



The Algonquin Citizen

The Village of Algonquin: The Gem of the Fox River Valley

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Trick-or-Treat Hours

The Village has designated Monday, October 31, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. as the official Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours. Police urge parents and children to follow a few guidelines to enjoy the event:

A parent or older responsible youth should accompany children Trick-or-Treating.

Know the area where your children are collecting candy.

Make sure children's costumes are clearly visible, and that they do not restrict mobility or the ability to see.

Caution your children to stay away from persons in vehicles and never enter a house to receive treats.

Tell children not to eat any candy until you can inspect it.

Cross streets at the intersections and look all ways before stepping off the curb or onto the pavement.

Motorists should use extra caution when driving in residential areas during the designated Trick-or-Treat hours. Reduce your speed and keep an eye out for children dressed in hard-to-see costumes. Please report any unusual activities to the Police Department. The emergency number is 911. The non-emergency number is (847) 658-4531.

How to Help Victims of Hurricane Katrina

Victims of Hurricane Katrina are attempting to recover from the massive storm that has devastated homes and communities. American Red Cross volunteers have been deployed to the hardest hit areas of Katrina's destruction, supplying hundreds of thousands victims left homeless with critical necessities such as blankets, medicine, food, clothes, and support. The Red Cross is accepting funds to purchase these much needed items; they are unable to accept donations of items such as used clothing, blankets, and canned goods, due to the hidden costs such as transporting goods. Monetary contributions enable the Red Cross to purchase the most urgently needed items as close to the disaster site as possible. This ensures supplies get to victims as quickly as possible, without delays and hefty transportation costs. Because communities hit by disasters generally experience significant economic loss, buying goods locally also helps to stimulate the weakened economy.

To learn how to donate money to the Red Cross, visit their web site at www.redcross.org or call 1-800-HELP-NOW. The Salvation Army is also assisting with disaster relief efforts. Donations can be sent to the Salvation Army at P.O. Box 4857, Jackson, MS 39296-4857 (be sure to earmark your check to "disaster relief"), call (800) SAL-ARMY, or visit your local Wal-Mart or

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Make a Date with History

If you think Algonquin's history is much like any other small Midwest farming community until it was "discovered" by real estate developers in the 1970s, then you are in for a big surprise.

Jeff Jolitz, Chairman of the Algonquin Historic Commission, will again be presenting the much enjoyed program of local history entitled "Once Upon a Town." This two hour event intended for high school and adult audiences features over 200 pictures, interesting tales, and anecdotes covering Algonquin's first 100 years. Come and view the rare photos, hear the stories and folklore from the Village's past, much of which is not available from any book. You will learn all about the colorful and diverse history that makes Algonquin a truly one of a kind place to live.

This event is being sponsored by the Algonquin Area Public Library on Monday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastgate Branch. Admission is free but seating is limited so please call the Library (847-458-6060 X143) to reserve your seat.

Also in October, in conjunction with "Old Time Country Harvest Day" activities, the Algonquin Historic Commission will present its Third Annual Cemetery Walk on Saturday, October 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No tickets are required for this event. A shuttle bus will be provided from the activities located in the Riverfront Park area to the cemetery. This has been a very popular event for all ages. Residents learn about a variety of topics, covering our local history direct from the tales of lives of some of our former residents who share their unique stories on this special day.

If you are unable to attend one of these events or wish to learn more about Algonquin's past, the Commission is currently selling the local history book, "Conquering the Hills." The book features the early development of the town, the arrival of the settlers, naming of the town, arrival of the railroad, farming, early businesses, and the development of Algonquin into a popular Victorian era resort town, followed by an in depth look at the famous Algonquin Hill Climbs. This 75 page book includes over 60 photos and illustrations and can be purchased for \$10 from the Commission or at Beans & Books at 215 South Harrison or Handmade on Main at 320 South Main Street.

