



The Algonquin Citizen

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Algonquin's Trail System Offers Something for Everyone



Woods Creek Trail, above, is represented by a dotted line along Woods Creek (blue line).

Explore the trails in Algonquin! The Village of Algonquin has set out to create a system of interconnected paths throughout the Village. The path system will provide access to schools, parks, shopping and homes. The path system is still under construction, and aims to connect all paths within the Village and to the regional bike path that runs through Algonquin. However, many paths are accessible now for your enjoyment and exploration.

There are three types of paths that make up Algonquin's trail system, as follows:

On street bike path-Bike lanes may be painted on the pavement (such as the bike lanes near Neubert School), or the bike lane may be posted on signs (such as on Stonegate Road).

Adjacent to street bike path-This is an eight to ten foot wide asphalt path on the side of the street, separated from the street, similar to the Highland Avenue bike path.

Off street bike path-An off street bike path is an asphalt path that runs through natural areas, such as the Woods Creek trail and Algonquin Lakes path.

To help you learn more about the different trails in Algonquin, we will highlight other trails in future newsletters.

Woods Creek Trail

Discover the natural wonders of Woods Creek! The Woods Creek path extends from Algonquin Road (near the Winding Creek Subdivision) south to the Algonquin Area Public Library on Harnish Drive. This path will soon be extended south through the Grand Reserve subdivision and Ted Spella Community Park to County Line Road. As you enjoy walking, jogging, biking, or rollerblading along the eight foot wide asphalt path, you can relax in the quiet serene setting. The path runs along Woods

Creek, providing opportunities to see fish and other aquatic animals, including ducks that frequent the area near Bunker Hill Drive. The path travels through wooded areas, restored wetlands, and prairie plantings. You may even see deer and other animals on your journey. The path also has interpretative signage, to explain why

Woods Creek is protected and a value to our community.



Conservation Community Day is held along Woods Creek between Bunker Hill Drive and Woods Creek Lane. For more information on Conservation Community Day, see the back cover of this newsletter. Be sure to join the fun on Friday, June 17 from 1:00-4:00!

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Spring Cleanup

It is time again for the Village's annual spring cleanup! The Village will have a city-wide cleanup program to encourage Village of Algonquin residents to reduce fire hazards in their homes and to "spruce up" the community. Participation is limited to single family residences and town homes that currently receive residential refuse and recycling service. **NO STICKERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS SPECIAL PICKUP!**

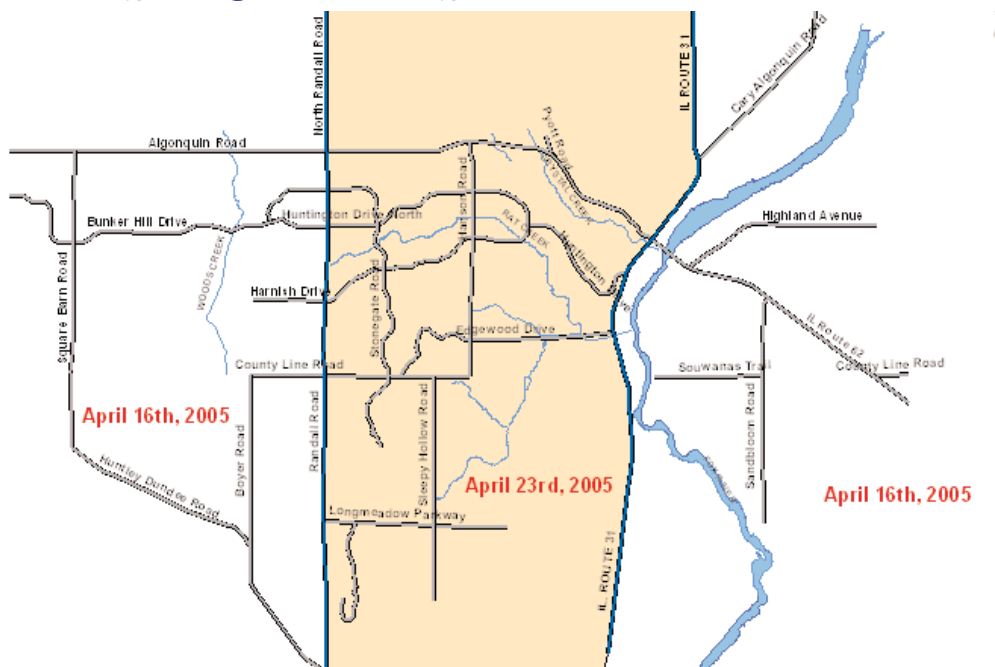
The schedule for pickup is as follows:

