



# The Algonquin Citizen

The Village of Algonquin: The Gem of the Fox River Valley

Summer 2008

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## 2008-2009 Budget Approved

On April 1st, the Village Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2009 Annual Budget. The FY 08-09 budget is balanced at \$33.9 million. The budget represents the single most important policy adopted each year in any organization.

The General Operating Fund is budgeted at \$19.5 million and comprises 58% of the Village's expenditures. These funds primarily go toward providing services to the community by various Village departments. Capital Improvement Project funds are budgeted for \$6.1 million or 18% of the total budget. These funds go towards physical improvements such as streets, sewers, and park land development.

In July 2007, the Village conducted a Special Census to account for recent growth and to make sure the Village receives its fair share of revenue. To accommodate this growth over the current fiscal year, the Village will continue expansion of water and sewer systems. Further projects include the promotion and development of the Village's Business Park and Downtown as well as establishing a municipal court to save both time and money for citizens and staff. The FY 2008-2009 budget is available for inspection at Village Hall as well as on the Village website at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## Water Conservation Program Underway

Summer is upon us again. With the warm, dry weather, comes high demand for water, particularly for outdoor uses. Water is a very valuable resource that can quickly dry up during the summer months if we are not careful to limit our usage. To combat excessive water usage, the Village has set up policies that encourage us to save water.

You can help conserve water by setting mower blades high, using mulch around trees and plants to retain moisture, aiming sprinklers to only water plants and not the pavement, and using drip irrigation systems. You can also conserve water indoors by turning off the water while brushing your teeth, checking for and immediately fixing leaks, taking a short shower instead of a bath, washing only full loads of dishes and clothes, installing water-efficient showerheads and appliances, and installing displacement devices in toilets.

## 2nd Annual Downtown Algonquin Farmers Market

The Downtown Algonquin Farmers Market is back and better than ever! This summer's market is being held every Thursday from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm in the municipal parking lot on S. Harrison Street (behind the Algonquin State Bank). The market will run from June 5th through October 2nd and is once again being sponsored by the Downtown Algonquin Partnership merchants' association.

The Farmers Market will conclude on Saturday, October 11th (Rain Date: October 18th) with the annual Old Time Country Harvest Festival that will feature free games for kids, a craft fair, and pumpkin contest. For more information, please visit the Downtown Algonquin Partnership website at [www.downtownalgonquin.org](http://www.downtownalgonquin.org).

The water status system fluctuates based on the seasons and the weather. The Village has a zero-tolerance policy for water violations and follows the system strictly. Those watering illegally will be fined \$100 for the first offense. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org). To check the water system status, watch the signs which are posted along major streets, call Village Hall at 847-658-2700, or look on the Village website at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org). The water system status definitions are:



**Conservation:** Green signs indicate outside water use is permitted except for watering landscaping and lawns, which is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.



**Even/Odd:** Yellow signs indicate even/odd days for watering before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days, before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm.



**Even/Odd 6:00-9:00 AM:** Orange signs indicate even/odd days for watering only between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 am. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.



**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.

Thank you in advance for doing your part to help conserve water. Remember, "Every Drop Counts!"

## Conservation Zone



"In My Backyard"  
Natural Areas Stewardship Program



### It's Our River Day

The McHenry County Defenders and the Village of Algonquin invite you to celebrate the Fox River at "It's Our River Day" on Saturday, September 20th! The event will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Cornish Park (at Route 62 and Harrison Street below the dam).

#### Schedule of Events

Speakers: 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Pat Quinn, Lt. Governor of Illinois (invited)

John Schmitt, President, Village of Algonquin

Cindy Skrukud, McHenry County Defenders/Sierra Club Representative, Friends of the Fox River

River Clean-up: 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bags, gloves and goodies compliments of the Sierra Club

Kayak/canoe demonstrations: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Prairie Coast Paddlers

St. Charles Canoe Club

Enjoy live music by The Mack Hotterson Band. Come celebrate the beautiful Fox River and help keep her clean! Learn about the river and conservation, pick up trash & recyclables, enjoy live music and learn about safe fun on the river through kayak/canoe demonstrations. This event is free and open to the public.



