



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Summer 2020

Village Receives Grant to Create Pollinator Meadows

The Village of Algonquin is excited to announce the awarding of \$20,000 from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation that will be used to create additional pollinator habitats in the village. **The Pollinator Meadows Pilot Program grant will help offset costs to convert three acres of turf grass at Holder Park and Woods Creek Trail into meadows with native wildflowers and grasses.** These will create critical habitats for pollinators, such as bees, butterflies and moths, along with birds and other wildlife. This ecosystem plays an important role in the reproduction of flowering plants.



Improvements will be made to Holder Park and the Woods Creek Trail areas with this grant.

Village President John Schmitt said, "The Village is committed to restoring open spaces to native areas. Over the past 12-plus years, we have implemented numerous projects to restore more than 200 acres of turf grass into pollinator and natural habitats. By transforming these small areas of grass into beautiful meadows, we are creating a healthy habitat for birds and insects and enhancing overall environmental health and well-being." Learn more at www.algonquin.org.

FY 20/21 Budget

On April 7, 2020, the Village Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 annual budget for the Village of Algonquin. The Village's \$72.0 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 20/21 budget maintains core service levels with continued investment in infrastructure. Learn more online at www.algonquin.org/finance.

Tree City USA

The Arbor Day Foundation announced that the Village of Algonquin is again named a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. **This is the 24th year in which Algonquin has received this designation.**

"We are always grateful to be recognized for the quality of our urban forestry program," stated John Schmitt, Village President. "This honor recognizes our accomplishments as responsible stewards of the environment."



The Village is responsible for the maintenance of over 21,000 parkway trees in Algonquin. More information about Algonquin's forestry program is available online at www.algonquin.org/publicworks.

COVID-19 Updates

The Village of Algonquin continues to support our community and modify our operations to provide municipal services in a safe and effective manner. **Please visit our COVID-19 response website at www.algonquin.org/COVID19** for service updates and information about the Restore Illinois plan and its impacts on Algonquin. **#AlgonquinStrong**

Construction Updates

It is a very busy construction season in Algonquin! See below for an overview of a few major projects:

IL-62 Bridge: The Illinois Department of Transportation is replacing the concrete surface and repairing the steel bridge structure on the Fox River Bridge. Work is expected to be completed in September.

Old Town Prairie Trail: The Village and McHenry County Conservation District are improving the Prairie Path trail from approximately South Main Street to La Fox Driver Drive. Work is expected to be completed in July.

Randall Road: Randall Road will be widened to provide three through lanes in each direction with up to four for the portion between Bunker Hill / Huntington Drive just up to Polaris Drive / Acorn Lane. Work is expected to be completed in June 2021.

Learn more about these and other projects at www.algonquin.org/construction.

Every Drop Counts: Water Conservation Regulations

The Village of Algonquin would like to remind residents 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, turning off water when brushing your teeth, watering landscaping early morning or at night, using a rain barrel, setting your mower blades higher and fixing leaks right away. The Village reminds you that summer watering restrictions are in place. To check current water system status, see signs posted on primary streets in the Village, call us at 847-658-2700, or look on the Village's website www.algonquin.org/waterstatus.

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.



Recreation Virtual Guide



Algonquin Recreation has gone virtual - now offering monthly program guides with a variety of programs designed to keep active from the comfort of your home or backyard. **Make sure to check out rec.algonquin.org for the most up to date recreation information regarding recreation classes, events, and more!**

Spring Cleanup Rescheduled



The Spring Cleanup event has been rescheduled for August 8 (East/Thursday normal collection) and August 15 (West/Friday normal collection). Stickers are NOT required for this special pickup.

For more details, please visit www.algonquin.org/groot.

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Electronics Recycling

For a year-round electronics recycling option, **Groot will collect electronic waste items for \$30.00 per trip, plus an additional \$5.00 charge per (1) item collected.** Residents should call Groot directly at 800-244-1977 to schedule a pickup of electronic waste at least 24 hours in advance of your scheduled service day.

Support Local Businesses

As we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Village asks that residents please support Algonquin's local restaurants and businesses, many of which have pickup, delivery and/or other service accommodations. **#AlgonquinStrong**

Village Offices Closed

Friday, July 3
Monday, September 7

Algonquin Fix It App

Request services and report issues online or by using the **Algonquin Fix It** app.

Download for free on iTunes and Google Play.



2019 Water Quality Report

The Village of Algonquin provides water quality reports to customers on an annual basis. Among other things, the report lists the regulated contaminants found in the drinking water, as well as health effects information related to violations of the drinking water standards. **The 2019 annual water quality report is available online at www.algonquin.org/2019CCR.** Please call 847-658-2700 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.