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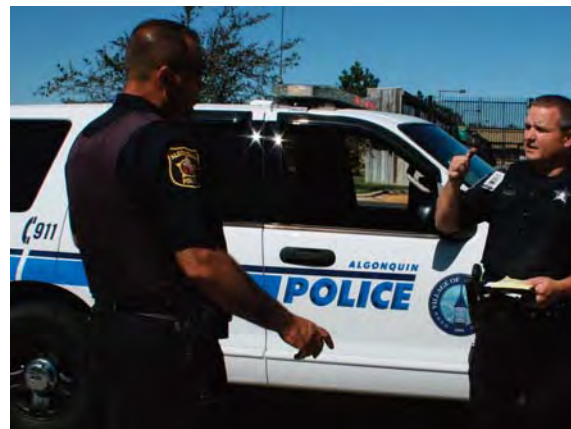
Spring 2013

## Algonquin Police Receive ILEAP Accreditation

The Algonquin Police Department has been awarded accredited status by the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP), as administered by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

Police Chief Russell Laine stated, "The Algonquin Police Department is honored to have achieved this coveted status. It is our goal to maintain a level of professionalism with the highest standard for excellence. The community we serve, and the department members who serve them, expect no less. I am proud of this organization and the people in my charge who aspire to deliver this high standard of service."

As of October 2012, there are only 12 agencies statewide to receive the ILEAP accredited status. To maintain accredited status, the Algonquin Police Department must continue to meet or exceed the ILEAP standards until the reaccreditation in November 2016. For more information, please visit [www.algonquin.org/police](http://www.algonquin.org/police).



*The Algonquin Police Department is one of thirteen ILEAP-accredited agencies in Illinois.*

## Season Pool Passes

Beat the heat this summer with an early bird pool pass at the Algonquin pool and splashpad, located at 599 Longwood Drive in Algonquin! Both individual and family passes will go on sale May 1.

The pool features a 1-meter spring diving board, interactive splashpad area, lap pool, and sun deck. Pool programming includes American Red Cross swim lessons and newly expanding adult water fitness programs featuring aqua zumba and more! For complete pool and swim program information, please visit us online at [www.algonquin.org/pool](http://www.algonquin.org/pool).

### Vote April 9!

Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the General Consolidated Election on Tuesday, April 9.

## Art on the Fox

The Algonquin Public Arts Commission is organizing the sixth annual "Algonquin's Art on the Fox" fine art show to be held June 15 - June 16. The fine art show will take place outdoors in beautiful Riverfront Park (201 North Harrison Street) 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. Artists may obtain an application online at [www.algonquin.org/development](http://www.algonquin.org/development).

## E-Waste Recycling Event

The Village of Algonquin will hold an E-Waste Recycling Event on May 18 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/game 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, clothes, couches, beds, dressers, and patio furniture.

Items that will **not** be collected include automobile parts, landscape waste, white goods, electronics, and construction materials. More information and a detailed schedule are available at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## 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 15, concluding May 31. Residents are encouraged to avoid using water while hydrant flushing is taking place as temporary losses of water pressure and water discoloration may be possible. A detailed schedule is available at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).



## Conservation Community Day

The Village will host the eleventh annual Conservation Community Day on June 21 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 "Local Farms = Fresh Foods = Better Health." Visit with local environmental organizations and shop the farmers market during this free, family event. More info is available at [www.algonquin.org/ECO](http://www.algonquin.org/ECO).

### Algonquin Summer Recreation Guide

The summer guide will be sent to households in April!  
[www.algonquin.org/recreation](http://www.algonquin.org/recreation)

## Rain Barrel/Composter Sale

Lower your water bill by using rain water collected in a rain barrel for watering your plants this summer. Save money by composting your table scraps in your new tumbling composter. Algonquin has partnered with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County to sell rain barrels and composters. Order online at [www.conservemc.org](http://www.conservemc.org) and select Algonquin for the pickup location. Orders must be placed by May 5. Ordered items can be picked up May 10 - May 11 at the Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive.

## 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 1 - April 26. 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.

## Construction Info

Warmer weather means the start of construction season. Stay up to date with projects, schedules, and detours online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org). Additionally, you may follow us on Facebook @AlgonquinIL and Twitter @VlgAlgonquin to receive real-time construction updates.

In 2013, work will continue on the IL Route 31 Western Bypass, and several local projects will begin including Indian Grove Subdivision, Fieldcrest Farms Subdivision, and Edgewood Drive west of Hanson Road.

## Water Conservation

The Village encourages all residents and businesses to use water only as necessary. Fixing leaks, turning off the faucet when not in use, and letting lawns go dormant in the summer are a few ways you can conserve water.



To keep up to date on the current outdoor water system status, watch signs on main thoroughfares and visit the Village website often ([www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org)).

For additional water conservation tips, please visit [www.algonquin.org/ECO](http://www.algonquin.org/ECO).

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