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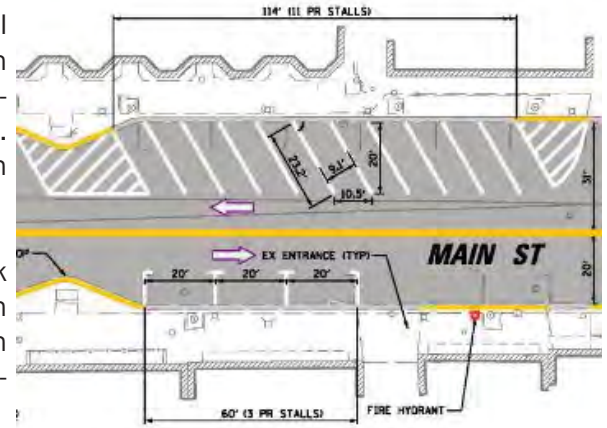
Fall 2015

South Main Street Reconfiguration

This fall, the Village of Algonquin will reconfigure South Main Street to provide additional on-street parking for downtown properties. Work will include adding angled parking on the west side of Main Street between Algonquin Road and Washington Street. Additionally, more parallel parking stalls will be added between Washington Street and Railroad Street. In total, 32 on-street parking spaces will be added to Main Street in Algonquin.

Village staff is currently performing conceptual design/engineering work for a more in-depth streetscape plan for the Historic Downtown Algonquin area in the near future. In 2013, the Village completed the Downtown Planning Study which built upon the Downtown Streetscape Plan completed in 2008, that sets the future vision for the area.

For more information about the downtown Algonquin area, please visit www.algonquin.org/development.



Engineering drawings of a new parking configuration for South Main Street in Algonquin. In total, an additional 32 parking spaces are proposed to be added on South Main Street with work being completed in October.

Back to School Safety

The long summer break can cause some drivers to forget those driving habits that enhance the safety of children traveling to school. The Algonquin Police Department offers these tips to keep in mind throughout the school year:

- In school zones, speed limits are 20 m.p.h.
- Use of cell phones is prohibited in school zones.
- Stop for school buses that are loading/unloading children.
- Stop for school crossing guards and do not move until the crossing guard is completely out of the intersection.

The Algonquin Police Department provides crossing guards to help children cross streets at several locations. Please take a few minutes to review these safety tips with your children.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween trick-or-treat hours in Algonquin are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

Remember to turn a porch light on if you are home and will be handing out treats. Have a safe, fun, and happy Halloween!

Winter Parking Regulations

Beginning **October 31**, parking will be prohibited on all public streets in the Village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. The winter parking hours will be in effect until April 15, 2016.

In addition, it is unlawful to park on the street after any snowfall of 2 inches or greater unless the street has been cleared of snow. The snowfall parking ban is in place for your safety and will remain in effect until snow removal operations have been completed. Violators will be issued tickets.

Residents with special parking issues should contact the Algonquin Police Department at 847-658-4531. Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances.

Fall Cemetery Cleanup

The annual "Fall Cleanup" of the Algonquin Cemetery will begin on Monday, October 26, and will run through Friday, October 30. All summer plantings, wreaths, and other decorations not removed before October 25 will be discarded. Winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, may be placed on graves beginning November 23. For more information, contact Ganek Municipal Center at 847-658-2700.

Algonquin Business Award Nominations

The annual Business Awards Program was established to serve as an incentive and to recognize new and existing businesses. The awards aim to highlight the accomplishments businesses and commercial property owners have made to improve the quality of life in Algonquin through physical improvements to their property or contributions to the community.

Categories include New Development Architectural Award, Rehabilitation Award, Business Improvement Award, Community Service Award, and Community Economic Impact Award. Nominations may be e-mailed to business@algonquin.org. For more information about the Algonquin Business Awards program, please visit www.algonquin.org/business.

Fall Cleanup and Recycling Drop-Off

The Village of Algonquin is holding a Fall Recycling Drop-Off Event on Monday, October 12, at Presidential Park (700 Highland Avenue, Algonquin) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This event is being offered in cooperation with Groot, Friends of the Library, and Charity Pickup Service. **Please Note: Electronics will not be accepted at this year's event.**



Recycle: Items that typically are not accepted in your curbside recycling such as lawn furniture, large plastic toys, grills, wood-based furniture (entertainment units, dressers, beds), clean metals, clean wood, large cardboard boxes, and aluminum gutters.

Donations: Various household items in good and working condition, books and media will also be accepted.

Please check online for a complete list of accepted items, prohibited items, and restrictions for this event. For more information regarding this recycling event, please call us at 847-658-2700 or visit us online:

www.algonquin.org.

Harvest Hustle 5K

Join Algonquin Recreation for the third annual Harvest Hustle 5K Run/Walk on October 3. This walk will benefit *Recreation for ALL-gonquin*, a scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for Algonquin youth to participate in recreational activities. The event will kick off at 8:00 a.m. in downtown Algonquin. To register for the event, please visit www.active.com and search Harvest Hustle Algonquin.

Holiday Rock on the Fox

Celebrate the holiday season with your family and neighbors at Holiday Rock on the Fox at Riverfront Park on Saturday, December 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join Algonquin Recreation for the community tree lighting, candy cane hunt, visit with Santa and friends, listen to holiday music, and more! For complete details visit us online at: www.algonquin.org/recreation.



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Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. This exercise not only ensures proper operation of each hydrant but helps to move fresh water throughout the distribution system, improving overall water quality. **Flushing will take place between September 21 and November 6, weather permitting.** Please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks for a detailed schedule.

Fall Brush Collection

Free leaf pickup by Groot will begin on October 1 for Algonquin residents and will continue through December 15. There is no collection of yard waste from December 16 through March 2016. All leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or in reusable 32-gallon trash containers that are clearly marked. You may use a large, visible red "X" to indicate yard waste. Leaves in loose piles will not be collected.

During this time period, Groot will also provide free pickup of branches. The branches must be tied in bundles which are not more than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter, and less than 50 pounds in weight. Grass clippings and other yard waste (such as sod, dirt, or woodchips) will require a collection sticker. Any bags or cans that contain leaves mixed with other yard waste will also require a collection sticker. **Also, please remember that putting leaves or yard debris into the street or on the sidewalk is prohibited by the Algonquin Municipal Code.**