### Dead Trees on Private Property

Due to the extremely harsh winter, more trees than usual have not come back this year. Village Code requires that all dead trees shall not be allowed to remain on real estate for more than three (3) months. Please make arrangements for the removal of any dead vegetation that may be on your private property to eliminate any potential hazards and/or insect or rodent infestations. Village staff conducts routine inspections of the parkway trees and will arrange for their replacement/pruning when needed.

Please remember that all tree removals that involve a tree with a diameter of 10 inches DBH (diameter at breast height; typically 4.5 ft.) or larger must obtain a Tree Removal Permit from the Village prior to its removal. Tree Removal Permit applications may be obtained on the Village's website at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) (in the Community Development section) or from the Community Development Department at the Village hall. There is no charge for this type of permit.

*"The Sun shines not on us but in us. The Rivers flow not past, but through us." -John Muir*

### Reclaiming Today's Water for Tomorrow

In May, 7th graders from Heineman Middle School visited the Algonquin Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and toured the new facility expansion. Approximately 200 students viewed a presentation on the facility, including the "state of the art technology" of the new Enhanced Biological Nutrient Removal System (EBNR). The students followed the path of the wastewater as it entered the facility from the collection system and observed the various basins where the biological degradation of the wastewater and other processes occurred. Of special interest were the basins where the nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus are removed by bacteria. The Algonquin WWTF has exceeded water quality standards as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency since the early startup of the EBNR system, and will continue to improve as the expansion is completed.



In the laboratory, various analyses and testing procedures were demonstrated and explained to the students. The tour also included a live demonstration of the microscope and digital camera used to capture images of the microscopic bacteria that are responsible for the removal of pollutants, thus cleaning up the wastewater. The last stop on the facility tour was the disinfection of the final effluent by ultraviolet (UV) irradiation. This method eliminates the need to use chemicals and their harmful byproducts. The new expansion demonstrated that the Algonquin WWTF is truly reclaiming the wastewater by reducing pollutants and nutrients, and thereby enhancing the water quality of the Fox River Watershed for our future generations!

### Did You Know?

Grass build-up in the storm sewer inlets can cause backups during a rain event. When you cut your grass, please sweep the curb line in the roadway to prevent grass clippings from being washed down the storm drains.



## Special Events at the Algonquin Swimming Pool

### Underwater Eggstravaganza

Sunday, July 20 • 6:30pm-8:30pm

Come out this year to see the Bunny, who has been called on to take care of the annual holiday swim! We will be throwing out hundreds of plastic, toy-filled eggs throughout the evening to be picked up by swimmers of all ages. Enjoy a poolside bunny hop and more! Admission is \$2 for all ages.

### Family Fun Night & Glow Swim

Friday, August 15 • 6:30-8:30pm

It's a ghoulish time at the Algonquin Family Fun Night & Glow Swim! There will be alligators in the pool and swamp things in the lifeguard chairs. Crazy games and races will be set up for kids and parents, including three-legged races, water balloon toss, duck races, and more. Be sure to stay until the end when our pool staff shows you a few tricks they have up their sleeves. Admission is \$2 for all ages.

### National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5, 2008 • 6:30-8:30pm

Bring your family and meet your friends, neighbors, and local law enforcement at the National Night Out 2008 event. This program is developed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. The night is to include free entertainment, swimming, food, games, and prizes. For more information about this event or to become a sponsor, please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

### Under the Stars Dodgeball Tournament 8 Years-Adult

Tuesday, August 5, 2008 • 6:30-8:30pm

Get your team of five friends together for the Village's first Under the Stars Dodgeball Tournament as part of our National Night Out program. Five players will be on the field at a time. There are a number of divisions for this tournament to ensure fair play, so be sure to find your correct division. This tournament is free, but you must be registered by Friday, August 1. Registration forms for the tournament can be found online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org), at Village Hall or at the Swimming Pool.

