patio furniture.

Items that will **not** be collected include automobile parts, landscape waste, white goods, electronics, and construction materials. More information and a schedule are available at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

### Schedule

April 16: East  
April 23: West

## Summer Recreation Guide

The Algonquin Recreation summer guide will be sent to households in April. Plan your summer with various special events, athletics, fitness, dance, swimming lessons, and other recreational programming. More information, including online registration, is available at [www.algonquin.org/recreation](http://www.algonquin.org/recreation).



## Free Leaf & Brush Collection

Groot will provide **free collection of leaves and branches (tied in bundles which are not more than 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter) April 4 - April 15.** Leaves must be placed in standard paper yardwaste bags or reusable containers that are clearly marked with a red "X." Place the bags or cans at the curb on your regular collection day. Leaves placed in loose piles will NOT be collected.

Grass clippings and other yardwaste will still require a collection sticker. Any bags or cans that contain leaves mixed with other yardwaste will also require a collection sticker. The stickers for garbage and yardwaste are interchangeable. Please contact Groot at 800-244-1977 with questions regarding leaf and brush collection.

## Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

The following are some tips to help prevent stormwater pollution and protect our natural resources in Algonquin:

1. Never dump anything down a storm drain. Always recycle used oil, antifreeze and other fluids. Fix oil leaks in your vehicles.
2. Wash your car at a commercial car wash rather than in the street or in your driveway. If you wash your car at home, wash it on your lawn.
3. Cut down on fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. If you use these chemicals, follow directions and use them sparingly. Don't fertilize before a rainstorm. Compost or mulch lawn clippings.
4. Pick up after your pets and keep animals out of streams. Scoop up your pet waste and properly dispose of it.

For more information, please visit [www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks](http://www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks).



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