



## Algonquin e-News

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### Algonquin's Top Stories from 2025

Here are the most-read Village updates from 2025, highlighting major investments, park improvements, and economic development efforts across Algonquin.

#### Algonquin Unveils Final Master Plan for Willoughby Farms Park



#### Algonquin Completes \$5.7 Million Towne Park Redevelopment



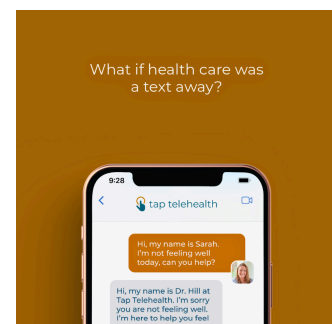
#### Presidential Park Reopens After Major Renovation



#### Algonquin Businesses Recognized for Achievements



#### Algonquin Approves Telehealth Program for Access to Care



# A Year in Review from Village Departments

## Administration

In 2025, Administration supported Village operations while improving how residents access information and services. Key initiatives included delivering the annual community survey, producing the Village calendar and newsletters, expanding online chat and digital services, and launching the Text-A-Physician telehealth program, all while maintaining strong financial oversight recognized through the GFOA Triple Crown.



## Police Department

The Algonquin Police Department focused on safety and service throughout 2025. Officers responded to over 17,000 calls for service, conducted proactive patrols and park checks, and strengthened community connections through partnerships with organizations such as the Algonquin Area Public Library District and Special Olympics Illinois, as well as events like National Night Out.



## Community Development

Community Development guided growth and long-term planning in 2025, including the completion of the Village's Comprehensive Master Plan. Staff reviewed development proposals and issued more than 3,000 permits, supporting reinvestment while ensuring new projects aligned with community goals.



## Public Works

Public Works completed several major improvements in 2025, including the reopening of Presidential Park and Towne Park. Crews improved over six miles of roadway, maintained more than 200 acres of parks and parkways, completed all lead service line replacements, and made progress toward APWA accreditation following approval of the department's first five-year Capital Improvement Plan.



## Recreation

Recreation brought the community together in 2025 through 700+ programs and classes and 25 special events. Highlights included celebrating the reopening of Towne Park and welcoming the return of Algonquin Summer Concerts to the Jerry Kautz Pavilion, restoring a favorite community tradition.



## News You Need to Know in January

### Algonquin Opens 2026 Community Event Sponsorship Program

The Village of Algonquin invites local businesses, nonprofits, and organizations to participate in the Community Sponsorship Program, which supports events and programs throughout the year. The annual application period opened December 1, with priority consideration for Algonquin-

based businesses through January 31. Sponsors receive recognition through event materials, digital platforms, and onsite visibility.

[Learn More](#)

## **Christmas Tree Collection**

Groot will collect Christmas trees at no additional charge on your regular collection day throughout January. No sticker is required. Please be sure to follow the Village's collection guidelines to help ensure trees are picked up and recycled properly.

[Learn More](#)

## **Telehealth Available for Algonquin Residents**

With cold and flu season underway, Algonquin's telehealth program offers residents convenient access to licensed medical professionals from home. Residential utility account holders can connect with a physician by text, phone, or video between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., with no copays, deductibles, or insurance required. The program is available for a \$6 monthly fee on residential utility bills, and households may opt out at any time.

[Learn More](#)

## **Parkway Tree Trimming Schedule**

The Village of Algonquin will be trimming parkway trees in the Willoughby Farms, Gaslight Terrace, and Tunbridge neighborhoods as part of the winter maintenance cycle. Approximately 4,400 trees are scheduled for trimming, with work expected to be completed by April 15, 2026, weather permitting.

[Learn More](#)

## **Holiday Lights Recycling**

Residents can recycle unwanted holiday lights at the Ganek Municipal Center through January 21. The Village has partnered with Elgin Recycling to ensure materials are recycled responsibly. Please review the list of accepted items before dropping off your items.

[Learn More](#)

## **Call for Artists: 2025 Art on the Fox**

Artists are invited to apply for the 2026 Art on the Fox event in Old Town Algonquin. This annual event offers artists the opportunity to showcase their work and connect with the community. Applications are now being accepted.

[Learn More](#)

## **2026 Calendar & Annual Report Available**

The Village's 2026 Calendar and Annual Report is now available online, with printed copies already mailed to residents. The report highlights key accomplishments from the past year and outlines priorities for the year ahead.

[Learn More](#)

## **Winter Weather Reminders**

Winter parking regulations are in effect through April 15, prohibiting parking on public streets between 2–5 a.m. and after snowfalls of 2 inches or more until plowing is complete. Residents

are also required to clear snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall. [Learn more](#) about how you can keep Algonquin moving this winter.

[Learn More](#)

## Popular Annual Financial Report Available

The Village's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is now available online. The report provides a clear, easy-to-read overview of how public funds are managed and how financial decisions support Village services.

[Learn More](#)

A graphic for the 'WINTER SPRING 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE'. It features four photos: a snowman, a family in a car, children with a yellow excavator, and a person in a Bugs Bunny costume. Below the photos is a list of activities: SPORTS PROGRAMS & LEAGUES, TOT PROGRAMS, DANCE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES, NEW YOGA CLASSES, STEAM CLASSES, MARTIAL ARTS, and SPRING EVENTS & MORE!. The Algonquin Recreation logo is at the bottom right of the graphic, with the text 'To learn more, visit us at: rec.algonquin.org'.

### Winter/Spring Recreation Guide Available

The Winter/Spring Recreation Guide is now available online and features a variety of programs for all ages. From fitness classes and youth activities to family events and seasonal programs, there's something for everyone. Registration is now open.

[View & Register for Programs](#)

## Join Our Team!

Employment opportunities with the Village of Algonquin are posted on an ongoing basis. Current openings are listed below for those interested in joining the Village team.

- **Maintenance Worker I - General Services**
- **Lateral Police Officer**

[Submit an Application](#)



## Meetings & Events in January



### Outdoor Warning Siren Test

January 6 | 10:00 a.m.

### Village Board

[Ganek Municipal Center](#)

January 6 & 20 | 7:30 p.m.

### Water/Sewer Utility Bills Due

January 7

### Committee of the Whole

[Ganek Municipal Center](#)

January 13 | 7:30 p.m.

January 20 | 7:45 p.m.

### Historic Commission

[Historic Village Hall](#)

January 14 | 7:00 p.m.

### Historic Commission Workshop

[Historic Village Hall](#)

January 17 & 24 | 7:30 p.m.

### Police Commission

[Ganek Municipal Center](#)

January 21 | 6:00 p.m.

### Police Pension Board

[Ganek Municipal Center](#)

January 28 | 5:00 p.m.

[View the Events Calendar](#)

**"I am committed to being accessible and responsive to the needs of all of our residents."**

Algonquin residents are invited to meet one-on-one with Village President Debby Sosine to ask questions, share concerns, or discuss ideas that matter to you.

[Schedule an Appointment](#)



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