### Noonie Nature Time

Selected Fridays • 11:30-12:30pm

The Village of Algonquin presents the Noonie Nature Time programs with Nature Expert, Barb Wilson. Pack a lunch and meet other kids as we set off on an adventure. Each month we will meet at neighborhood playgrounds and find lots of natural wonders from our environment to touch, talk about, and share. This is a FREE program, and no pre-registration is required. All locations have bathroom facilities and playgrounds.

### Family Nature Walks

Third Saturday of Each Month • 2:00-3:30pm

Join Nature Expert Barb Wilson on a variety of excursions right at our Algonquin community parks and bike paths! Each walk includes new themes, discussions about the area, guided tours, and free giveaways. For more information on any of the above programs, please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## Recreation Corner

### 2008 Algonquin Riverfront Park Summer Concert Series

Thursdays • 7:30-9:00pm • Riverfront Park

The Village of Algonquin is pleased to invite you and your family to this year's Algonquin Riverfront Park Summer Concert Series. Concerts are held weekly on Thursday nights at Riverfront Park beginning at 7:30pm. These FREE concerts are a wonderful way to enjoy the beautiful scenic Fox River with your family around a picnic dinner. Parking is available on and around North Harrison Street. Riverfront Park is located just north of Port Edwards Restaurant.

**July 10: Elaine Dame Quartet & Jazz Band** Join us for an enjoyable evening of superior musicianship. This jazz quartet will wow you with their classical, elegant, sophisticated and above all, swinging performance. This quartet will bring you back with songs from Joni Mitchell, Billy Joel, Patsy Cline and much more.

**July 17: Vertigo** Summer Concerts are always a "Beautiful Day!" Listening to this U2 tribute band will almost feel like Bono is right there under the gazebo. Dancing and singing along at this concert is a must!

**July 24: Vito Buffalo Orchestra** The Vito Buffalo Orchestra kicks off Algonquin's biggest festival of the year, Founders' Day! Swing and sing along with Vito and his Orchestra as they play everything from Big Band to Doo Wop. This concert will be held at the Main Stage at Towne Park during the Founders' Days Festival. Admission to the festival is complimentary on Thursday evening.

**July 31: The Renditions** Why pay hundreds of dollars to see the Jersey Boys, when you can hear the sounds of Frankie Valli, the Four Seasons, the British Invasion, and the Beach Boys for FREE! Join us at Riverfront park for an upbeat flash back to the 50's, 60's and 70's.

**Tuesday, August 5: National Night Out** Wait...it's a Tuesday! That's right, join us for another evening of musical entertainment at the Algonquin Swimming Pool & Splashpad as we celebrate National Night Out. The evening's entertainment will include Elvis impersonator, Peter Guerin, and local talent F.M. (Flesh Melons). The evening also features free dinner, swimming, and special games for everyone. Join your community members in promoting a safe neighborhood. Festivities will begin at 6:30pm.

**August 7: Jamaican Breeze** Stop by Riverfront Park and watch it transform to a mystical, musical, tropical island. Be sure to wear your flip flops and Hawaiian shirts tonight! How low can you go under the limbo stick? Share your last summer dance to steel drums. Jamaican Breeze will play calypso, reggae, and soca music. This is one party you won't want to miss.





## Frequently Asked Questions: Coyotes

### Why are coyotes coming so close to my house?

The rapid development of McHenry County has caused a tremendous loss of natural habitat, bringing coyotes closer to urban areas. Easy food sources such as pet food, open garbage cans, and birdseed all attract coyotes to residential areas.

### There are children in the neighborhood and we've seen a coyote. Do we need to be concerned?

While the possibility of being bitten by a coyote does exist, the probability of it actually happening is quite low. Healthy coyotes are not known to attack humans. Your child has a greater chance of being bitten by a pet dog or cat than by a coyote. Teach your children never to approach any wild animal, including coyotes.

