



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2020

Village Receives \$400,000 Grant for Stoneybrook Park

The Village has been awarded a \$400,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant for the improvement of Stoneybrook Park in Algonquin. Last improved in 1997, Stoneybrook Park will be redeveloped to add several new amenities including bocce ball courts, pickleball courts, a gaga ball pit, a pavilion, walking trail, and a 15-space parking lot. Additionally, the existing playground and sand volleyball court will be replaced and improved.

Preliminary total cost estimates for the Stoneybrook Park improvement project are \$930,000, with the OSLAD grant providing \$400,000 to this total. Construction on the Stoneybrook Park improvement project is anticipated to begin in late 2020 and be completed in summer 2021.

Stoneybrook Park is located at 1200 Huntington Drive North in Algonquin. For more information about the Stoneybrook Park improvement project, please visit www.algonquin.org.



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Algonquin Community Survey

In September 2019, 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 (94.6%), your neighborhood as a place to live (93.8%), and Algonquin as a place to raise children (93.3%).** The overall response rate for the survey was 16.1%. 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 13, 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.

Clean Up After Your Pet

Algonquin has over 20 miles of trails and walking paths in our community. They are a great amenity as the snow melts and we welcome the spring weather. **Please remember if you are headed out with your pet to bring a few bags and clean up any pet waste when on your walk.**

Pet waste contains fecal coliform bacteria such as *Salmonella* and *E. coli* which can contaminate our surface and ground water. Additionally, animals, humans, and objects may also contact these bacteria in areas where waste is left on the surface. Please be sure to dispose of your pet's waste responsibly.

2020 U.S. Census

This year, the 2020 Census will be available to complete online once you receive your invitation to participate. The Algonquin Area Public Library will host sessions for residents to complete their online form on April 1, 14, and 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Main Branch (2600 Harnish Drive). More information regarding the 2020 Census can be found at www.census.gov.



Art on the Fox

Father's Day Weekend | June 20-21 | 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 6, concluding May 29.** 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.



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 4: East
April 11: West

Algonquin Egg Hunt

Join us Saturday, April 4 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 16 - May 1.** 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.

Reducing 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.
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.
4. Compost or mulch lawn clippings.
5. 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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