



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2021

Algonquin Receives 2021 Project of the Year Award

The Village of Algonquin was recently awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA) 2021 Public Works Project of the Year Award for the Main Street Streetscape project. The project won the Transportation category at two local levels, the Fox Valley Branch and Chicago Metro Chapter, and is now a contender for APWA's national award. The APWA awards recognize outstanding public works projects and the transformation of Main Street truly was outstanding!

The Village revitalized Main Street through innovative designs, infrastructure enhancements and utility improvements, along with the incorporation of pedestrian friendly and attractive streetscape elements. Within the downtown area, the project included 223,000 square feet of brick sidewalks as well as added 14 seat walls and four electric vehicle charging stations. Other project highlights include more than one mile of utilities relocated underground and poured more than 141,000 square feet of new pavement.

"The Main Street Streetscape project was about rethinking our downtown and creating an inviting space to bring OUR residents and businesses together. The Village truly did "win" with when we reconstructed Main Street, and we thank the residents, businesses and construction teams who were all a part of this project" stated Acting Village President Sosine.



The Main Street Streetscape Project was recognized by the American Public Works Association Fox Valley Branch and Chicago Metro Chapter.

Algonquin Community Survey

In September 2020, 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 (90.3%), Algonquin as a place to live (89.7%), and cleanliness of Algonquin (84.7%). 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 12, 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.

Recreation Programs

Algonquin Recreation is committed to your safety as we return to in-person programming at our parks and facilities. Please check our online brochure and registration site at rec.algonquin.org regularly as we keep restoring our traditional programming this spring and summer.



2021 Consolidated Election

The Illinois Consolidated Election is on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please visit your County Clerk's website for more info.

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.

Planning a Home Project?

With spring right around the corner, you may be starting to plan that next home improvement project. This year, speed up the permitting process and take advantage of the services that are offered online:

1. Apply and pay for your permit.
2. Schedule your inspection (virtual or in-person) or perform a self-inspection for certain types of projects.
3. Get answers by e-mailing permits@algonquin.org or start an online chat session.

To get started, please visit www.algonquin.org/permits. We look forward to working with you!

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 5, concluding May 28.** 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 17:	East
April 24:	West

Construction Info

The Village of Algonquin is continuing our investment into our community through our capital and infrastructure improvement program. Approximately 5 miles of local roads are proposed to be reconstructed in the upcoming year.

Learn more about road construction in Algonquin at www.algonquin.org/construction.

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 1 - April 16.** 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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