

# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Summer 2011

# **Downtown Farmers Market**

The Downtown Algonquin Farmers Market is once again underway this summer and features a new location for 2011. The weekly market is held every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Riverfront Park on North Harrison Street and features fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods, plants, and flowers. Beginning in late June, music lovers should plan to stay in Riverfront Park after the Farmers Market closes for the day to enjoy free, Village-sponsored concerts starting at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening from June 30 to August 18. The Market is sponsored by the Downtown Algonquin Partnership merchants' association (DAP). For more information, please visit the DAP's website at www.downtownalgonquin.org.

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### **Cool off at the Pool!**

Trying to beat the heat this summer? Look no further than the Algonquin Pool and Splashpad, located south of Algonquin Road on Longwood Drive. Enjoy the interactive splashpad area, lap pool, and pool deck complete with chaise chairs and concessions! **Open swim hours are available daily.** Also, it's still not too late to purchase a season pool pass to make your visit easy and affordable. For additional information about the Algonquin Pool & Splashpad, please visit www.algonquin.org/pool.

# FY 11/12 Budget

On April 5, 2011, the Village Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 annual operating budget for the Village of Algonquin. The Village's \$30 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 11/12 budget maintains core service levels without any tax increases or new taxes. More info is available online at www.algonquin.org.

# **Public Art Program**

The award-winning Algonquin Public Art Program is once again soliciting the temporary loan of paintings, drawings, photographs, mosaics, and especially outdoor sculptures. Artists interested in submitting an artwork for display consideration must complete and submit an application packet by August 5, 2011.

The application is available online at www.algonquin.org or call Ben Mason at 847-658-4184 to request an application by mail/fax.

# **Construction Info**

Following are a few of the major construction projects happening in Algonquin this summer:

Western Bypass (IL Route 31): The Illinois Department of Transportation has begun the building demolition along this route with site grading scheduled to occur in the fall. Actual road construction is not scheduled to begin until 2012. Royal Hills Subdivision: Resurfacing of Roaring Brook Lane,

Fairfield Lane, Mayfair Lane, Sandpiper Court, and a portion of Westbury Drive. Scheduled completion in summer 2011.

For additional information on Village construction projects, please visit www.algonquin.org.

### **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 30:   | Die Musikmeisters      | (German)        |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| July 7:    | <b>Dooley Brothers</b> | (Irish)         |
| July 14:   | The Rock Box           | (Alternative)   |
| July 21:   | Hudson McCoy           | (R & B)         |
| July 28:   | Pirates over 40*       | (Caribbean)     |
| August 4:  | HiFi Superstars        | (80-90's Cover) |
| August 11: | Hillbilly Rockstarz    | (Country)       |
| August 18: | HairDaze               | (70-90's Cover) |

<sup>\*</sup> Pirates over 40 will perform at Towne Park 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, turn off water when brushing your teeth, water landscaping early morning or at night, use a rain barrel, set your mower blades higher and fix leaks right away. The Village reminds you that summer watering restrictions are in place; to check current water system status, see signs posted on main streets in the Village, call Village Hall 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.

### **Founders' Days Festival**

The 2011 Algonquin Founders' Days Festival will be held **July 28 - July 31 in Towne Park**. The full schedule of events is available online at the address below.

The Algonquin Founders' Days Festival Committee is an independent volunteer-based group responsible for the planning and operation of the festival itself. For more information, please visit:

www.algonquinfoundersdays.com.

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#### **Work Close to Home**

Algonquin has a corporate business park located just west of Randall Road at Corporate Parkway. Buildings and land are available for office, small warehouse, distribution centers, start-up businesses, research and development, and light manufacturing. If you own a business or work for one that is considering relocation or expansion, look no further than the Algonquin Corporate Campus. Visit www.algonquin.org and click on Algonquin Corporate Campus for more info.

## "It's Our River Day"

The Village, in partnership with the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, is sponsoring the fourth annual "It's Our River Day" celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Cornish Park in downtown Algonquin. There will be speakers, live music, kayak demonstrations and a river clean-up. Come celebrate the beautiful Fox River and help keep her clean! The event is free and open to the public, groups are welcome.

# **Severe Weather Information**

Severe weather and tornados can occur at any time in northern Illinois. The Village of Algonquin reminds all residents that preparedness is very important to your safety. Outdoor warning sirens are located throughout the community and are capable of alerting residents by siren. These sirens are only designed to warn people who are OUTSIDE and are not designed to be heard inside. Warnings for people indoors come from radio or TV and not the sirens.



If a severe storm warning or tornado watch or warning is issued,

the sirens will be activated. During severe weather, you can receive additional information by tuning in to your local radio station or television. No "All Clear" alert will be issued by the siren; please check the news on television or radio. Both WZSR 105.5 FM and WGN 720 AM radio stations provide weather information coverage for Algonquin's immediate area. Weather radios are another reliable device for keeping track of severe weather.

As a reminder to the public, warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at approximately 10:00 a.m. unless inclement weather is present. Please keep the above information in mind when severe weather hits.

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