



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2012

## Village Receives Community Planning Grant

The Village of Algonquin received a \$90,000 Community Planning Program grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to hire a consultant to prepare a strategic action plan for enhancing Downtown Algonquin as a walkable, mixed-use business district. In particular, the plan will help the village understand what land use, economic development, access/circulation, open space, and aesthetic improvement opportunities exist downtown as a result of the Illinois Route 31 Algonquin Western Bypass. The planning process will conclude with a final study report that will outline a series of recommended downtown improvement priorities.

The Algonquin Downtown Planning Study will offer several opportunities for public input, the first of which is a 10-minute online survey that residents are encouraged to take on the village's website [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) through mid-April. Additionally, a public planning workshop will be held this spring at a date to be scheduled soon and please visit the village of Algonquin website or contact Ben Mason, Algonquin Community Development Department, at 847-658-4184 for the latest information.



*Downtown Algonquin will be studied to identify new opportunities as a result of the Route 31 Western Bypass construction*

## Run for Recreation

Whether you're a newbie runner or a veteran road racer, the Run for Recreation is the perfect way to kick off the running season during Sports Health and Fitness Month. This 10-mile course features various streets and trails throughout Algonquin. The highlight of the run will begin and end on Huntington Drive which is well known for the 1909 Hill Climb Road Races. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please e-mail: [recreation@algonquin.org](mailto:recreation@algonquin.org) For more information regarding race details and packet pickup and to register for the Run please visit: [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

### Edgewood Drive Construction

Scheduled for Summer 2012. More details online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org)

## Art on the Fox

The Algonquin Public Arts Commission is organizing the fifth annual "Algonquin's Art on the Fox" fine art show to be held June 30 - July 1. The fine art show will take place outdoors in beautiful Riverfront Park and is open to participation by artists who create works of original design and execution in a variety of media, including paintings, drawings, sculptures, glass, and photography. The application deadline is April 30. Artists may obtain an application online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## E-Waste Recycling Event

The Village of Algonquin will hold an E-Waste Recycling Event on May 5 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Bring your unwanted qualifying electronics to the Algonquin Public Works Facility, 110 Meyer Drive. This event will be open to all Village of Algonquin residents.

Electronics that qualify for this event and will be taken at no charge include desktop PCs, laptop PCs, monitors (CRT & LCD), keyboards, mice, cords, cables (power, USB, etc.), hard drives, miscellaneous computer components, CD-ROM drives, zip drives, tape drives, printers, televisions, console televisions, VCRs, DVD players, handheld electronic organizers, handheld games, video game players, joysticks/games controls, cameras (film and digital), camcorders, radios, stereos, portable CD players, typewriters, word processors, fax machines, scanners, telephones, microwaves, toasters, and pagers. Items that are NOT included in this recycling effort include, but are not limited to: white goods (refrigerators, stoves, freezers, dishwashers, dryers, air conditioner units, and other appliances labeled as such), medical waste products, household and vehicle batteries, curling irons, and rubber-based items.

For more information regarding this special event, please visit [www.algonquin.org/ECO](http://www.algonquin.org/ECO).

## Spring Cleanup

In April, the Village, along with Waste Management, 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, old clothes, couches, beds, dressers, grills, and patio furniture. Items that will not be collected include automobile parts, landscape waste, white goods, electronics, and construction materials. More information is available at: [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

### Summer Events & Recreation Guide

The summer guide will be sent to households in April!

## Spring Hydrant Flushing



As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. Spring hydrant flushing is performed in six different zones and will begin on April 2, concluding May 18. A detailed schedule is available at: [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## Conservation Community Day

The Village will host the tenth annual Conservation Community Day on June 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. along the Woods Creek Bike Path from Bunker Hill Drive south to Woods Creek Lane. This year's theme is "Leave No Child Inside" which highlights the Chicago Wilderness initiative. This free public event aims to educate and inform people about the environment, how natural resources are being protected in their community, and what local residents can do to conserve resources and protect the environment. More info is available at: [www.algonquin.org/ECO](http://www.algonquin.org/ECO).

## Rain Barrel/Composter Sale

The Village is pleased to announce a partnership with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County to promote and sell rain barrels and tumbling composters. To purchase, please visit [www.conservemc.org](http://www.conservemc.org). Different sizes, colors, and pricing are available. Orders must be placed by April 27. When placing an order, be sure to check the box for Algonquin pick-up.

### Algonquin e-News

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## Free Leaf & Brush Collection

Waste Management 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 2 - April 27. 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 Waste Management at 800-796-9696 with questions regarding leaf and brush collection.

## Moving out of Algonquin?

If you are moving from your residence, please call the Water Billing Department at 847-854-3440 to schedule a final reading. You will be asked to provide a forwarding address and, if possible, the name of the person purchasing the property.

If you use our ePay system, please remember to inactivate or delete your ePay User Profile. Call Water Billing at 847-854-3440 for assistance.

## Cemetery Cleanup

The annual "Spring Cleanup" of the Algonquin Cemetery will be the week of April 2. All winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, and other decorations that are not removed before April 1 will be discarded.

Spring decorations may be placed on graves beginning April 7. Mother's Day and/or summer decorations may be placed on graves beginning May 1. Remember, no planting may be done in Blocks 8 or 9 of the cemetery. No planting of bushes or shrubs, etc. may be done in any part of the cemetery except by authority of the Village of Algonquin. For more information, contact Village Hall at 847-658-2700.

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