



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Fall 2025

Algonquin Completes Towne Park Redevelopment

The Village of Algonquin held a well-attended ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the reopening of Towne Park, marking the completion of a transformative \$5.7 million reconstruction project that honors the park's historic roots while investing in its future as a vibrant community gathering place.

"Towne Park has always been a place that brings our community together," said Village President Debby Sosine. "It's more than just a park—it's where families picnic, where children laugh and play, where music fills the air during our Summer Concerts, and where history lives on through landmarks like the Mineral Springs site. Today, we begin a new chapter in that story."

The project reflects years of planning and community engagement, including public meetings, stakeholder outreach, and online surveys that helped shape the park's vision and design. The reconstruction was made possible in part by a \$600,000 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.



Families celebrated the grand opening of Algonquin's new Towne Park playground - an exciting community space for all to enjoy.

Winter Parking Regulations

Beginning **October 31**, parking will be prohibited on all public streets in the Village between the hours of **2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.** The winter parking hours will be in effect until April 15, 2026.

In addition, it is unlawful to park on the street after any snowfall of 2 inches or greater unless the street has been cleared of snow. The snowfall parking ban is in place for your safety and will remain in effect until snow removal operations have been completed. Violators will be issued tickets.

Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances. Residents may request parking permission online at www.algonquin.org/police or by contacting Police Department at 847-658-4531.

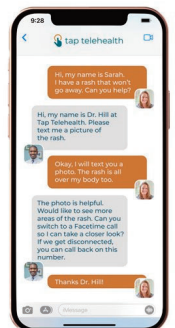
Construction Updates

Crews continue making progress on neighborhood improvements in Willoughby Farms, Brittany Hills, and Canterbury, while Tunbridge Park will soon feature a new playground. At Spella Park, enhancements are moving forward on the new courts and amenities, and additional improvement projects are scheduled to begin this fall. For updates, please visit www.algonquin.org/construction.

Community Telehealth Program Coming Soon

The Village of Algonquin will soon launch a new telehealth program to give residents convenient access to licensed healthcare providers through MD Health Pathways. A \$6.00 monthly fee will appear as a separate line item on residential utility bills. **All households will be automatically enrolled, with the option to opt out at any time.**

A Public Hearing was recently held to review program details. To learn more about how the program works, billing, and opt-out options, please visit www.algonquin.org/telehealth.



Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween trick-or-treat hours in Algonquin are from **3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** on Friday, October 31. Remember to turn a porch light on if you are home and will be handing out treats. Have a safe, fun, and happy Halloween!

Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Nextdoor!

Scooter & E-Bike Safety Rules

With the start of the school year and cooler fall weather ahead, the Village of Algonquin continues to see strong use of electric bikes, scooters, and other motorized recreational devices - especially among youth traveling to and from school or gathering after class. While these devices can be convenient and fun, their popularity has also led to an increase in complaints about unsafe or disruptive behavior. **Reports include riders performing wheelies on Route 31, groups failing to yield to pedestrians on bike paths, clusters blocking roadways, and reckless riding on sidewalks and other restricted areas.**

To address these concerns, the Algonquin Police Department is reminding residents of the Village's ordinance (Section 43.25), which regulates the use of recreational devices on Village property, sidewalks, and roadways: **Non-motorized bikes and scooters are allowed on residential sidewalks when used safely and respectfully. Motorized devices - including e-bikes and electric scooters - are not permitted on sidewalks, parks, or Village-owned property unless specifically authorized.** Unsafe or disorderly operation of any device may result in enforcement actions, including citations or impoundment for repeat violations.

The Police Department's first priority is education, and officers will continue engaging with riders and families to encourage safe and respectful use. However, citations will be issued when necessary to ensure community safety. **Parents are encouraged to review these rules with their children this fall and help reinforce safe riding habits.** By working together,

we can keep Algonquin's streets, sidewalks, and paths safe and enjoyable for everyone.

For more information, please visit www.algonquin.org/police.

Algonquin Recreation Guide

The Fall 2025 Recreation Guide is here! Copies have been mailed to Algonquin households and are also available online. Inside, you'll find a wide variety of programs and activities, including special events, early childhood programs, fitness, athletics, dance, and more. Registration is now open - explore all the offerings and sign up today at rec.algonquin.org

Miracle on Main

Kick off the holiday season at Algonquin's annual Miracle on Main on Saturday, December 6! Enjoy ice sculpting, live music, Santa's reindeer, and of course a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. on Main Street, where holiday cheer will be in full swing. For more details, please visit www.algonquin.org/MiracleOnMain.

Old Town Trick or Treat Trail

Don't miss the Village of Algonquin's Old Town Trick or Treat Trail on Saturday, October 18, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring the family to South Main Street for Halloween fun, including inflatables, games, crafts, sponsor giveaways, and free treats from local businesses. Costumes are encouraged - come ready to celebrate in style! For more fall event details, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation

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Hydrant Flushing Schedule



The Village will be conducting its routine fire hydrant flushing between **September 2 and October 24, weather permitting.** This semiannual maintenance helps ensure that hydrants remain in proper working order while also improving water quality by circulating fresh water through the distribution system. For more details, visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks.

Fall Brush Collection

From **October 2 through December 12, 2025**, Groot will provide free collection of leaves and branches on your regular collection day. Branches must be bundled and may not exceed two inches in diameter, four feet in length, 24 inches in diameter, or 50 pounds in weight. Leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or in reusable containers clearly marked with a large red "X." Please note that loose piles of leaves will not be collected.

Grass clippings and other yard waste will still require a collection sticker, and any bags or cans containing a mix of leaves and other yard waste will also require a sticker. Stickers for garbage and yard waste are interchangeable.

For questions regarding leaf and brush collection, please contact Groot at 847-734-6400.

