



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

May 2009 Special Edition

From the Faucet to the Watershed

Algonquin's Seventh Annual Conservation Community Day - June 19, 2009

The Conservation Community Program was created in 2002 to educate residents on the environmentally friendly activities of the Village of Algonquin and to help ensure continued protection and enhancements of the natural resources in town. A large focus of the Conservation Community Program includes the annual Conservation Community Day event. This program concentrates on our efforts to preserve our natural areas.

The Village will highlight "From the Faucet to the Watershed" as part of the FREE day of activities. Have you ever wondered where our drinking water comes from? How does the Village provide clean water to everyone? What is the water cycle? What are all those detention ponds for? Where does the water go after a rain? How can you help the environment? Join the Village of Algonquin and community conservation groups on June 19, 2009 to find out the answers and celebrate the seventh annual Conservation Community Day. The day at Woods Creek Watershed will provide a variety of hands-on and learning opportunities for all ages.

Conservation Community Day 2009

- ◆ Friday, June 19 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm
- ◆ Woods Creek Bike Path
- ◆ FREE

Summer Edition Coming Soon!

The Summer 2009 edition of The Algonquin Citizen will arrive at Algonquin households in late June. Look for information on the 2009 Photo Contest, Downtown Algonquin Farmers Market, Summer Recreation Events, and the 2009 Founders' Days Festival Schedule!

The event will be held on the Woods Creek bike path between Bunker Hill Drive and Woods Creek Lane. Take Randall Road, turn west on Bunker Hill Drive (near Jacobs High School) and follow until you see Woods Creek (there will be signs). The program



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will run from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Parking is available on the street (Bunker Hill or Woods Creek Lane) or at the library. For more information, call Katie Parkhurst in Community Development at 847-658-4184.

Free CFL Bulbs

The Village of Algonquin has been given 5,000 Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to distribute free of charge to anyone who lives in the Village of Algonquin. Each Algonquin household can receive two CFL bulbs by visiting either Village Hall (2200 Harnish Drive) or the Public Works Facility (110 Meyer Drive) while supplies last.



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Water Conservation...

Every Drop Counts

Village of Algonquin Water Conservation Program







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.

The water status system adjusts 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. 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. The water system status definitions are:



Signs are posted throughout the Village indicating the current water status.

-  **Conservation:** Green signs indicate outside water use is permitted except for watering landscaping and lawns, which is prohibited between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm.
-  **Even/Odd:** Yellow signs indicate even/odd days for watering before 9:00am and after 6:00pm. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days, before 9:00am and after 6:00pm.
-  **Even/Odd 6:00-9:00 AM:** Orange signs indicate even/odd days for watering only between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00am. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days from 6:00am to 9:00am.
-  **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!"

Water Conservation Poster Contest

The Village of Algonquin will host its annual Water Conservation Poster Contest, open to those in grades K-5. This contest gives kids the opportunity to display the importance of water conservation. All participants will receive a certificate of recognition

and winning posters will be on display at Village Hall. Entries are due on **June 12, 2009**. Please visit www.algonquin.org for contest rules and information. Specific questions may be directed to Katie Parkhurst at 847-658-4184.

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