



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2025

Keeping Algonquin Moving Safely This Winter

Winter weather is a fact of life in Algonquin, but the way we manage it is improving every year. The Village continues to invest in smarter, more responsive tools to keep roads safer and residents informed. With 138 miles of local roadway to maintain, crews now have access to five new weather stations that provide real-time camera views across town, helping supervisors spot issues early and respond quickly. Every plow truck is also equipped with GPS tracking, allowing staff to monitor routes, confirm coverage, and fine-tune operations after each storm. **Residents can even follow plow activity in real time at www.algonquin.org/snow.**

Next year, the Village is launching its first all-liquid de-icing route, a proven method that reduces salt use by about 20% while lowering costs and protecting the environment. In addition, the Village and McHenry County have partnered on a concept design for a shared salt and liquid storage facility at the Algonquin Public Works Facility, an early step toward expanding shared resources and improving long-term winter service for our residents.

As winter arrives, we appreciate your patience on the roads. Please give plows room, take it slow, and help us keep Algonquin safe all season long.

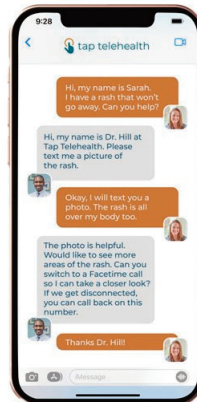
Village Wins Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has announced that the Village of Algonquin has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. This marks the 22nd consecutive year the Village has received this esteemed recognition. Algonquin is among approximately 82 municipalities in Illinois to achieve this honor. **The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget is a balanced \$85 million financial plan, featuring the lowest property tax rate since 2009 and \$29 million dedicated to capital infrastructure investment.** The budget document is available for review at www.algonquin.org/transparency.

Telehealth Care Is One Text Away

Cold and flu season is in full swing, and Algonquin's new telehealth program makes it easy to get quick medical guidance without leaving home. **All residential water/sewer utility account holders, unless they have opted out, can text 839-887-0365 between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., seven days a week, to connect with a licensed physician in minutes.**

Doctors can provide advice, treatment plans, and prescriptions for many common conditions, helping families get timely care without a clinic visit. There are no copays, deductibles, or insurance requirements, and households may use the service as often as they like. A \$6 monthly fee now appears on residential utility bills. **Learn more at www.algonquin.org/telehealth.**



An Algonquin snow plow clearing a residential street during a winter storm.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

With winter weather upon us, please remember the **Algonquin Municipal Code requires all property owners and occupants to clear snow and ice from adjoining sidewalks within 24 hours after snowfall ends.** If removal is not possible due to weather conditions, the sidewalk must be sanded or treated to reduce hazards for pedestrians until conditions allow for removal.

This requirement applies to all sidewalks adjoining your property, including front, back, and side areas. Additionally, snow should never be blown or shoveled into public streets, as this is prohibited by Village Code and can create dangerous driving conditions—especially after snowplows have cleared the area. For more details, visit the Municipal Code online at www.algonquin.org. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe this winter!

Winter Parking Regulations

Winter parking regulations are now in effect in the Village of Algonquin. **Parking is prohibited on public streets between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. through April 15.** Additionally, parking is not allowed on streets after any snowfall of 2 inches or more until the snow has been completely cleared.

These measures are in place to ensure public safety and efficient snow removal operations. Violators will be ticketed. Residents with special parking needs can contact the Algonquin Police Department at 847-658-4531 or submit an online request for overnight parking at www.algonquin.org/police.

Holiday Lights Recycling

The Village of Algonquin, in partnership with Elgin Recyclers, is offering holiday lights recycling through January 21 at the Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive. **A drop-off container will be available in the first-floor lobby during regular business hours.** Accepted items include mini-lights, C7 and C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords of any length. Please remove all tinsel, garland, and other decorations from the light sets before dropping them off. Elgin Recyclers will ensure the collected lights are responsibly recycled, helping to reduce landfill waste.

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2026 Calendar & Annual Report

The Village of Algonquin's 2026 Calendar and Annual Report has been delivered to resident households and is also available online.

Village officials and staff hope this resource serves as a helpful tool for the year ahead, while also celebrating the achievements of 2025 and anticipating the opportunities and goals of 2026.

Holiday Hours

Village offices will be closed on December 24, December 25, and January 1. **Groot waste collection will be delayed by one day during the weeks of December 22 and December 29.** For online services or additional information, please visit www.algonquin.org.

*Happy Holidays from the
Village of Algonquin!*

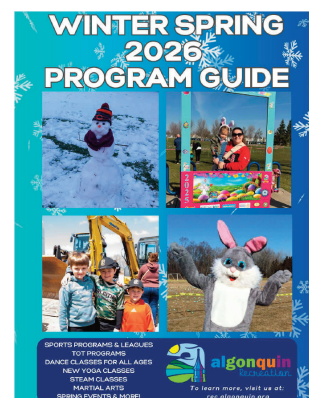


Miracle on Main Event in
Old Town Algonquin

Discover Winter Fun in Algonquin

Winter program registration is now underway, offering recreation opportunities for all ages, including new adult yoga classes and inclusive workshops designed for all ability levels. **Explore the full activity lineup and register online at rec.algonquin.org.**

Community event sponsorship opportunities for 2026 are now available for local businesses and organizations. **Explore opportunities at www.algonquin.org/sponsorship and join us in creating memorable experiences for the Algonquin community.**



Christmas Tree Collection

Groot will collect Christmas trees at no charge on your regular collection day throughout January. **To ensure collection, place your tree at the curb or driveway end by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled day.** Remove all lights, decorations, and plastic bags. Trees taller than six (6) feet must be cut in half for easier handling.

Be sure to place trees on top of snow, as buried trees may not be collected. For any refuse or recycling questions, contact Groot Customer Service at 847-734-6400.