Residents interested in contacting the Commission are encouraged to attend one of its workshop meetings held on the third and fourth Saturdays of every month from 8:30 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the Historic Village Hall at 2 South Main Street. We look forward to seeing you at one of these events where you will discover that **HISTORY CAN BE FUN!**

Visit us at www.algonquin.org.

Fall Hydrant Flushing

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village two times per 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.

The practice of flushing tends to cause local disturbances of iron debris within the water system that can be drawn into the home during usage and cause staining on light colored laundry. It is important to be mindful of the schedule and avoid doing laundry during flushing activities. Should you experience a problem with laundry staining related to flushing, the Public Works Department offers a free detergent additive to remove the stains. This product is available to residents on a one-time basis, in portion-controlled amounts, by contacting the Public Works office at (847) 658-2754. The schedule for this fall is as follows:

September 12 - 16 (*completed before newsletter publication*)

The entire area east of Main St. (Rt. 31) and the Arrowhead subdivision, Jefferson St., Railroad St. and Washington St.

September 19 - 23

The area north of Edgewood Dr. east of Hanson Rd. south of Algonquin Rd. and west of Main St. (Rt. 31).

September 26 - 30

The area south of Edgewood Dr. and County Line Rd. west of Main St. (Rt. 31) and east of Randall Rd.

October 3 - 7

The area east of Randall Rd. south of Algonquin Rd. west of Hanson Rd. and north of County Line Rd.

October 10 - 14

The area west of Randall Rd. south of Algonquin Rd. and east of Square Barn Rd.

October 17 - 21

The area west of Square Barn Rd.



Don't Let Your Cats and Dogs Run at Large

Just a reminder that every owner of a dog and/or cat must contain their animal to the confines of the owner's real property unless the animal is under restraint. Also, the Village Code relating to dogs in the parks states that all dogs must be on a leash of not more than ten feet, may be exercised on all improved paths only (bike paths or sidewalks), and that the person walking the dog must immediately remove all excrement from the premises. The failure of individuals to police their dog waste is a detriment to the park, and a hazard to its users. Thank you for your consideration.

Free Brush Pickup

Free leaf pick-up by Waste Management begins on October 1, 2005, for Algonquin residents, and will continue until December 15. There is no pickup of yard waste from December 15 through the end of March.

All leaves must be placed in standard Kraft paper yard waste bags or reusable 33-gallon trash containers that are clearly marked. (You can use a large, visible red "X" to indicate yard waste.) Leaves should not be placed in loose piles.

During this time period, Waste Management will also provide free pickup of branches. The branches must be tied in bundles which are not more than four feet in length and two feet in diameter. Grass clippings and other yard waste (such as sod, dirt, or woodchips) will still require a collection sticker. Any bags or cans that contain leaves mixed with other yard waste will also require a collection sticker.

If you have any questions regarding the leaf and branch pickup, call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT RAKING LEAVES INTO THE STREETS IS PROHIBITED ~ TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR FREE LEAF PICKUP!



Holiday Lights in Trees

It's hard to believe that the winter holidays are right around the corner. The Parks & Forestry Division wants to remind you that, although parkway trees can provide a great sense of joy during the holiday season when decorated with lights, this can also cause an electrical hazard and have a negative impact on the tree. Electric cords that cross sidewalks create a tripping hazard and an electrical hazard. Also, the parkway tree trimming program takes place in the winter months.

Holiday lights in trees hinder the annual tree maintenance process and can cause damage to the trees via improper attachments, broken or worn branches, etc. Therefore, pursuant to Village Code, **"no person shall obstruct or endanger the free passage or proper use of the public of any street, sidewalk, alley, or public place."** Thus, electrical cords shall not cross hard surfaces (sidewalks or driveways) in the Village right-of-way (parkway).

For all other lights/decorations on right-of-way trees, no attachments (nails, screws, plastic fasteners, tape, etc.) may be used to secure decorations to the trees. These cause wounds that damage the trees. Decorations should be held and supported by tree branches only.

