



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Spring 2023

## Business Award Program Winners

The Village of Algonquin is proud to present the winners of the 2022 Algonquin Business Awards. The program aims to recognize outstanding contributions and achievements of local businesses during the past year. Winners for this year's program include:

**Rehabilitation/Improvement Award:** Paul Kopetsky, 203 S Main St

**Entrepreneur of the Year Award:** Scott Levy/Rosen Hyundai, 771 S Randall Rd

**Enduring Business Award:** Ziya Senturk/Port Edward, 20 W Algonquin Rd

**Budding Business Award:** Deli 4 You, 1601 S Randall Rd

**Project of the Year Award:** NorthPoint Development, 3001 Broadmore Dr

"We are excited to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions of local businesses," said Village President Debby Sosine. "These awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of business owners in our community, and we are proud to support and celebrate their successes."



Village officials at the NorthPoint Development ribbon-cutting ceremony in June 2022

For more information about the Algonquin Business Awards Program, please visit [www.aplusalgonquin.com](http://www.aplusalgonquin.com).

## Algonquin Community Survey

In September 2022, 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 your neighborhood as a place to live (95.2%), Algonquin as a place to live (94.8%), and Algonquin as a place to raise children (91.1%).** The overall response rate for the survey was 14.5%. 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](http://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 10, 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](http://www.algonquin.org).

## Pool Opens June 3

The Lions Armstrong Memorial Pool (599 Longwood Drive) will open for the season on June 3. Keep an eye on [www.algonquin.org/pool](http://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 1. The hunt will start promptly at 10:00 a.m., so please arrive early. For more details, visit [www.algonquin.org/recreation](http://www.algonquin.org/recreation).

## Seasonal Cemetery Cleanup

In order to keep your loved ones resting place clean and orderly, the Village offers a cemetery cleanup twice a year. The spring cleanup is scheduled the first Monday of April each year. Please remove all winter decorations such as blankets, wreaths, and other non-adhered decorations before April 3, as they will be discarded.

You can start placing decorations for Mother's Day and/or summer beginning April 29, 2023, which is the last Saturday of April. Make sure to follow the cemetery's guidelines to keep the place tidy and respectful.

## 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](mailto:permits@algonquin.org) or start an online chat session.

To get started, please visit [www.algonquin.org/permits](http://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 3, concluding May 26.** 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](http://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/groot](http://www.algonquin.org/groot).

<b>Schedule</b>
April 22: East
April 29: West

## 2023 Consolidated Election

On April 4, 2023, the Consolidated Election will take place, featuring various contests for municipal, park, library, school, and fire protection districts. To access additional voter information, including early voting, referenda, and polling locations, please visit the Kane or McHenry County Clerk website, based on your county of residence.



## Free Leaf & Brush Collection

From April 10 to April 28, 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 800-244-1977 if you have any questions about leaf and brush collection.

## Environmental Benefits of Native Prairies

As we welcome the arrival of spring and the reemergence of greenery, our native prairies begin to grow. But beyond their natural beauty, these spaces also offer a wealth of benefits for our environment!

For one, the intricate root systems and soil structure of prairies act as sponges, absorbing rainfall and preventing flooding while keeping sediment out of our waterways. Just one acre of established prairie can intercept up to 53 tons of water during a one-inch hour rain event.

Additionally, prairie roots work to anchor soils, preventing erosion and keeping vital nutrients in the prairie and out of our rivers. And let's not forget about the belowground sponge-like system that reduces excess nutrients, providing natural solutions to issues that often stem from lawn fertilization and agriculture. Prairies offer an array of ecosystem services that promote resilience, from carbon sequestration to wildlife and pollinator habitat.

The Village of Algonquin currently maintains over 300 acres of restored natural areas and plans to restore an additional 40 acres in 2023.

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