



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Fall 2017

## Fox River Flooding Recap

Heavy rain storms during the morning of July 12 were the beginning of an approximate three-week flood emergency for Algonquin and surrounding areas. The Fox River in Algonquin crested at a record level of over 13 feet (flood stage: 9.5 feet), causing major flooding in the floodplain areas adjacent to the river. Waters from areas north of Algonquin, combined with multiple heavy storms during July, resulted in the deployment of approximately 25,000 sandbags to neighborhoods in Algonquin to protect property.

During the course of the flood event, the Algonquin and surrounding communities came out to support their neighbors with over 800 volunteers supporting sandbagging efforts. "It is said that volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. You have the heart" stated Village President John Schmitt. "Those affected by the flooding needed help, and you came through."



A drone image captures Fox River flooding at Cornish Park in Algonquin

The Village of Algonquin actively prepares for many different emergencies through trainings, exercises, and disaster planning. First responders and support staff continuously evaluate operations to fine tune and adjust our response as necessary. Thank you Algonquin for all of your support during our community's time of need!

## Document Shredding

The Village of Algonquin, in cooperation with Groot, will offer a free shredding event for residents of the Village of Algonquin. This event will be held Saturday, October 28, 2017, 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 residents 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 six (6) standard size banker boxes per vehicle.

## Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween trick-or-treat hours in Algonquin are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31.

Remember to turn a porch light on if you are home and will be handing out treats. Have a safe, fun, and happy Halloween!

## Winter Parking Regulations

Beginning **October 31**, parking will be prohibited on all public streets in the Village between the hours of **2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.** The winter parking hours will be in effect until April 15, 2018.

In addition, it is unlawful to park on the street after any snowfall of 2 inches or greater unless the street has been cleared of snow. The snowfall parking ban is in place for your safety and will remain in effect until snow removal operations have been completed. Violators will be issued tickets.

Residents with special parking issues should contact the Algonquin Police Department at 847-658-4531. Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances.

## Fall Cemetery Cleanup

Fall Cleanup occurs the last Monday of October each year. Please have all fall decorations removed prior to the last Monday of October (October 30, 2017). Winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, may be placed the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 18, 2017).

For more information, visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) or contact the Ganek Municipal Center at 847-658-2700.

## Road Construction Update

Please see below for project information and be sure to visit us online at [www.algonquin.org/construction](http://www.algonquin.org/construction) for updates:



**Downtown Utility Relocation:** Work continues on relocating overhead utilities underground to allow for future streetscape, pedestrian, and lighting improvements on the surface of Main Street. Work will be performed on a block-by-block basis, with intermittent traffic and parking restrictions in place. Access to area businesses will be maintained throughout the duration of construction.

**Glenmoor Subdivision:** This project, which included full removal and replacement of existing roadway, including partial replacement of curb and gutter, concrete driveway, and sidewalks on certain streets in the Glenmoor Subdivision is now complete.

**Longmeadow Parkway:** Construction of the second stage (between Karen Drive and Randall Road) of the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor is expected to be completed in November. More info available online at: [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/foxBridges/longmeadowPkw.asp](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/foxBridges/longmeadowPkw.asp).

**Randall Road:** McHenry County continues to move forward with right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and permit processing. During the 2018 post-letting phase of the project, the County will start construction on the outside retaining walls south of Bunker Hill Drive, temporary widening, and box culvert locations. Major roadway construction will begin in earnest in 2019 and continue into 2020. Median work and punch list items are expected to extend into 2021. More info online at [www.randallroad.info](http://www.randallroad.info).

## Commission Vacancies

The Village of Algonquin currently has vacancies on the following volunteer commissions: Economic Development Commission, Electrical Commission, Historic Commission, and Public Arts Commission. Interested? Apply today at [www.algonquin.org/volunteer](http://www.algonquin.org/volunteer).

## Public Art Open House

The Algonquin Public Arts Commission's annual Open House kickoff event at the Ganek Municipal Center (2200 Harnish Dr) on October 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The open house is free and open to the public and more than 25 new artworks will be unveiled for public display. Light refreshments will be served and many of the participating artists will be in attendance to talk about their artwork.

## Holiday Rock on the Fox

Celebrate the holiday season with your family and neighbors at Holiday Rock on the Fox at Riverfront Park on Saturday, December 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join Algonquin Recreation for the community tree lighting, candy cane hunt, visit with Santa and friends, listen to holiday music, and more! For complete details visit us online at: [www.algonquin.org/recreation](http://www.algonquin.org/recreation).



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## Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. This exercise not only ensures proper operation of each hydrant but helps to move fresh water throughout the distribution system, improving overall water quality. **Flushing will take place between September 18 and October 27, weather permitting.** Please visit [www.algonquin.org/publicworks](http://www.algonquin.org/publicworks) for a detailed schedule.

## Fall Brush Collection

**Free leaf pickup by Groot will begin on October 1 for Algonquin residents and will continue through December 15 on your regularly scheduled collection day.** There is no collection of yard waste from December 16 through March 2018. All leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or in reusable 32-gallon trash containers that are clearly marked. You may use a large, visible red "X" to indicate yard waste. Leaves in loose piles will not be collected.

During this time period, Groot will also provide free pickup of branches. The branches must be tied in bundles which are not more than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter, and less than 50 pounds in weight. Grass clippings and other yard waste (such as sod, dirt, or woodchips) will require a collection sticker. Any bags or cans that contain leaves mixed with other yard waste will also require a collection sticker. Also, please remember that putting leaves or yard debris into the street is prohibited by the Algonquin Municipal Code.

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