



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Summer 2013

FEMA Disaster Assistance Available

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has declared Algonquin and surrounding communities a federal disaster area as a result of record-setting rainfalls and flooding between April 16 and May 5. Residents and businesses affected by these events are strongly encouraged to register for disaster assistance from FEMA. **The FEMA registration deadline for disaster assistance is July 9.** Even if you have insurance or you do not believe you need assistance at this time, registration is important should you wish to seek federal disaster assistance. **You may register by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.**

The Village of Algonquin would like to thank the members of the community who helped a neighbor and who volunteered to deploy over 16,000 sandbags, including the Algonquin Police Explorers, Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scout Troops 151 and 152, as well as several individuals throughout the community!



Fox River flooding at Willow Street in Algonquin during April storms.

FY 13/14 Budget

On April 2, 2013, the Village Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 annual budget for the Village of Algonquin. The Village's \$39 million budget is used as a tool to assist Village officials in making sound and rational choices for the provision of public services. The FY 13/14 budget maintains core service levels without any tax increases or new taxes. More info is available online at www.algonquin.org/VillageManager.

Coyote Information

Coyotes occupy a variety of habitats in Illinois. They prefer semi-open country with a mix of grasslands and woodlands. However, they are very adaptable and it is not uncommon to find coyotes living in suburban or urban areas, which would include Algonquin. The following is a list of recommendations when dealing with the coyote population:

- Parents should educate their children on how to identify and stay away from coyotes and other wildlife.
- Supervise pets closely and keep them under your control. Use a leash when walking pets.
- At night, turn on lights and make some noise in order to scare off any possible wild animal that may be in the immediate area.
- Never feed coyotes or any wild animals, which includes removing food sources from your yard.

For more information on coyotes and wildlife, please visit www.algonquin.org/police.

Half Season Pool Pass Sale

There is still time to enjoy the summer at the Algonquin Pool! Half season pool passes will go on sale beginning July 13 and are available until the end of the season. This discounted rate offers unlimited visits to the pool for you and your family. A resident family half season pool pass is \$75 and a resident individual pass is only \$40. The pool features a 1-meter spring diving board, interactive splashpad area, lap pool, concession stand, lounge chairs, and a new shade structure - all to help you keep cool this summer. Complete information on half season passes can be found online at www.algonquin.org/pool.

Summer Concert Series

The Village of Algonquin is pleased to invite you and your family to this year's Algonquin Summer Concert Series! **Concerts are held weekly on Thursday nights at Riverfront Park beginning at 7:30 p.m.** Below is this year's lineup:

June 27:	The Flat Cats	(Blues/Swing)
July 4:	HiFi Superstar	('80s-'90s Cover)
July 11:	Mandy Z/Rural Route One	(Country)
July 18:	Liberty's Teeth	(Pop)
July 25:	Pirates Over 40*	(Caribbean)
August 1:	Peach's Beach Party	(Trop-Rock)
August 8:	R-Gang	(Motown/R&B)

* Pirates Over 40 will perform at Algonquin Lakes Park (700 Lake Plumleigh Way) for Founders' Days. For more info, visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

Every Drop Counts - Water Conservation Regulations

In May, Village staff visited local elementary schools where students learned the importance of water conservation and how to save water. Simple ideas for saving water include: cover your swimming pool when not using it, do only full loads of dishes/clothes, turn off water when brushing your teeth, water landscaping early morning or at night, use a rain barrel, set your mower blades higher and fix leaks right away. The Village reminds you that summer watering restrictions are in place. To check current water system status, see signs posted on primary streets in the Village, call Village Hall 847-658-2700, or look on the Village's website www.algonquin.org.



CONSERVATION: Green signs indicate outside water use is permitted except for watering landscaping and lawns which is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

EVEN/ODD: Yellow signs indicate even/odd days for watering before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days, and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.

EVEN/ODD 6:00-9:00 A.M.: Orange signs indicate even/odd days for watering only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days, and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

RESTRICTED: Red signs indicate no outside water use is allowed at any time. This includes all use of water outside, such as washing vehicles, power washing, and watering landscaping.



Construction Info

Following are a few of the major construction projects happening in Algonquin this summer:

Western Bypass (IL Route 31): Work continues on Algonquin Road with the construction of new westbound lanes. The intersection of Huntington Drive and Main Street will remain closed to reconstruct and realign the two streets. Additional road realignment work will take place on North and South Main Street where the bypass will intersect the existing roadway. Utility relocation and installation will also take place over the summer.

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Fieldcrest Farms Subdivision: Project consists of roadway resurfacing and repair of curbs, aprons, and sidewalks with expected completion in Fall 2013.

For additional information on Village construction projects, please visit www.algonquin.org.

Water Billing Conservation Rates

Conservation billing rates are in effect for usage during June, July, and August. **BILLING RATES WILL BE TRIPLED FOR WATER USAGE ABOVE 20,000 GALLONS PER MONTH.** Check your water bill to see what your average usage is, or check your water meter to monitor water usage levels. Water conservation tips and strategies are available online at www.algonquin.org.

2012 Water Quality Report

The Village of Algonquin provides water quality reports to customers on an annual basis. Among other things, the report lists the regulated contaminants found in the drinking water, as well as health effects information related to violations of the drinking water standards. The 2012 annual water quality report is available online at www.tinyurl.com/Algonquin2012CCR. Please call 847-658-2754 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

"It's Our River Day"

The Village of Algonquin and the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County are sponsoring the local celebration of the State-wide initiative, "It's Our River Day" on **Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Cornish Park in downtown Algonquin.** The day will focus on a river clean-up, hearing from members of the Jelkes Creek and Fox River Watershed Coalition, and fun for all ages. The event is free, open to the public, and groups are welcome. For more information please visit www.algonquin.org/eco.

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Founders' Days Festival

The 2013 Algonquin Founders' Days Festival will be held **July 25 - July 28 at Algonquin Lakes Park.** The full schedule of events is available online at:

www.algonquinfoundersdays.com

