



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2019

Garbage Rates to Drop this Fall

New Agreement with Groot Lowers Rates for Sticker and Cart Customers

Last fall, the Village of Algonquin issued a request for proposals for refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection services to secure the best pricing possible. Four vendors responded to the request with various proposals with the current provider Groot submitting the lowest price acceptable bid. **Sticker customers will see rates drop 14 percent to \$3.00/sticker starting September 1, while refuse cart customers will have rates decrease 22 percent to \$18.80/month.** “We’re very pleased with the outcome of the process” said Village President John Schmitt. “Residents will retain their choice for stickers or carts, realize meaningful cost savings, and have the same familiar service with Groot as the hauler.”



Groot rates will decrease for residential sticker and cart customers in Algonquin with their new contract effective September 1, 2019

New rates will be effective upon expiration of the Village’s current contract with Groot on September 1, 2019. Visit www.algonquin.org/groot for more information on garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection service.

Algonquin Community Survey

In September 2018, 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 your neighborhood as a place to live (90.7%), Algonquin as a place to raise children (87.7%), and Algonquin as a place to live (86.8%).** The overall response rate for the survey was 14.0%. 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 8, 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 vehicle 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.

2019 Consolidated Election

The Illinois Consolidated Election is on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please visit your County Clerk’s website for more info.

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 (2200 Harnish Drive) in Algonquin.



Order online at www.conservemc.org or call 815-337-9502. Orders must be placed by May 6.

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 6: East
April 13: West

Art on the Fox - New Location!

Father’s Day Weekend | June 15-16 | Towne 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 8, 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.



Algonquin Egg Hunt

Join us Saturday, April 13 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 11 - April 19.** 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.

Adopt-A-Drain Program

The Village of Algonquin currently manages 2,969 storm drains across our 207 miles of residential roadways. This year, the Village is inviting residents to adopt-a-storm drain in their neighborhood. For those who may not know, storm drains are the grates that can be found along the edges of our streets that collect and direct storm water away from residences to detention ponds and other waterways.

The program will ask residents who live near a storm drain to help keep it clear of litter and debris throughout the year. Although the Village clears the streets of debris through street sweeping, yard waste, leaves and other debris may eventually build up between sweepings. Water is prevented from entering the sewer system and may cause flooding. In turn, this may create problems for you and your neighbors. Additionally, it is asked that residents be mindful of other pollutants or hazardous materials that enter the sewer system. Please do not dump hazardous liquids, including, but not limited to oil and antifreeze, into the storm sewers. Instead, please dispose of these hazardous wastes with licensed recyclers.

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