



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Fall 2012

## Route 31 Western Bypass Construction Begins

The Illinois Department of Transportation began road construction of the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass in Algonquin in September. F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen was awarded the \$33.3 million project which includes construction of 2.11 miles of a four-lane divided highway, diamond interchange, four new bridges, retaining walls and noise abatement walls west of downtown Algonquin. Site grading and excavation work began in April and is expected to be completed in December by Ryan Incorporated Central. **Motorists are advised of delays as traffic on Algonquin Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Main Street and Meyer Drive.** Lane closures on Algonquin Road are expected through fall 2013. Alternate routes are suggested. Intermittent lane closures on Main Street are also planned beginning in spring 2013. Please use caution as workers will be present in these areas during construction.

Additionally, Towne Park will be closed to the public beginning October 1 to allow the construction of the Western Bypass, along with a new 100-space parking lot, realignment of Crystal Creek, construction of a new pedestrian bridge, and integration of the park with the Prairie Path recreational trail. Towne Park is expected to be closed until summer 2014.



Rendering looking westbound on Algonquin Road towards the new Western Bypass

Construction information will be available throughout the project from the Illinois Department of Transportation and may be viewed on the Village of Algonquin's website. Individuals may also sign up for Algonquin e-News to receive monthly updates, follow us on Twitter @VlgAlgonquin, or like us on Facebook @AlgonquinIL.

## Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween trick-or-treating hours in the Village of Algonquin are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31. The Algonquin Police Department recommends the following tips for a safe and fun Halloween:

### Tips for Kids:

- ▶ Travel in groups or go with a parent.
- ▶ Wear something that lights up such as a glow necklace or reflective tape, or use a flashlight.
- ▶ Only go to well-lit houses.
- ▶ Always go to the front door.
- ▶ Do not approach strange vehicles for any reason.

### Tips for Parents:

- ▶ Parents should always inspect candy before it's eaten.
- ▶ If you cannot join your child, know your child's trick-or-treat route.

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 November 1, 2012, 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, 2013.

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

The annual "Fall Cleanup" of the Algonquin Cemetery will begin on Monday, October 22, and will run through Friday, October 26. All summer plantings, wreaths, and other decorations not removed before October 22 will be discarded.

Winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, may be placed on graves beginning November 15. For more information, contact Village Hall at 847-658-2700.

# Old Time Country Harvest Fest & Historic Cemetery Walk

The Downtown Algonquin Partnership merchants' association will be holding their annual Old Time Country Harvest Day event from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13. The location of the event has been moved to beautiful Cornish Park, which is located just south of Algonquin Road along the Fox River. This FREE event will feature games for kids, craft fair and other fun activities. In addition, the Algonquin Historic Commission will have an information display booth at the event and will lead a historic walking tour of downtown at 10:00 a.m. Non-perishable food donations are encouraged to "Share the Harvest" and will be collected on behalf of the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry. For all the event information and a full listing of activities, please visit the Downtown Algonquin Partnership website [www.algonquindowntown.com](http://www.algonquindowntown.com).

## Fall Cleanup and Recycling Drop-Off

The Village of Algonquin is holding a Fall Recycling Drop-Off Event on Monday, October 8, 2012, at Presidential Park (700 Highland Avenue, Algonquin) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This event is being offered in cooperation with Waste Management, Vintage Tech Recyclers, and Charity Pickup Service. Items accepted include lawn furniture, large plastic toys, grills, clean metals, wood-based furniture (dressers, beds, entertainment units), large cardboard boxes, clean wood, aluminum gutters, and various electronics. Please check online for a complete list of accepted and prohibited items for this event.

This event is for Algonquin residents only. Proof of residency will be required at the time of drop-off. Items that are not listed as approved will not be accepted. During this event, residents are required to unload their own vehicle into the appropriate dump areas. Staff will not be able to assist in lifting or carrying the dropped off or donated items. For more information regarding this recycling event, please contact the Village



Hall at 847-658-2700 or visit us online at: [www.algonquin.org/ECO](http://www.algonquin.org/ECO).

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## Public Art Open House

The Algonquin Public Arts Commission will hold its annual open house Thursday, October 18, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to unveil new artworks that were selected for display throughout the community as part of the Public Art Program. Local residents are encouraged to attend the reception at Village Hall where light refreshments will be served and to meet participating artists.

## Holiday Rock on the Fox

Celebrate the holiday season with your family and neighbors at Holiday Rock on the Fox Saturday, December 1, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Join Algonquin Recreation for the community tree lighting, candy can 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).



## 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 17 and November 2, weather permitting.** Please visit [www.algonquin.org/publicworks](http://www.algonquin.org/publicworks) for a detailed schedule.

## Fall Brush Collection

**Free leaf pickup by Waste Management will begin on October 1 for Algonquin residents and will continue through December 14.** There is no collection of yard waste from December 17 through March 2013. All leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or in reusable 33-gallon trash containers that are clearly marked. You may 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 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter. 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 or on the sidewalk is prohibited by the Algonquin Municipal Code.**

