



The Algonquin Citizen

The Village of Algonquin: The Gem of the Fox River Valley

Winter 2005/2006

Season's Greetings

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, for holiday observance.

The elected officials and staff of the Village wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous holiday season.

Happy New Year!

Recycling Award

Hats off to you, the residents of Algonquin! In November, the Village received an Excellence in Recycling Award from McHenry County, due in part to your increased recycling efforts. Since the delivery of 64 gallon recycling carts to each household in Algonquin, we have seen an increase in the volume of recycled waste (15% in the second month, compared with the same time frame one year ago). The more we recycle, the more waste that is diverted from landfills.

For more information on the Village's recycling program, visit www.algonquin.org.

Dispatch Center Opens

A grand opening for the Southeast Emergency Communications center was held on October 12, 2005. This new, state-of-the-art dispatch center was formed by the communities of Algonquin, Crystal Lake, and Cary, and serves many other agencies in our area.

On November 1, 2005, the Algonquin Police Department officially turned over dispatching responsibilities to Southeast Emergency Communications (SEECOM) which is located in the basement of the Crystal Lake City Hall. SEECOM is the consolidation of the three centers which had been operated independently by the Village of Algonquin, City of Crystal Lake, and Village of Cary. Upon consolidating, several additional agencies have joined SEECOM. These agencies include Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District, Cary Fire Protection District, Crystal Lake Fire Department, Crystal Lake Park District, Fox River Grove Fire Protection District, Huntley Fire Protection District, Nunda Fire Protection District, and the Oakwood Hills Police Department. Seven of the Algonquin telecommunicators accepted positions with SEECOM and one has remained with the Algonquin Police Department as a Community Service Officer. The switch to SEECOM will be seamless to Village residents. All telephone numbers will remain the same, and 911 service will be answered by SEECOM.

Public Art Program Underway

The Village of Algonquin launched its first public art program during the fall of 2005 with the purpose of enhancing the community's sense of place through a celebration of art. Approximately 30 paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs, and fiber works are currently on display at nine indoor and outdoor locations throughout the Village. The artwork will be on public display from now through October 2006. Public art program brochures which list the artwork display locations are available at the Algonquin Village Hall.



Artist Bernard Boyle displays his wood carving at the Public Art open house on October 18.

The Village Board adopted a Public Art Master Plan in April 2005 and over the summer the newly-formed Public Arts Commission requested the temporary loan of original artwork for public display. More than 100 pieces of art in a variety of mediums were submitted by artists from across the country. The Algonquin Community Development Department and the Public Arts Commission reviewed the artwork submissions and made a final recommendation of artwork selections, which was approved by the Village Board. An open house was held at the Algonquin Village Hall on October 18 to inaugurate the public art program; many of the artists were on hand to discuss their work with the public and Village officials.

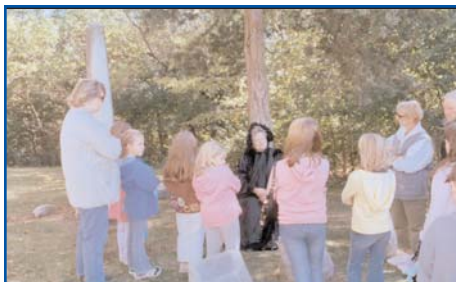
In the summer of 2006, the Village will begin soliciting artwork loans to be considered for display during the second year of its public art program. By virtue of this effort, the community should become a richer place for residents and visitors, and Algonquin's image in the region is more unique. For more information about the public art program, please call the Community Development Department at 847-658-4184.



SEECOM Director Brian Hitchcock demonstrates the technology at the new dispatch center.

Historic Commission News...

Third Annual Cemetery Walk a Success



Residents listen to the tales of Jennie Getzelman (played by Connie Donner) during the 2005 cemetery walk.

More than 350 people saw history come to life during the Algonquin Historic Commission's third annual cemetery walk on Oct. 15.

Each year, the Commission high-

lights the lives of some of our former residents at their gravesites, complete with costumed, volunteer re-enactors. This year's portrayals included: Andrew Doig (played by Jeff Mihelich), who owned a grist mill and a picnic grove that was popular with Victorian tourists; Robert Haeger (Jerry Kautz), a nationally recognized breeder and developer of Holstein cattle who put Algonquin on the map for many years with his livestock auctions; Rev. Peter Arvedson (Eric Woodrum), Algonquin's first minister and founder of numerous Episcopal Churches in the area; Jennie Getzelman (Connie Donner), founder of the Algonquin Women's Club, which helped to establish Towne Park and the Algonquin Library; Renata Duensing (Phyllis Koeppel), who told of the unique role the Duensing Brothers General store played in the village's history; and John and Josephine Janak (Jeff and Mandy Jolitz). Among many other hats he wore in the village, John Janak had a livery, harvested the river ice in winter, ran a tour boat in the summer, and owned the horse-drawn hearse used the 1800s. Mandy Jolitz is the Janaks' great-granddaughter.

History Books Available

Algonquin History Books for Sale—Need gift ideas for your Algonquin friends and neighbors? Give **Conquering the Hills**, which chronicles Algonquin's rich history as a Victorian-era resort town that captured national attention with an annual event pitting the newest mode of transportation—automobiles—against the village's steepest hills from 1906-1913. The 76-page book features more than 50 vintage photographs and illustrations. It is sold for \$10 at Handmade on Main, 320 S. Main St., and Beans and Books, 215 S. Harrison St.

