



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Summer 2014

Groot Awarded Residential Solid Waste Contract

In June, the Village Board approved a five-year agreement with Groot for residential refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection services. Earlier in the year, the Village issued a request for proposals and Groot was the lowest cost respondent who met the proposal criteria that maintains existing services.

Algonquin's collection program will continue to be volume based and provide free curbside recycling services. The annual spring cleanup and fall drop-off events will also continue similar to their existing formats.

Groot will begin providing services on September 1, 2014. Over the next few months, Groot will mail residents information about their program and the transition as it relates to stickers, carts, collection schedule, and other pertinent information. Additionally, information regarding the transition from Waste Management to Groot will be available online at www.algonquin.org.



Groot will begin providing services to Algonquin residential customers beginning September 1, 2014.

FY 14/15 Budget

On April 1, 2014, the Village Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 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 14/15 budget maintains core service levels without any tax increases or new taxes. More info is available online at www.algonquin.org/VillageManager.

Tree City USA

The Arbor Day Foundation announced that the Village of Algonquin is again named a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. This is the 18th year in which Algonquin has received this designation.

"We are always grateful to be recognized for the quality of our urban forestry program," stated John Schmitt, Village President. "Algonquin's tree-lined streets add significantly to the quality of life in our Village."

Algonquin has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a community forestry program with annual expenditures of at least \$2.00 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. More information about the Village of Algonquin Parks and Forestry Division is available at www.algonquin.org/publicworks.

Lap Swimming at the Pool

Open lap swimming is available at the Lions Armstrong Memorial Pool (599 Longwood Drive) on Thursday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. Pool hours and admission rates are available online. For more information on lap swimming, open swim, and swimming lessons, please visit 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 26:	The Flat Cats	(Blues/Swing)
July 3:	Saturday June Band	(Classic Rock)
July 10:	Mandy Z/Rural Route One	(Country)
July 17:	Liberty's Teeth	(Pop)
July 24:	Pirates Over 40*	(Caribbean)
July 31:	R-Gang	(Motown/R&B)
August 7:	Phidget	('80s)
August 14:	Mr. Myers Band	(Caribbean)

NEW this year will be a variety of food trucks that will serve up great food to go with great music!

*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 covering your swimming pool when not using it, doing only full loads of dishes/clothes, turning off water when brushing your teeth, watering landscaping early morning or at night, using a rain barrel, setting your mower blades higher and fixing 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 us at 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 is concluding on the 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, with project completion scheduled for late this summer.

Copper Oaks Subdivision (Phase 1): Work includes rehabilitation of the roadway system in a portion of the Copper Oaks Subdivision. Project is expected to be completed in September.

Bunker Hill Drive: This project includes reconstruction of the pavement and traffic-calming devices along Bunker Hill Drive. Project is expected to be completed in September.

Indian Grove Subdivision: This project includes reconstruction of roadways and utilities in the subdivision. Project is expected to be completed next spring.

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 18,000 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.

On Pinterest?

So are we! Visit our online pinboard at www.pinterest.com/AlgonquinIL.

Founders' Days Festival

The 2014 Algonquin Founders' Days Festival will be held **July 24 - July 27 at Algonquin Lakes Park**. The full schedule of events is available online at:

www.algonquinfoundersdays.com

2013 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 2013 annual water quality report is available online at www.tinyurl.com/Algonquin2013CCR. Please call 847-658-2754 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.



Village of Algonquin
2200 Harnish Drive
Algonquin, Illinois 60102

John Schmitt, Village President
Gerald Kautz, Village Clerk

Village Trustees
Brian Dianis
Jerry Glogowski
Robert Smith
Debby Sosine
John Spella
Jim Steigert

Tim Schloneger, Village Manager

www.algonquin.org

To read this code,
download a free
QR reader app on
your smartphone
and scan.



The Algonquin Citizen newsletter is published by the Village of Algonquin as a public service for residents and businesses. The Village complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For assistance, call 847-658-2700. For additional information regarding this newsletter, contact Michael Kumbara, Assistant Village Manager, at 847-658-2700.