Utmost care shall be used when installing and removing lights from trees. Breaking branches and causing wounds are detrimental to the health of the trees. We encourage residents to remove decorations by January 15 so Parks & Forestry staff can continue their tree maintenance program on parkway trees. Please remember that trees are a living attribute to our community and promoting their on-going health is very important.

Every Drop Counts Poster Contest Winners

The Village of Algonquin held a poster contest as part of the Village's annual Water Conservation Program. The poster contest was open to all students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The students were challenged to create a poster with a water conservation theme. A total of 47 posters were submitted. Village staff voted on the posters to pick a winner for each grade level. At the Village Board meeting on July 19, 2005, Village President John Schmitt awarded certificates to the winners for each grade level. Every participant received a certificate from the Village and a gift certificate for a free ice cream cone from Dairy Queen. The winners from each grade level also received a gift certificate to either Wal-Mart or Algonquin Commons. Thank you to Dairy Queen, Wal-Mart, and Algonquin Commons for donating gift certificates.

Pictured at right, President John Schmitt with contest winners Rylee Fava (top) and Maysie Richter (middle).



President Schmitt pictured with winners Rachelle Jacobs (above, top) and Ashley Czerwinski (immediately above). Contest winner Jessamine Clavero is pictured at right.



Congratulations to the Water Conservation Poster Contest Winners:

Maysie Richter
Rachelle Jacobs
Rylee Fava

Ashley Czerwinski
Jessamine Clavero
Marisa DalCerro

Nature Walks

Free - Sundays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Discover Algonquin's natural environment! Join nature expert Barb Wilson in some exciting nature walks on Sunday afternoons throughout Algonquin. Each month we will explore some of Algonquin's hidden treasures and discover the ecological history that made some of Algonquin's unique land forms. Be sure to come dressed in comfortable walking shoes and clothing. You may want to bring water. These programs are interpretive nature walks, not endurance hikes. This program is FREE and takes place on Sunday afternoons (as listed below) from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

October 16 - Algonquin Arboretum

Learn about Algonquin's many species of trees in the Algonquin Arboretum located behind Algonquin Village Hall. Our nature specialists and certified arborists work to make Algonquin beautiful and strive to meet the criteria of Tree City USA. Learn what



these expectations are and what kind of trees parade up and down your neighborhood. Meet Barb at the outside entrance to the police department at 2200 Harnish Drive (parking lot entrance is located off of Stonegate Road).

November 13 - Fox River

Discover the remarkable effects of the Fox River and the dam's impact on our ecology right here in our own environment. Did you know that dams were generally built to store and provide water for mechanical power generation, industrial cooling, and other daily needs? Meet Barb in the gazebo in Riverfront Park, located off of North Harrison Street.



December 11 - Woods Creek

The watershed at Woods Creek is of great importance and priority to the Village of Algonquin. The Woods Creek Watershed is one of many watersheds that create the entire Fox River watershed. It is therefore critical to protect the "smaller" systems that comprise the larger watershed system. Discover how the system works during the winter months. Meet Barb outside the entrance of the Algonquin Area Public Library at 2600 Harnish Drive.

January 8 - Towne Park Snowshoe Walk

Even in the middle of winter there is still plenty of nature to observe around us. We will meet at the Historic Village Hall parking lot located at the southwest corner of Routes 31 and 62. We will venture into Towne Park to see some of the tracks that various animals leave during the winter months and discuss how natives may have survived during these frigid temperatures. We may even have time to try on some snowshoes if weather permits.

For more information on programs offered through the Village's Events and Recreation program, check out the Fall/Winter Events and Recreation Brochure on line at www.algonquin.org.



Get to Work! Construction Update



The Village of Algonquin over the last decade has been busier than I-90 on Memorial Day, and this year is no exception. With over 30 construction projects in progress, and many others in design, the Village continues to provide quality improvements to the town. Some of the more interesting projects are listed below. Look for these projects to add character, strength, and economic stability to the Village of Algonquin.

Cornish Park

This historic downtown area park should start construction in fall 2005. The park will include a handsome clock tower accented by a fountain and reflecting ponds, Fox River shore enhancements, playgrounds, and many other landscape and visual upgrades. The park will be situated on the southeast corner of Harrison Street & IL Route 62.

