The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2026

Algonquin Project Receives Engineering Excellence Award

The Village of Algonquin is proud to announce that the Woods Creek Reaches 6 & 7 Restoration Project has received a 2026 Engineering Excellence – Special Achievement Award in the Water Resources category from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois. **Completed in spring 2025, the project restored nearly 1,000 feet of stream and more than 26 acres of wetlands and riparian habitat**. Improvements included restoring natural stream meanders, reconnecting the creek to its floodplain, reducing erosion, and replacing invasive vegetation with native plant communities, creating a more resilient, naturally functioning corridor.The project is part of the Village's broader Woods Creek restoration program, launched in 2013, which has improved creek stability and reduced downstream storm impacts.

Award-winning restoration along Woods Creek, where natural stream meanders and native vegetation improve flood resilience and long-term creek stability.

"This project reflects the Village's commitment to thoughtful, long-term investment in community infrastructure," said Village President Debby Sosine. "The Woods Creek restoration will deliver lasting value for generations to come." Learn more about Village infrastructure projects at www.algonquin.org/construction.

Algonquin Community Survey

In September 2025, 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 (93.4%), Your neighborhood as a place to live (93.4%), and Overall appearance of Algonquin (93.1%).** The overall response rate for the survey was 14.1%. 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, May 16, at the Public Works Facility (110 Mitchard Way, Algonquin) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (or until the trucks are full, whichever comes first).**

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.

Officer Moore Receives Life Saving Award

Officer James Brock Moore of the Algonquin Police Department was awarded the Life Saving Award for his decisive actions during a medical emergency on November 13. Responding to a call on Huntington Drive involving an individual who had collapsed and was unconscious and not breathing, Officer Moore arrived within two minutes, quickly assessed the situation, and immediately began CPR.

Members of the Algonquin–Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District arrived shortly thereafter and continued advanced life-saving measures. The individual was transported to Northwestern Hospital Huntley and has since recovered.The award was presented at the February 3 Village Board meeting, where the individual and his family were in attendance.

The Village also extends its appreciation to Southeast Emergency Communications 9-1-1 Dispatcher Kyle Kunzen and the responding members of the Algonquin–Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District for their professionalism and coordinated response.

Healthcare Starts with a Text

For non-emergency health concerns, start with Text-A-Physician, a convenient telehealth service connecting Algonquin residents directly with a licensed physician by text message.**Simply text 839-887-0365, describe your symptoms, and receive guidance, often within minutes.** If appropriate, prescriptions can be sent to your preferred pharmacy.

The service is available seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.Text-A-Physician is intended for non-life-threatening conditions. In a medical emergency, call 9-1-1. Learn more at www.algonquin.org/telehealth.

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 and conclude on May 16.** 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, in partnership with Groot, will host a Village-wide cleanup for single-family residences and townhomes receiving residential refuse and recycling service. The program encourages residents to reduce fire hazards, declutter their homes, and spruce up their neighborhoods. **STICKERS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS SPECIAL PICKUP.** Typical items include toys, clothing, couches, beds, dressers, and patio furniture.

Items that will <u>not</u> be collected include automobile parts, landscape waste, white goods, electronics, and construction materials. For full details and guidelines, visit www.algonquin.org/groot.

Schedule
April 25: East
May 2: West

$600K for Willoughby Farms Park

The Village of Algonquin has been awarded a $600,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help fund the $4.6 million redevelopment of Willoughby Farms Park, implementing the community-informed Master Plan with new recreational amenities, improved access, and habitat enhancements, with construction anticipated to begin this spring and conclude in summer 2027.

Free Leaf & Brush Collection

From April 9 to April 24, Groot is offering a free collection service for leaves and branches that are tied in bundles no more than 4 feet long and 2 feet in diameter. You must use standard paper yardwaste bags or reusable containers clearly marked with a red "X" and place them at the curb on your regular collection day.

Note that leaves placed in loose piles will not be collected. Keep in mind that grass clippings and other yardwaste will still require a collection sticker, and any bags or cans that contain leaves mixed with other yardwaste will also need a collection sticker. You can contact Groot at 847-734-6400 if you have any questions about leaf and brush collection.

Clean Water Starts Here

When it rains or snow melts, water that does not soak into the ground becomes stormwater runoff. In developed areas like ours, this runoff flows over streets, rooftops, and driveways, picking up pollutants such as oil, litter, fertilizers, and pet waste before draining directly into local waterways, without treatment.Unmanaged stormwater affects our community in real ways. Polluted runoff can reduce water quality and harm fish and wildlife. Heavy rainfall can overwhelm storm drains, contributing to localized flooding and streambank erosion. Over time, clogged systems and excess runoff can also damage infrastructure and increase maintenance costs.

What You Can Do: A few simple actions at home can make a meaningful difference. Never dump anything into storm drains, use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, and always pick up pet waste. Sweeping driveways instead of hosing them down and fixing vehicle leaks also help prevent pollutants from entering our stormwater system.By keeping contaminants out of runoff, we protect our waterways and help maintain a clean, healthy Algonquin.For more information, visit www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.

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