### What should I do if a coyote approaches me?

Coyotes are typically frightened off by aggressive gestures, such as moving towards the animal while waving your arms and shouting in a loud, deep voice. Throw stones or sticks in the coyote's direction. If you are walking with a pet, pick it up or shorten the leash so that it remains close to you. Do not turn your back on or run from the coyote and, if possible, move towards an area of activity.

### Will a coyote eat my pet?

Some pets, especially small dogs and cats, might be seen as potential prey by coyotes. A larger dog can be seen as a threat to a coyote's security and may be attacked in order to drive it away from its territory. This is especially true if a den or pups are nearby. As a pet owner, you are responsible for your pet's welfare. Any pet left unattended is at risk. Keep pets in a secured area or on a leash when outside or accompany them, especially at night, to ensure their safety.

### Is it OK to feed a coyote?

No. NEVER FEED ANY WILD ANIMAL, including coyotes. Feeding coyotes teaches them to associate humans with food, eventually making them very bold and unafraid.

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the Algonquin Public Works Department at (847) 658-2754 or the McHenry County Conservation District at (815) 338-6223.

## Historic Commission News

In honor of National Historic Preservation Month, the Historic Commission recently held an open house and offered walking tours of the Old Town area on May 17th. Residents that attended the event enjoyed viewing the vintage photos and displays that included products made in Algonquin, vintage baseball and military uniforms, as well as many other items. If you missed out on this event and would like to view artifacts or photos from our town, learn about any of the unique elements from Algonquin's past, or do research about a local family or structure, then please feel free to visit the Commission at one of our Saturday morning workshops. Visitors are always welcomed and encouraged to visit our offices on the 2nd floor of the Historic Village Hall, 2 South Main St., on the 3rd & 4th Saturday mornings every month from 8:30 am until noon. We are sure you will be surprised at the diverse and colorful local history of your community.



Also, be sure and mark your calendars for the Commission's 6th Annual Cemetery Walk on Saturday, October 11 from 11:00am to 2:00pm, during the Old Time Country Harvest Day Festival. Suggested donation is \$1 per person. Shuttle vans to the event and back will be running from Historic Village Hall and the municipal parking lot at Washington and S. Harrison Streets. This is a fun family event where costumed re-enactors will highlight the lives of some of our former residents as they tell their stories from Algonquin's past. We hope to see you there!

## Be a Responsible Pet Owner

Warmer weather has finally arrived, making it more desirable to enjoy outdoor activities once again! As a reminder for all residents who will be walking their pets throughout the Village this summer, please keep in mind that all domestic animals must be under the restraint of a leash if they leave your property. In addition, please be sure to carry the sufficient equipment needed to remove animal excrement. It is unlawful to allow your pets to deposit any litter on any public or private property other than your own unless the excrement is immediately removed.



Please take a couple of minutes before leaving the house with your pet to ensure you have all of the necessary accessories to clean up after them. These simple preventative measures will allow for a cleaner and healthier summer for all to enjoy!

# 2008 Founders' Days Festival Schedule

**Held at Towne Park, located southwest of the intersection of  
Routes 31 and 62 in downtown Algonquin**

To find out more, visit [www.algonquinfoundersdays.com](http://www.algonquinfoundersdays.com).

## Thursday, July 24th

4:00 to 6:00 pm	Carnival for Special Kids
4:00 to 6:30 pm	Cardboard Boat Regatta
5:00 to 10:00 pm	Taste of Founders'
6:00 to 10:00 pm	Carnival for ALL (Wristbands)
7:00 to 7:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies
7:30 to 9:30 pm	Vito Buffalo Orchestra
7:30 to 9:30 pm	Social Garden Open
7:30 to 9:30 pm	Designated Driver Program
10:00 pm	Towne Park Closes