High Hill Road Resurfacing Phase 1

This project included the resurfacing of many streets in the High Hill Subdivision. Work was completed earlier this year, with the final touch ups taking place in late August. The old roads were ground up, curbs patched, failed driveway approaches were replaced, the base of the road was repaired, and new binder and surface installed.

Hanson Road Re-Construction Phase 1

The Hanson Road Phase 1 work will consist of reconstructing the roadway to the village standard from County Line Road, north to Harnish Drive. The improvements will include a storm sewer system, curbs, and a bike path. The work is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2006. Phase 2 of the Hanson Road improvements from Harnish Drive to Huntington Drive North will follow along in 2007 or 2008, pending necessary funding.

Lakewood Road Elevated Tank

The water tower was completed in early summer and has been in operation for a little over 2 months now. The project added a 750,000 gallon water storage reservoir to the far west side of town. This tower has added greater reinforcement to the village's water supply, and has added greater stability to our already dependable service.

Old Oak Terrace Phase 1 Road Resurfacing

On the east side of town just north of Route 62, and along Longwood lies the subdivision of Old Oak Terrace. Next spring, this area will receive a road resurfacing on Longwood and the contiguous cul-de-sacs. This will include removal of existing asphalt, repair of damaged curb and sidewalk, and installation of new asphalt. Phase 2 of the Old Oak project will complete the remaining local roads in that subdivision in either 2007 or 2008, depending on available funding.

Ratt Creek Tributary Restoration

The restoration of the severely eroded banks along Ratt Creek continues with this project. Located along Edgewood Road, near the intersection of Harper Drive, Ratt Creek has long been a main drainage way for central Algonquin. The restoration work consists of bank

stabilization and stream bed alignment. The work started in early August and is scheduled for completion this fall.

South Algonquin Phase III Road Reconstruction

This project is the last phase of the total road reconstruction projects in the South Algonquin area. Located east of IL Route 31 from Filip Rd. to Wilbrant, the project includes the construction of an improved storm sewer system, additional water main, curb and gutters, new aprons and sidewalks, and new pavement. The project started in June of 2005 and is slated for completion in late fall of 2005.

South Harrison St. & LaFox River Drive Improvements

Offsite improvements for the new Cornish Park will require improvement to S. Harrison St. and the dead end of LaFox. Work will consist of installing a right hand turn lane off of north bound S. Harrison St. onto IL Route 62, associated signal and utility work, and the installation of an off-street parking area on LaFox. The construction is in its infancy and is planned for completion in spring to early summer of 2006.

South Harrison St. Bridge Wing Walls

The bridge crossing Crystal Creek on S. Harrison St. will be receiving a much needed upgrade this fall. The creek over the years has eroded land around the bridge and necessitated the need for the installation of additional concrete wing walls and other shoreline reinforcement. The work will extend the current wing walls west of the bridge. Work is slated for completion in the winter of 2005.

Twisted Oak Ravine Restoration

The wooded swale that serves as part of the drainage system in the Gaslight North subdivision has started to show signs of its age and misuse. This project will reclaim the eroded swale that winds down from Twisted Oak Circle to Ratt Creek by filling the swale, adding a storm system, and providing surface water check dams and suitable deep rooted planting to retain the soil. Twisted Oak Ravine is slated for construction this winter.

Water Treatment Plant No. 3

Construction is nearly complete on Algonquin's new Water Treatment Facility #3, and it is expected to be on line before mid-December. This new facility will add 3 million gallons per day (MGD) of treatment capacity to Algonquin's water system. Initially the plant will treat water from shallow wells (100-300 ft. deep) located in the western part of the Village. The new treatment facility will utilize aeration, membrane filtration, disinfection and fluoridation to purify the water. The use of membrane filtration will provide our operators with a new treatment facility that will produce exceptional quality water that meets or exceeds current regulations. Additional expansion of the facility in the next several years will provide the capability to treat deep well water, to provide even greater capacity and assurance to our customers.



