



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2012

Edgewood Drive Opens to Traffic

Edgewood Drive between Hanson Road and Illinois Route 31 (Main Street) has opened to traffic for the winter months. The project consisted of the widening and reconstruction of Edgewood Drive, including curb and gutter, storm sewer, roadway grade adjustments, construction of a multi-use path, replacement of the box culvert over Ratt Creek Tributary, and the replacement of the deck, and repair of abutments to the structure over the creek.

Copenhaver Construction of Gilberts, IL was awarded the project for approximately \$3 million. Federal funding was awarded for this project through the surface transportation program, including a contribution from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program for the construction of a multi-use path on the north side of Edgewood Drive. Funding from these sources comprised of two-thirds of the total project cost.



Edgewood Drive was fully reconstructed in 2012 and features a new pedestrian trail.

Motorists are advised of intermittent lane closures as site restoration and other construction activities continue. Final project completion is scheduled for early 2013.

Upcoming Recreation Events

Join Algonquin Recreation this winter season and check out all of our upcoming events and programs! We are proud to offer adult fitness classes, extended adult trips, various early childhood classes, and special events for the whole family!

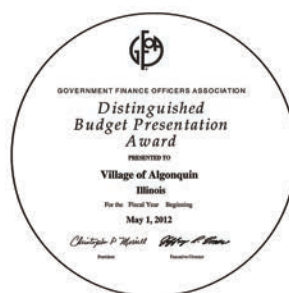
Teen Ski/Snowboard Overnight Trip:	2/8 - 2/9
Snowman Photo Contest:	Photos Due 3/1
Breakfast with the Bunny:	3/16
Algonquin Egg Hunt:	3/23

For more Recreation information or to register, please visit us online at: www.algonquin.org/recreation.

Village Wins Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Village of Algonquin for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan, and as a communications device. This is the ninth year in a row the Village has received this prestigious award.

To view the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget, please visit www.algonquin.org.



Sidewalk Snow Removal

With winter weather officially here, please remember that the Algonquin Municipal Code states that any person occupying a property within the Village shall remove snow and ice accumulating on the adjoining sidewalks within 24 hours after any snowfall has ceased. If snow and 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 code pertains to all front, back, and side area sidewalks that adjoin your property. **Snow should never be blown or shoveled into the public streets as it is prohibited by Village code.** Such placement of the snow may create a driving hazard for motorists, especially if the Village plows have already passed through the area. The Municipal Code is available online at www.algonquin.org.

Winter Parking Regulations

Don't forget that winter parking regulations are in effect and **parking is prohibited on any public street 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, 2013.

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. Residents with special parking issues should contact the Algonquin Police Department at 847-658-4531. Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances.

Holiday Lights Recycling

The Village of Algonquin will be offering holiday lights recycling through January 16 at Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive. A container for your unwanted lights will be available in the Village Hall lobby during normal business hours. Items that will be accepted include mini-lights, C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords of any length. Please be sure to remove all tinsel, garland, and other decoration items from the light sets before they are dropped off. Vintage Tech Recyclers will recycle the light sets collected and help reduce waste sent to landfills.

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Reduce Heating Costs

Stay warm and reduce heating costs this winter by doing the following simple items:

- Caulk around windows and replace weather stripping around doors to seal out cold air.
- Draw curtains closed to decrease drafts at night; open curtains to let in sunshine to help warm the room during the day.
- Lower the thermostat a few degrees at night and when you are not home.
- Wrap up in a blanket or put on a sweater instead of turning up the heat.
- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Tune up your furnace yearly and change furnace filters often.
- Insulate your attic.

Are you doing something "green" at home or work that can be shared with others? The Village is looking for residents, businesses, or groups that are doing more to protect the environment or to preserve natural resources. Nominate yourself for the Gold Leaf Award at www.algonquin.org/eco.

Village Holiday Hours

Village offices will be closed on 12/24, 12/25, and 1/1. Waste Management service will be delayed during the weeks of 12/24 and 12/31. Check www.algonquin.org for your neighborhood's schedule. Happy holidays!

ComEd Appliance Recycling

If you have an older, working second refrigerator or freezer, it's probably costing you more money than you think. Did you know that it could use up to five times more electricity than a newer model, consuming nearly \$150 in energy each year? As part of a program to save energy and the environment, ComEd will pay you \$35 and recycle your old fridge or freezer at no charge—pickup included! For more information, please call 1-888-806-2273, or visit ComEd's website at www.ComEd.com/ApplianceRecycling.

Western Bypass Construction Information

As of December, the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass construction project is on schedule and approximately 10 percent complete. Construction updates are available online at www.algonquin.org and on Facebook (@AlgonquinIL) and Twitter (@VlgAlgonquin).

Christmas Tree Collection

Waste Management will collect Christmas trees at no charge on your normal collection day beginning on December 26 and ending January 18.

In order for a tree to be collected, it must be placed at the curb or the edge of the road by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. All lights and decorations must be removed. Trees should not be placed in plastic bags, and any trees over six (6) feet tall should be cut in half so one person can handle them. Also, trees should be placed on top of the snow. Trees buried under snow could result in Waste Management not collecting them. Please contact Waste Management Customer Service at 1-800-796-9696 with any refuse or recycling inquiries.