



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2022

Algonquin Staff Receive Patriot Award

Three members of the Village of Algonquin's Public Works Department were recently awarded the Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). ESGR is a Department of Defense program that was established in 1972 to promote cooperation between Reserve Service members and their civilian employers.

Public Works Director, Bob Mitchard, Utilities Superintendent, Jason Schutz, and Utilities Supervisor, Tony Jonas were presented with the Patriot Award at the Village Board Meeting on February 15 by ESGR's Doug Wallace. The award is in recognition of their support for Mike Harris who works in the Utilities Division and serves as an active member of the National Guard. Mike nominated his supervisors to thank them for providing the time off and flexibility that allowed him to fulfill his military service duties.

Mike joined the Public Works Department in 2000 but left for active duty in 2001 to serve his country after September 11th. The Village welcomed him back in 2006 after he completed active duty and Mike continues to serve as a member of the National Guard. Bob Mitchard stated, "It is an honor to have someone committed to protecting our country as part of our team. We appreciate all of Mike's hard work and are honored that he nominated us for this award." Mike will retire from the National Guard later this year after more than 15 years of service.



Pictured (L to R): Tony Jonas, Doug Wallace, Mike Harris, Jason Schutz, Bob Mitchard, Village President Debby Sosine

Algonquin Community Survey

In September 2021, the Algonquin Community Survey was sent to 1,750 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 (95.4%), your neighborhood as a place to live (92.1%), and cleanliness of Algonquin (91.2%).** The overall response rate for the survey was 12.7%. 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, May 21, 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.

Pool Facility Opens June 4

The Lions Armstrong Memorial Pool (599 Longwood Drive) will open for the season on June 4. Keep an eye on www.algonquin.org/pool for more information about annual passes, swim lessons, and more!



Algonquin Egg Hunt

Grab your baskets and head over to Towne Park for the annual egg hunt on Saturday, April 9. The hunt will start promptly at 10:00 a.m., so please arrive early. For more details, visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

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 in-person inspection 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 4, concluding May 27.** 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 23:	East
April 30:	West

Flood Questionnaire

A resident survey is now available online to help us identify areas with flooding problems in the Village. The survey, which will take about 15 minutes to complete, will aid in a study to determine solutions to any flooding problems.



Provide feedback at www.algonquin.org/FloodSurvey.

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 14 - April 29.** 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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