Lakewood Water Tower

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Going Door to Door to Sell Your Services or Goods or Raise Money?

Did you know that the Algonquin Municipal Code requires anyone distributing handbills or ringing doorbells to solicit business to have a permit issued by the Village?

It is illegal to distribute, post, paint or exhibit any handbill or advertisement upon any street, public place or other ground or place in the Village without a license issued by the Village Clerk (Chapter 31, Algonquin Municipal Code). In addition, anyone engaging in the business of peddling or commercial soliciting is also prohibited without a Certificate of Registration from the Algonquin Police Department (Chapter 34, Algonquin Municipal Code).

Residents who do not want to be subject to door-to-door solicitation can post a 3" by 4" card upon or near the main entrance door to the household which clearly states "No Solicitors Invited." Solicitors are required by Code to look for such a card and, if one is visible, shall immediately leave the property. Please note that persons engaged in door-to-door charitable solicitation involving the advocacy of religious or political causes (including the distribution of handbills) must comply with the Code; however, they do not need a permit. In addition, any local school, church, service organization, or governmental association which is based within Village boundaries is not required to complete a notification form or pay the fee.

More information, including application forms and full text of the Code, can be found on-line at www.algonquin.org.

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Well 15

This new shallow well is located off of Huntley Rd, west of Square Barn Road. The well will supply water to the new Water Treatment Plant #3. The project includes the well head, a pump house, emergency backup power generation, and the associated 16" transmission main that connects the well to the treatment plant. The project is currently in construction with the well head installed and the transmission main completed. The pump house is due for construction this fall with completion marked for early December 2005.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase 6

The Village of Algonquin is currently in the engineering design phase for the next upgrade to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Phase 6 will increase the capacity from 3.0 MGD to 5.0 MGD by adding additional clarifiers and aeration basins, and upgrading the pump station. The facility will also be fine tuned to meet the growing diversity of pollutants that the plant treats. Finally, the facility design will account for the future final build out of the plant. This much anticipated project is scheduled for construction in early summer of 2006 and is estimated to take two years for completion.



Village Manager Bill Ganek and Public Works Director Bob Mitchard inspect a soundproofing wall in the new water treatment plant in early summer 2005. The plant is expected to be operational late fall/early winter.

Hurricane Relief, continued from page 1

Sam's Club to donate to the Salvation Army's Hurricane Katrina relief effort. In addition, the Village of Algonquin is collecting funds. If you wish to donate via the Village, you can drop off a check (payable to American Red Cross, and specify "Hurricane 2005 Relief") at Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin. We will forward all funds received to the Red Cross to aid in their disaster relief efforts. Donations will be accepted through October 31, 2005.

The Village is also working with McHenry County to collect supplies that will be distributed to hurricane victims by the Mississippi Department of Emergency Management Multiagency Staging Area. In addition, the Village is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, October 24 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Historic Village Hall. Go to www.algonquin.org for more information.

Recycling Program Expanded

The new 64 gallon recycling carts have been distributed to each single family and town home household in the Village. Residents have cleared space in their garages for this new addition, and a sea of blue can be seen lining each street during garbage and recycling collection day.



Recycling carts await distribution in early August.

Publications have been distributed outlining the new recycling cart program. One of the many positive features of this program is the ability to mix all types of recyclables in the cart (known as "single-stream"). So there is no longer a need to separate paper and containers.

Experience has shown that transitioning to a larger capacity recycling cart significantly increases the amount of material that we are able to divert from landfills. But recycling alone is not enough. **Reduce** the amount of garbage that you generate, **reuse** materials when possible, and **recycle** what you can. In addition, try to **buy recycled** products when available to ensure that a market for recyclables exists. These simple steps, done both at home and at businesses, can make a big difference in our world if we all work together. Thank you for doing your part to help our environment!

For more information, call Waste Management at (800) 796-9696 or visit www.algonquin.org.

Visit us at www.algonquin.org.

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Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____