



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2014

Construction Update 2014

Warmer weather means the start of construction season. Stay up to date with projects, schedules, and detours online at www.algonquin.org. The following are some highlights for the upcoming construction season:

IL-31 Western Bypass: The Illinois Department of Transportation project remains on schedule for completion in the fall. Detours and lane closures will remain posted for the duration of the project.

Indian Grove Subdivision: The Village will perform reconstruction of roadways in this subdivision, including replacement of storm/sanitary sewer and watermain. This project is scheduled to be completed in December.

Copper Oaks Subdivision: Rehabilitation work is scheduled on roadways in this subdivision, including Cumberland Parkway and Glacier Parkway, with work scheduled in two phases: Phase 1 is starting in May, Phase 2 in fall.

Bunker Hill Drive: Resurfacing work between Square Barn Road and Saratoga Circle will begin in May. More information on these and other construction projects is available at www.algonquin.org.



The Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass project is scheduled for completion in fall 2014

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 April 18.**

The pool features a 1-meter spring diving board, interactive splashpad area, lap pool, concession stand, lounge chairs, and new deck shade structures. The Algonquin pool also offers programs for all ages, including the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program and expanded offerings of Aqua Zumba and lap swim! For complete pool and swim program information, please visit us online at www.algonquin.org/pool.

Art on the Fox

The Village of Algonquin's Art on the Fox will once again take place this summer in Riverfront Park. **The event will be held June 14 and 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.** The event is celebrating seven years in 2014, and showcases original work from over 25 artists in a variety of genres including glass, acrylics, oils, sculpture, wood, and mixed media. So bring the family down to Riverfront Park for a stroll along the Fox River while enjoying the art show. Activities for children will also be available along with food and music. For more details, visit www.artonthefox.com.

e-Waste Recycling Event

The Village of Algonquin will hold an **e-Waste Recycling Event on May 17 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 computers, laptop computers, monitors (CRT & LCD), keyboards, mice, cords, cables (power, USB, etc.), hard drives, cameras (film & digital), miscellaneous computer components, CD-ROM drives, zip drives, tape drives, printers, printer/toner cartridges, televisions, console televisions, cable boxes, satellite dishes, VCRs, DVD players, handheld electronic organizers, handheld games, video game players, joy sticks/game controls, camcorders, radios, stereos, portable CD players, typewriters, word processors, fax machines, scanners, telephones, cellular phones, microwaves, toasters, curling irons, holiday lights, heaters, remotes, vacuum cleaners, and pagers.

Items that are NOT included in this recycling effort include, but are not limited to, white goods (refrigerators, stoves, freezers, dishwashers, dryers, and other appliances labeled as such), air conditioners, humidifiers, VHS tapes, medical waste products, household batteries, and rubber-based items. For more information regarding this special event, please visit www.algonquin.org/ECO.

Rain Barrel Sale

The Village of Algonquin is pleased to announce a continued partnership with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County to promote and sell rain barrels. Rain barrels will benefit Algonquin's water conservation program by offering residents an alternative water source for watering landscaping and thus reducing the use of potable water.

Order online at www.conservemc.org and select Algonquin for the pickup location. Ordered items can be picked up May 9 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and May 10 (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) at the Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive.

More information is available at www.algonquin.org/ECO.

Spring Hydrant Flushing

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. **Spring hydrant flushing is performed in six different zones and will begin on April 14, concluding May 30.** 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 online at www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.



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 schedule are available at www.algonquin.org.

Schedule

April 5: East
April: 12: Central
April 19: West

Summer Recreation Guide

The Algonquin Recreation summer guide will be sent to households in April. Plan your summer with various special events, athletics, fitness, dance, swimming lessons, and other recreational programming.

More information, including online registration, is available at www.algonquin.org/recreation.

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 14 - May 9.** 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.

Stormwater Awareness

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to surface water. Here are some tips that will help keep our waterbodies clean:

1. Never dump, blow, or put anything into a storm drain/ditch.
2. Always clean up after your pet.
3. Put litter in the trash. Reduce, reuse, recycle.
4. Use pesticides/fertilizers very sparingly.
5. Install native plants; they are drought, disease, and pest-resistant.
6. Keep yardwaste out of the street, storm drain and ditch.
7. Prevent soil from washing away.
8. Properly dispose of hazardous household chemicals (i.e., paint).
9. Repair vehicle leaks immediately and recycle used vehicle fluids.
10. Wash cars on the grass or at a commercial car wash.

For more information, please visit www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.



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