Snow Removal Information

Winter Parking is in Effect as of November 1

As of November 1, it is unlawful to park on any public street in the Village between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. until April 15. (No parking is permitted on Route 31 and Route 62 between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. at any time of the year.) It is unlawful to park in the street any time after a snowfall of 2" or greater. The snowfall parking ban remains in place, for your safety, until snow removal operations have been completed. Residents with special parking issues should contact the Algonquin Police Department at (847) 658-4531. Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Section 5.08 of the Algonquin Municipal Code states that any person occupying property within the Village shall remove the snow and ice accumulating on the abutting sidewalks within 24 hours after any snowfall has ceased. If snow or ice cannot be removed, the surface shall be sanded or otherwise treated to lessen the hazard for pedestrians until the climate permits removal. Please remember that this pertains to all (front, back, side) sidewalks that adjoin your property. When you clear your driveway of snow, do not shovel, blow or plow into the street as it is prohibited per Village Code. This creates a driving hazard for other motorists, especially if the Village plows have already passed through the area.

If you are physically challenged or elderly and need assistance shoveling snow, or if you are willing to volunteer to shovel snow, please call (847) 658-2700.

Snowmobiles

As winter approaches and the snow begins to fly, some residents may have questions regarding the operation of snowmobiles. It is unlawful for snowmobiles to be operated on any street, sidewalk, bicycle path, or park in the Village. Parents should keep in mind that no person under age 10 may operate a snowmobile. There are additional age restrictions and requirements for snowmobile operators per State Statute (see below).

Please remember to be a good neighbor. State law restricts operation of a snowmobile within 100 feet of a dwelling between midnight and 6 a.m. In addition, it is against the law to operate a snowmobile in a tree nursery, within a nature preserve, while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, or on private property without the permission of the owner. For more information concerning snowmobile regulations, call the Police Department at (847) 658-4531, or refer to the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act, Chapter 625, ILCS 40.

Renew Your Vending Stickers Now

According to the Algonquin Municipal Code, a license sticker is required for all vending machines, commercial bowling alleys, shooting galleries, billiard tables, and electronic amusement devices in the Village. Application forms are now available at Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive. An annual fee is required for each license.

For more information, stop by Village Hall or call (847) 658-2700. The annual fee and application are due by January 1, 2006. Licenses expire December 31 of each year.

Christmas Tree Pickup



The Village offers free pickup of Christmas trees. No sticker is required. Waste Management will pick up the trees on your regular trash day if you follow these guidelines:

- Remove all decorations, tinsel, and garlands.
- Keep snow off the tree.
- Cut tree in half if over six feet in length.
- Do not discard the tree in a plastic bag.

Visit www.algonquin.org for more information, or call Village Hall at (847) 658-2700.

Operation A.R.R.E.S.T.

Algonquin's Red-light Running Enforcement Safety Team

The Algonquin Police Department has determined that red-light running is the cause of nearly 35% of all crashes that occur in Algonquin. The majority of these crashes result in injury and many of those are severe. Because of this, the police department has implemented Operation A.R.R.E.S.T. The department will use undercover officers to monitor areas where it has been determined that red-light running is the most prevalent. After observing the violation, the officer will contact a marked unit and the offender will then be stopped further down the road. The main areas of focus will be on Randall Road, Algonquin Road, and Route 31. Citations will cost drivers \$75.00.

There is a National Campaign to Stop Red Light Running and it is dedicated to reducing the incidence of red light running in the United States and the fatalities and injuries it causes. The campaign has assembled a team of leaders from the fields of law enforcement, transportation, engineering, healthcare and emergency medicine, and traffic safety, to tackle this crucial safety issue.

The Algonquin Police Department aims to better inform the public about the seriousness of this all-too-common danger, as well as the law enforcement practices and tools that can make our roadways safer.



OCCUPATIONAL DRIVING TIPS

Be prepared: vehicle emergency kit essentials

You're driving along on a sunny day; troubles are a million miles away. A thought pops into your mind: Are you prepared for inclement weather, a breakdown, or a tire blowout? Still feeling carefree? You can if you carry a vehicle emergency kit in your car.

What does a basic vehicle emergency kit include?

- jumper cables
- reflective triangles
- blanket
- nonperishable, high-calorie food such as nuts and raisins
- flashlight and extra batteries
- first aid kit
- fire extinguisher

What items should I add to my kit for the winter months?

- shovel
- ice scraper
- snow brush
- sand or kitty litter
- freeze-resistant windshield washer fluid
- extra hats, mittens, and socks for each passenger

How do I prepare for a flat tire?

Make sure you have the following items in your trunk:

- spare tire, jack, and lug nut wrench
- small piece of wood (1 foot by 1 foot by 1 inch) to place under the jack to help keep it from sinking into the mud or dirt
- piece of carpet or kneepad to kneel on
- work gloves
- hand cleaner and paper towels

I'm stranded! What do I do?

- Stay inside the car unless you're sure you can reach safety.
- Use a blanket to stay warm and don't keep the engine running.
- Run the engine for a maximum of 10 to 15 minutes at a time, crack open a window, and make sure the tailpipe is not covered with snow.



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