



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2011

## Yellowstone Natural Area Wins EPA Award

The Village of Algonquin, along with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Chicago and Chicago Wilderness, is pleased to announce that the Village of Algonquin is a recipient of the Conservation and Native Landscaping Award for its work at the Yellowstone Natural Area.

Yellowstone Natural Area was an existing 4-acre turf grass detention basin. In spring 2007 it was retrofitted and planted with native vegetation. The basin is now a well-established prairie that infiltrates and cleans stormwater from the surrounding residential development. The adjacent 3-acre oak woodland was highly degraded. Intensive brush cutting, controlled burning, and over seeding has greatly enhanced the oak woodland. The entire project site is now a low maintenance native landscape which provides beautiful aesthetics, wildlife habitat, and overall water quality benefits. The Yellowstone Natural Area is located at Yellowstone Park, 1420 Yellowstone Parkway, in Algonquin.



*Yellowstone Natural Area provides various aesthetic and water quality benefits to the Village.*

More information about the EPA and Chicago Wilderness Conservation and Native Landscaping Awards is available at <http://www.epa.gov/greenacres>.

## Medication Disposal Event

The Algonquin Police Department will be working with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to coordinate a second National Take-Back Initiative event, scheduled for April 30. In September 2010, the National Take-Back Initiative (NTBI) collected over 242,000 pounds of prescription drugs nationwide for safe and proper disposal. Additional details, including the time of event and location, will be posted on [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) as it becomes available.

## Election Day - April 5

Exercise Your Right To Vote!

## Art on the Fox

The Algonquin Public Arts Commission is organizing the fourth annual "Algonquin's Art on the Fox" fine art show to be held June 18 - 19. The fine art show will take place outdoors in beautiful Riverfront Park and is open to participation by artists who create work of original design and execution in a variety of media, including paintings, drawings, sculptures, glass, and photography. The application deadline is April 16. Artists may obtain an application online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## E-Waste Recycling Event

The Village will hold an E-Waste Recycling Event on May 14 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This event is open to all Village of Algonquin residents. Bring your qualifying electronics that you no longer want or use to the Algonquin Public Works Facility, 110 Meyer Drive.

Electronics that qualify for this event and will be taken at no charge include desktop PCs, laptop PCs, monitors (CRT & LCD), keyboards, mice, cords, cables (power, USB, etc.), hard drives, miscellaneous computer components, CD-ROM drives, zip drives, tape drives, printers, televisions, console televisions, VCRs, DVD players, handheld electronic organizers, handheld games, video game players, joysticks/games controls, cameras (film and digital), camcorders, radios, stereos, portable CD players, typewriters, word processors, fax machines, scanners, telephones, microwaves, toasters, and pagers. Items that are NOT included in this recycling effort include, but are not limited to: white goods (refrigerators, stoves, freezers, dishwashers, dryers, air conditioner units, and other appliances labeled as such), medical waste products, and rubber-based items.

For more information regarding this special event, please visit [www.algonquin.org/ECO](http://www.algonquin.org/ECO).

## 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, old clothes, couches, beds, dressers, grills, and patio furniture. Items that will not be collected include automobile parts, landscape waste, white goods, and construction materials. More information is available at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

### Summer Events & Recreation Guide

The summer guide will be sent to households in April!

## Spring Hydrant Flushing



As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. Spring hydrant flushing is performed in six different zones and will begin on March 28, concluding May 13. A detailed schedule is available at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## Conservation Community Day

The Village will be hosting the ninth annual Conservation Community Day on June 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. along the Woods Creek Bike Path from Bunker Hill Drive south to Woods Creek Lane. This year's theme is "How Big Is Your Footprint?" This free public event aims to educate and inform people about the environment, how natural resources are being protected in their community, and what local residents can do to conserve resources and protect the environment. More info is available at [www.algonquin.org/ECO](http://www.algonquin.org/ECO).

## Rain Barrel/Composter Sale

The Village is pleased to announce a partnership with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County to promote and sell rain barrels and tumbling composters. To purchase, please visit [www.conservemc.org](http://www.conservemc.org). Different sizes, colors, and pricing are available. Orders must be placed by May 2. When placing an order, be sure to check the box for Algonquin pick-up.

### Algonquin Business Awards

The annual Algonquin Business Awards were presented to local businesses on February 15. Award winners and more information is available on [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## 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 4 - April 29. 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.



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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.

## Historic Algonquin Walking Tour

The Historic Commission is pleased to announce its new Old Town Algonquin Self-Guided Walking Tour Brochure will be released this May and will feature dozens of architecturally and historically significant local sites and structures. The walking tour brochure will be formally unveiled at a series of kick-off events in May, in celebration of National Historic Preservation Month. First, the Historic Commission will offer a slideshow presentation, "Footsteps through our History," on May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eastgate Branch of the Algonquin Area Public Library District (115 Eastgate Drive). The event is free; however, advance registration is required. Call Library Adult Services at 847-458-6060 x143, or go to [www.aapld.org](http://www.aapld.org) and click on Events Calendar to register. Then, on May 21, the Historic Commission will conduct a free "Old Town Algonquin Walking Tour," which will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Historic Village Hall (2 S. Main Street) and last about 90 minutes (weather permitting). Advance registration is not required, and parking is available in a public lot behind Historic Village Hall. All attendees at the May 17 public library program and on the May 21 walking tour will receive a copy of the new 15-page Old Town Algonquin Walking Tour booklet/map to keep. For more information, please contact Ben Mason at 847-658-4184.

