



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2017

Lower Property Tax Highlights Budget

The Village of Algonquin's proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is balanced at \$19.6 million in the General Fund. This is down approximately 2 percent from last year's budget and maintains core service levels with continued investment in our community's infrastructure. **The reduced spending plan is driven primarily by a 2.3 percent property tax levy decrease approved by the Village Board in December.** The Village of Algonquin's property tax rate ranks among the lowest for a municipality in the regional area. The Village receives approximately \$0.06 of every \$1.00 paid in property taxes with the remainder being paid to other taxing bodies.

"Cost-containment and tightly managed spending priorities will continue to drive our decision making in the years ahead" said Village President John Schmitt.

The Village Board is scheduled to vote on the proposed budget at their meeting on April 4. To view the draft budget and other financial information, please visit www.algonquin.org/finance.

Algonquin Community Survey

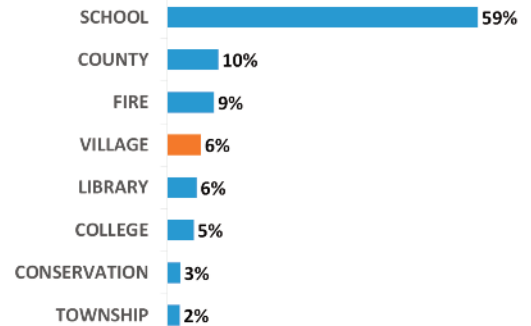
In September 2016, the Algonquin Community Survey was sent to 1,500 randomly selected households in the community. Overall, the top quality of life measures in the Village rated positively by residents include Algonquin as a place to live (94.4%), your neighborhood as a place to live (91.4%), shopping opportunities (90.1%), and cleanliness of Algonquin (89.5%). The overall response rate for the survey was 20.6%.

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/VillageManager.

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 10, 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.



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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.

Consolidated Election - April 4

The Illinois Consolidated Election is on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please visit your County Clerk's website for more info.

Student Art Exhibit

The sixth annual Algonquin Student Art Exhibit will take place throughout the month of April at the Algonquin Area Public Library (2600 Harnish Drive). An awards reception will be held at the library on April 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. More information on the event is available online at www.algonquin.org

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 11.

Art on the Fox

Father's Day Weekend - June 17-18 - Riverfront Park
www.artonthefox.com

Spring Hydrant Flushing

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. **Spring hydrant flushing is performed in six different zones and will begin on April 17, concluding May 26.** 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 a schedule are available at www.algonquin.org.

Schedule

April 22: East
April 29: West

Algonquin Egg Hunt - April 8

Join us Saturday, April 8 for the annual Egg Hunt in Towne Park. The Bunny will be making a special visit and has 10,000 eggs hidden for kids to find! Hunting is for ages 0-12 years old and will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Participants will be split up by age to ensure safety. There is no pre-registration for this event, so hop on over to Towne Park for some free family fun! For more info, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

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 6 - April 14.** 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.

Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

The following are some tips to help prevent stormwater pollution and protect our natural resources in Algonquin:

1. Never dump anything down a storm drain. Always recycle used oil, antifreeze and other fluids. Fix oil leaks in your vehicles.
2. Wash your car at a commercial car wash rather than in the street or in your driveway. If you wash your car at home, wash it on your lawn.
3. Cut down on fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. If you use these chemicals, follow directions and use them sparingly. Don't fertilize before a rainstorm. Compost or mulch lawn clippings.
4. Pick up after your pets and keep animals out of streams. Scoop up your pets waste and properly dispose of it.

For more information, please visit www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.



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