

ALGONQUIN HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Hello and welcome to the Algonquin Hills Subdivision. We are the Algonquin Hills Improvement Association (AHIA) and would like to share a little bit about our Subdivision and Association with you.

Frank E. Merrill & CO. developed the Subdivision in 1926. Originally there were 5 units. Unit 5 (the gravel pit) has since been vacated. About one half of the homes in the Subdivision are located within the corporate limits of the Village of Algonquin. The rest are in unincorporated Algonquin Township. The subdivision stretches from the Fox River to the gravel pit, and from Route 31 to Longview West of Cary Road, and from Beachway to Deerpath South of Cary Road.

The homes in the unincorporated area have private roads for which the individual homeowners are untimely responsible. The Association does apply for and receive some gravel and grading services through the Algonquin Township Motor Fuel Use Tax program. The allotment is very small, and by no means solves the problems of the private roads.

The unincorporated area must rely on the McHenry County Sheriffs Office for police protection. The Village has its own police department located at 2200 Harnish Drive. The Algonquin Township Offices are located on Rt. 14 in Crystal Lake. McHenry County Government Center is at 2200 Seminary, in Woodstock.

When you purchased your home you may have been told that there was no Homeowner's Association. This is because generally only Mandatory Associations are reported. However, pictorial and written evidence indicates that AHIA was formed in 1926 and incorporated as an Illinois not for profit corporation in March of 1937. AHIA is the oldest homeowner's association in Algonquin. Anyone who owns property in the subdivision is eligible for membership and has voting rights. Participation level and the \$40.00 annual dues are voluntary.

Throughout its long history AHIA has administered the common property and protected the river rights of the homeowners. In January of 2000, through a class action, the homeowners were awarded quiet title to the "beach" area. This means that by virtue of your homeownership in the subdivision you own a collective share of the boatlaunch, 840' beach and nature trail. This area is located along the Fox River between Melvina and Wildwood, East of N. Harrison and Lowe Drive. You have an absolute right to use and enjoy this property. Other common interest property include the three Venitian Channels and two parks on N. Harrison. You also have free access to the AHIA river view picnic lot located at 1335 Lowe Dr. The lot has a number of picnic tables, and playground equipment. It is a perfect place to spend a summer's afternoon.

AHIA also boasts one of the first Neighborhood Watch Programs in Algonquin. We are always in need of Block Captains. If you are interested, please contact us.

Please send us your e-mail address for newsletters and updates.

AHIA meets every fourth Monday of the month. You are invited to attend any time you wish. Watch for our next newsletter ***THE HILLS ARE ALIVE***. Check out our Web Page at: AlgonquinHills.org.

For further information you may call:

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