Saturday, April 16, 2005:

All Algonquin residences located west of Randall Road, and homes east of Route 31 (far west and far east sides of the Village)

Saturday, April 23, 2005:

All homes located east of Randall Road and west of Route 31 (central area of Village)



The map above shows a rough breakdown of the pickup areas and corresponding dates. (A clearer version of the map is also available at www.algonquin.org.)

Any item(s) not longer than five feet nor more than fifty (50) pounds left at the curbside at any of the above defined residential units will be picked up. This is your chance to get rid of that old couch, dusty mattress, and broken toys! Please note that Waste Management is not able to pick up the following items due to restrictions at landfills: yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves, brush, and tree material (see the article to the right for information on free leaf pickup); rocks, concrete, and construction materials including roofing materials, and lumber; large appliances such as freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, dryers, etc., even if broken up, cut up, crushed or flattened; any type of metal post, pipe, swing set, antenna, etc.; or tires or cans of paint. Your regular household refuse/garbage and recyclables should be left out on your normal pickup day and not with your special cleanup items.

All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your assigned pickup day (listed above). The route WILL ONLY BE COVERED ONCE. This is a service provided once per year at no cost by the Village of Algonquin and Waste Management. If you have any questions about the spring cleanup, call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696.

Spring Brush Pickup

Free leaf pickup by Waste Management will begin for Algonquin residents on April 4, 2005, and will continue until April 29. 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 pick-up 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 containing 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.

Be a Good Neighbor!

Some reminders from the Village...

Rubbish Container Storage: Village Code requires that all garbage containers and recycle bins be removed from the curbside no later than 11:00 p.m. the day of garbage collection. All containers shall be stored in a location with minimal exposure to the public view.

Sidewalk Clearance: Section 5.05 of the Algonquin Municipal Code states that no person shall obstruct or endanger the free passage or proper use of the public of any sidewalk. Please take measures to ensure that vehicles and overgrown landscaping are not blocking the free passage of our public walks.

Sump Pump Discharge: With the rainy season upon us, remember that no person shall allow their sump pump to discharge directly or indirectly to any public street or sidewalk. In addition, the outlet of sump pump discharge piping shall not be located within five feet of any property line, nor shall the discharge cause standing water on adjacent properties.

Call 847/658-2700 for more info.

PD Torch Run Fundraiser

The Algonquin Police Department is kicking off its fundraising efforts for the 2005 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The police department as a whole raised \$10,681 in 2004 and has set a goal of \$15,000 for 2005. The Law Enforcement Torch Run sponsored a Polar Plunge which took place in Lake Bluff, Illinois, on Saturday, March 05, 2005. The Village's own Chief Laine plunged into icy cold Lake Michigan to raise money for the Special Olympics!

This year, the torch run will take place on Sunday, June 12, 2005. Officer Chris Filippini, who is coordinating the Algonquin Police Department's involvement in the Special Olympics, has Special Olympics t-shirts, hats, and Harley raffle tickets for sale at the police department. If anyone is interested in assisting the department in achieving their 2005 fundraising goal, please contact Officer Filippini at 847/658-4531. Funds benefit approximately 19,000 intellectually challenged children and adults in Illinois.

Leadership School Graduation

On February 11, 2005, the following members of the inaugural class of the Ted Spella Leadership School graduated from this prestigious program: Michael Agee, Laura Alessio, Vanessa Baker, Patti Botts, Chuck Bumbales, Lori Cole, Brian Dianis, Mark Foster, Jacqueline Gappa, John Gaughan, Tracy Harper, Kristopher Hewitt, Elizabeth Miller, John O'Donnell, Mary Siewenie, Debby Sosine, and Terri Stange.

Congratulations to all of the graduates! The Leadership School was named in memory of the honorable Salvatore "Ted" Spella. Mr. Spella served as Village President from 1993 to 2002. He believed in strong leadership, and was an excellent role model for leadership in the community.