## Friday, July 25th

9:00 to 4:00 pm	Founders' Market and Bazaar
9:00 to 10:00 am	Dog & Cat Show Registration
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Dog & Cat Show
10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Children's Games
10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Moonwalk
11:00 am to 7:00 pm	Family Petting Zoo
11:00 am to 10:30 pm	Taste of Founders'
11:00 am	Bake Off – Registration
12:00 pm	Bake Off – Judging
12:00 to 5:00 pm	Carnival (Wristbands)
1:00 pm	Bike Decorating Contest
5:00 to 8:00 pm	Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Rotary Club Fish Fry
5:00 to 10:00 pm	Carnival (Regular Prices)
5:00 to 10:00 pm	Social Garden Open
5:00 to 10:00 pm	Designated Driver Program
5:00 to 7:00 pm	7Deez
8:15 to 10:15 pm	Mike & Joe
10:30 pm	Towne Park Closes

## Saturday, July 26th

11:00 am	"Founders' Goes on Safari" Parade
1:30 to 10:00 pm	Carnival (Regular Prices)
1:00 to 10:30 pm	Taste of Founders'
2:00 to 7:00 pm	Family Petting Zoo
2:00 to 10:00 pm	Social Garden Open
2:00 to 10:00 pm	Designated Driver Program
2:00 to 4:00 pm	Live Band Karaoke
3:00 pm	Parade Awards – Main Stage
5:00 to 7:00 pm	Catfight
8:15 to 10:15 pm	The Lounge Puppets
10:30 pm	Towne Park Closes

### Social Garden

Friday and Saturday  
Last Ticket Sold at 9:30 p.m.  
Last Beer Served at 10:00 p.m.



## Sunday, July 27th

7:00 am	Boy Scout Troop 151 Pancake Breakfast
7:00 am	Founders' Run Check-In
8:00 am	Founders' Run 10K, 5K
8:15 am	5K Walk
9:15 am	Founders' Run 1 mile
11:00 am to 2:00 pm	Kids Kraft Korner
10:00 am to 11:30 pm	Little Mr. and Miss Pageant
10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Family Petting Zoo
11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Carnival (Wristbands)
12:00 to 12:45 pm	Circus Boy - Bobby Hunt
12:00 to 4:00 pm	Caricature Artists
	Face Painters
	Stiltwalker/ Balloon Artists
12:00 to 5:00 pm	Taste of Founders'
12:00 pm	Duck Races – 1st Heat
12:30 to 4:30 pm	Social Garden Open
12:30 to 4:30 pm	Designated Driver's Program
12:45 to 1:15 pm	Center for Performing Arts
12:45 pm	Duck Races – 2nd Heat
1:15 pm	Duck Races – Finals
1:15 to 2:00 pm	Mike Mauthe Variety Escapade
2:30 to 4:30 pm	Only Sons
5:00 pm	Towne Park Closes

## Riverfront Park Sunday, July 27th

9:00 pm



The Founders' Days Festival  
Fireworks Spectacular

\*Schedule Subject to Change

### Gate Charges

Friday – 5 PM  
Saturday – 1 PM  
Adults \$4.00 Children 4-12 \$2.00

Sunday – 12 PM  
Adults \$2.00 Children 4-12 \$1.00



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## VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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## Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 13,000 lives were lost across America in speeding-related traffic crashes in 2005. That's why the Village is launching a tough new enforcement campaign called "Speeding: Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine".



Our goal is to save lives. Please join us in reminding all drivers to be alert, watch for speed limit signs and obey those signs, especially in school zones, in residential neighborhoods and on secondary roads. Drivers need to remember that there is a reason for posted speed limits. The roadways are a dangerous place and the speed limits are designed to protect everyone – drivers, passengers, pedestrians – everyone!

During the Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine enforcement blitz, officers will intensify enforcement of all posted speed limits in Algonquin and will be stopping and ticketing anyone who is caught speeding, especially those on secondary roads, in school zones and in residential neighborhoods, where most speeding-related crashes and fatalities take place.

Please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) to view the Village's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program brochure. The goal is to save lives and all drivers need to be on alert - the posted speed limit IS THE LAW. When it comes to speeding, no more warnings and no more excuses - Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine.

## Algonquin's Annual Photo Contest Underway



The annual Village of Algonquin photo contest is underway! Applications are available at the Village Hall and online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org). All ages are welcome to participate and demonstrate your photographic talent. Entries are due September 1st, 2008.

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