



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2018

Old Town Algonquin Construction Underway *Local Businesses Are Open During Construction*

Construction crews recently started work transforming the Old Town District. The first phase of work will involve improving the public utilities in the area. This work will include moving the utility lines underground and replacing the sanitary sewers and water mains. The next phase will focus on replacing the street surface and sidewalk area. Finally, construction will focus on the landscaping to create an inviting atmosphere. **Construction on this segment of the Old Town District will last approximately one year.**

The work being completed will create a downtown that balances new amenities with the historic character of the Old Town District. Utility work will improve electric service reliability and allow trees to grow naturally. The street and sidewalk improvements will provide a safer environment for all users, motorists, walkers and bicyclists. **Overall, the project will create a place that brings people and the community together.** To learn more about the project, visit www.oldtownalgonquin.org.



The first phase of construction, with a expected completion in December, will create of a more walkable and inviting, community gathering place for the Old Town Algonquin area.

Algonquin Community Survey

In September 2017, the Algonquin Community Survey was sent to 1,500 randomly selected households in the community. **Overall, the top quality of life measures in the Village rated positively by residents include Algonquin as a place to live (93.3%), cleanliness of Algonquin (90.3%), your neighborhood as a place to live (90.2%), and Algonquin as a place to raise children (90.0%).** The overall response rate for the survey was 18.1%. The Algonquin Community Survey helps the Village evaluate and prioritize public services provided to the community. To view the entire report of survey results, please visit us online at www.algonquin.org/survey.

Document Shredding Event

Groot, along with the Village of Algonquin, will offer a free shredding event for residents of the Village of Algonquin. **This event will be held Saturday, June 9, at the Public Works Facility (110 Meyer Drive, Algonquin) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Participants must verify they are a resident of the Village of Algonquin. Material accepted includes standard office paper and file folders. All material shall be free of binders and binder clips or any other materials that could compromise the integrity of the equipment. Each participating resident is limited to eight (8) standard size banker boxes each. More information is available online at www.algonquin.org.

Season Pool Passes

Summer is in the air so grab your goggles and spend your summer at the Algonquin Swimming Pool & Splashpad! **Online Early Bird pool passes will go on sale April 1.** The pool will feature a newly expanded deck area with additional seating and shade, a 1-meter spring diving board, interactive splashpad area, lap pool, and concession stand.

The Algonquin Pool also offers programs for all ages including American Red Cross Learn to Swim and adult programs including Aqua Zumba and lap swim! For more information check out www.algonquin.org/pool or the Summer Guide which will be delivered to you in April.

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Vacation House Watch

Planning a vacation this summer? As a courtesy to our residents, the Algonquin Police Department provides house watch service for when you are away from your home on vacation. To make a request for an officer to complete a residence check, please complete the online form at www.algonquin.org/police.

Rain Barrel/Composter Sale

Through a partnership with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County, the Village of Algonquin is offering rain barrels and composters for a great price and a convenient pick-up location at the Ganek Municipal Center.



Order online at www.conservemc.org or call 815-337-9502. Orders must be placed by May 7.

Art on the Fox

Father's Day Weekend | June 16-17 | Riverfront Park
www.artonthefox.com

Spring Hydrant Flushing

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin flushes fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. **Spring hydrant flushing is performed in six different zones and will begin on April 9, concluding May 31.** 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.



Groot Spring Cleanup

In April, the Village, along with Groot, 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 details are available at www.algonquin.org.

Schedule

April 21: East
April 28: West

Randall Road Construction

McHenry County Division of Transportation has announced that construction on Randall Road will begin this spring. The three-year, \$43 million improvement project will begin at Harnish Drive in Algonquin, and head north to Acorn Lane/ Polaris Drive in Lake in the Hills, providing additional travel lanes, as well as more turn lanes at intersections. Visit the project website at www.randallroad.info for the latest info.

Free Leaf & Brush Collection

Groot 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 12 - April 20.** 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 Groot at 800-244-1977 with questions regarding leaf and brush collection.

Why Prescribed Burning?

Since the Village began creating and restoring its prairie areas, one of our most important management tools has been to re-introduce fire to the landscape. The process of applying fire knowledge to achieve land management objectives is called prescribed burning. Prescribed burning reduces the accumulation of dead vegetation, underbrush, and leaves which can act as a wildfire source. Prescribed burns are fully controlled and cause less damage to the landscape. New shrub, grass, and flower sprouts capture the quick flush of nutrients into the soil after a fire and are often more nutritious and palatable than older plants. Further, prescribed burning helps manage non-native vegetation that often occupy or encroach upon land intended for the tallgrass prairie.

Past prescribed burning activities have occurred in the Woods Creek Riparian Corridor, Lake Drive South and Arquilla Naturalized Stormwater Facilities, Spella Wetland, Ratt Creek Tributary, Blue Ridge Naturalized Detention, and Yellowstone Woodland and Naturalized Detention. For more info, please visit www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.

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