Graduates of the Ted Spella Leadership School pose at their graduation in February.

Capital Improvements Underway

Look up, now look West. Do you see it? That's right, what you might see is Algonquin's newest water tower. The Lakewood Road Water Tower is nearing completion and will be in operation in early summer. The tower,

Don't forget - our water conservation program is still in effect! For the latest information on the Village's water conservation program, including billing surcharges and watering restrictions, visit the Village's web site at www.algonquin.org.

which is located in the new District 158 Square Barn Road Campus, will rise nearly 170 feet into the air. The 750,000 gallon storage tank will help maintain the reliable service in the west section of the village. The tower will work in concert with the new Water Treatment Plant, located at the entrance to the District 158 Square Barn Road Campus. This new water treatment plant, the third in the village, will ultimately

treat and pump nearly 3 million gallons of water per day. The plant's design is a new way of treating well water that uses membranes to filter the water instead of the conventional sand media. This membrane filtration plant is the first of its kind and one of only a dozen or so similar plants currently being built in the country. The plant will start operations in mid-summer, and will be the host site for an American Water Works Association conference next year.



On an overcast day in January, a crane is seen hoisting pieces of the new water tower.

As exciting as all this new water work sounds, the village will continue to show its commitment towards road rehabilitation. The evidence starts with the final phase of the South Algonquin Reconstruction project, which will begin in early summer. The area that will be covered is south of Edgewood and east of Route 31, from Filip Street on the north and will extend south to include Wilbrant St. The existing roads will be removed and curb, gutter, storm sewer, sidewalks, and new pavement will be installed. This project is very similar to the first two phases completed over the last two summers along Beach Drive, west of Route 31. This project is due for completion in late fall of 2005.

Lastly, the Village of Algonquin will be conducting road re-surfacing in the Alta Vista Subdivision. The subdivision will see a complete removal and replacement of the pavement, along with some sidewalk & curb removal and replacement. This project will be starting in the spring and will be completed by mid-summer.



Stop by Village Hall now to sign up for swim lessons and purchase a pool pass! The swimming pool, along with the new splash pad, opens June 4, 2005. Call 847/658-2700 for info.

Village of Algonquin 2005 Summer Concert Series

The Village of Algonquin is proud to announce our annual Summer Concert Series. The Summer Concert Series is a free fine arts festival made available to the public during the Summer season. Concerts are held at Riverfront Park (located on N. Harrison Street, just east of the routes 31 & 62 intersection) on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm. Be sure to bring your blankets and lawn chairs for an evening of family fun. Please note that performers are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please call the Village Hall at (847) 658-2700 or visit the Village's website www.algonquin.org.

June 30	The New Invaders
July 7	Teen Battle of the Bands
July 14	Bopology
July 21	Dave Rudolph
July 28	Vito Buffalo Orchestra
August 4	The Surfers

TEEN BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Do you have a talented teen band and looking for a place to show off your stuff? Then be sure to sign up for our Teen Battle of the Bands! The top band from the evening will go onto compete in the state fair. More details regarding the battle will be available starting May 1, 2005. Stop by the Village Hall or go to www.algonquin.org for an application.

Spring into Recreation!

Join us for a variety of classes and programs this spring and summer. The most recent publication of the Village's Events and Recreation Brochure was mailed to residents in mid-February. The brochure includes information on swimming lessons, pool passes, summer camps, athletic programs and much, much more. Be sure to register early, as spaces for most programs go quickly. For more information on our programs please contact Sarah Stefan, Events and Recreation Coordinator at the Village Hall. Remember, Take Time for Fun!

Algonquin Calendar Photo Contest

The Village of Algonquin is looking for all of you hot shots out there! Show us your photography skills, whether digital or dark-room processed. Some selected pieces may be used for the Village's 2006 calendar, perhaps even the cover. Interested participants should keep in mind that all entries must be taken within the Village of Algonquin and may include the following: animals, nature, people, parks, Main Street, community events, and/or municipal buildings. To enter your piece for the Village's Calendar Photo Contest, pick up an application at the Village Hall or online at www.algonquin.org beginning May 1, 2005. Entries are due by August 1, 2005.



Spring Hydrant Flushing Coming to Your Neighborhood Soon!

