

Algonquin Historic Commission
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You Are Invited!

We invite anyone who is interested in researching or "experiencing" Algonquin's past to please join us at one of our Saturday morning workshops, where we work "hands on" with our local history.

The workshops are held on the 3rd and the 4th Saturdays of each month, 8:30 a.m. until noon at the Historic Village Hall (2nd floor).

We look forward to seeing you there!

***Preserving
Our Past ...***

***the
Algonquin
Historic
Commission***



***Old Town
Algonquin***

Our Commission . . .

is charged with the task of "fostering the research, development, and preservation of Algonquin's history for current and future generations". We are not a membership based "historical society", but a commission of the Village of Algonquin serving both the community and the general public as well.

Our Services . . .

and the focus of our activities, as defined by village code, involve safeguarding the village's heritage including history, artifacts, and memorabilia through preservation and documentation for education, research, and to foster pride and interest in our community. In addition, the Algonquin Historic Commission provides recommendations regarding the Old Town District Preservation Code.

Our Activities . . .



Identification Signage
for Vintage Structures

- Preservation
- Documentation
- Identification
- Research
- Genealogy
- Education
- Programs
- Events
- Publications

Our Collection . . .

consists of hundreds of artifacts, photos, records and information from Algonquin's colorful history acquired primarily through the generous donations of items from individuals, and both past and present residents.

The archives of the Commission are comprised of items and information pertaining to the history of our village and its residents, buildings, events, businesses, organizations, schools, and churches, including;

• Written Information

books, newspapers, records and research materials

• Photographic History

photos, slides, postcards

• Old Town Architectural Survey

architectural styles and features, original owner

• Artifacts and Memorabilia

advertising items, bottles, souvenir items, Algonquin products, and much more

• Genealogy Information

family histories, census records, death notices and obituaries, military service records, etc.

• Maps, Surveys, Abstracts

original homesteads, past owners

• Resource Library

architectural information, restoration information, guides, sources for products and services

• Database of Local History

containing over 16,000 entries



We greatly appreciate the donation
of items for the collection.

Volunteers Welcomed!

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Artifact Conservation
- Historical Displays
- Special Events
- Programs
- Cemetery Projects
- Library/Archives
- Special Projects
- Publications
- Research



Our Volunteers

assist in preserving our past, which involves much more than recording the daily events in our community. There are many areas for helping and getting involved with the work of the commission. You do not have to be a fourth generation Algonquinite to help! An interest in our local history is all that's required.

Please join us, we are sure you will
find that history can be fun!