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes all fire hydrants in 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 lead to 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 spring is as follows:

March 28 - April 1

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

April 4 - 8

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

April 11 - 15

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

April 18 - 22

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

April 25 - 29

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

May 2 - 6

The area west of Square Barn Rd.





Spotlight on New Businesses

**Bataille Academie of the Danse, 2025 E.
Algonquin Road 847-458-8790
E-Mail: BatailleDanse@aol.com**

In celebration of its 35th Anniversary, Bataille Academie of the Danse has expanded to Algonquin's east side. They offer classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acrobatics, Pointe, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop, and Pilates. Ages from 2 years through Adult - beginner through semi-professional. Check out their sprung-wood floors and state-of-the-art facility.

**Accent Floral Company, Inc., 104 Eastgate
Court, Suite 104 847-854-4747
www.accentfloralcompany.com**

This large floral and gift shop offers local, nationwide, and international delivery. They carry fresh flowers and arrangements, silks, Long Grove candies, candles, bath/body products, kitchen items, photo frames, baby gifts, greeting cards, balloons, and gourmet pet items.

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Important News from Nicor Gas

If you receive an unexpected visit from someone stating he/she is an employee or contractor working on behalf of Nicor Gas, and wants to enter your home, please request to see their company-issued photo identification badge before allowing them into your home.

The identification card features the employee's photo, name, and the Nicor Gas logo on the front side, and the backside lists the company's address and toll-free customer care telephone number, 1-888-Nicor4u.

Nicor Gas also wants to remind you that your Nicor Gas account and meter numbers are confidential. Therefore, in the event Nicor Gas would need to contact you, their representatives will already have access to this information. If you choose to enroll in an alternative supplier program, such as Customer Select, please be careful to only share this information with a supplier once you've decided to sign up with them.

Have a Question About Your Water Bill? Read On...

Here are some commonly asked questions about your water bill...

How often am I billed? You should receive a water bill every month. As stated on the back of the billing statement, "failure to receive the bill does not excuse the penalty charge," so be sure to look into it if you don't receive a bill! If you do not receive a billing statement by the first of the month, please advise the Post Office that you have not received all your mail. Then call the Water Billing Department for a copy of your consumption and charges so you don't miss a payment.

What if I am moving? Please call the Water Billing Department at 847/854-3440 to schedule a final reading for a move out. If you are an ACH (electronic payment) customer, please keep in mind that if you move from your residence, the final payment will not be taken from your bank account. You must pay via check or money order to clear the final billing. If you are moving to (or within) the Village, please advise the Water Billing Department of your name, the property address and date of possession.

What if my bill shows an estimated reading? This means that an actual reading could not be collected because the meter equipment is not responding to the phone system or radio frequency. Please call Public Works at 847/658-2754 to schedule a repair of your meter.

What if my bill is unusually high? If you have a high consumption billing, please check the following before calling the Water Billing Department.

Verify the reading on the water meter. There are two styles of water meters installed in the Village. Each meter reading area looks similar to the odometer in your car. The meter reading area will either have 7 or 8 digits. The seven digit meter has 4 white dials, 2 black dials and a permanent 0. The eight digit meter has 7 white dials and a decimal point followed by 1 white dial. Read the meter at night before bed then again first thing in the morning. Is there a difference?

Do you ever have to jiggle the handles on your toilets to stop the water from running? If so, replace the tank parts, you have a leak.

Check your toilets for a silent leak. Put a couple drops of food coloring into the toilet tank. DO NOT FLUSH. Wait 10-15 minutes; if color seeps into the bowl, the tank parts need to be replaced.

Do you have a water softener? Check the regeneration timing to make sure it is not cycling too often or if the unit is malfunctioning.

Has there been anything different at your home? Increased number of people, entertaining, watering of landscaping, washing cars, etc.

Check all outside spigots.

Do you water your lawn, whether via a sprinkler/irrigation system or by hand? If so, you may want to reduce the time the water is running per zone. Did you know that 600 gallons of water flows from a 5/8" hose per hour?

Have you checked all your water appliances (for example, ice maker, dishwasher)?

The national average for water usage per person per day is 100 gallons. A family of four, based on this average, can use 12,000 gallons in a 30 day timeframe. **If you have any questions, please call the billing department at 847/854-3440.**

Visit us at www.algonquin.org.

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Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____