



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Fall 2013

Algonquin Receives National GIS Recognition

The Village of Algonquin has been recognized for its Geographic Information System (GIS) applications and their use in the day-to-day operations of various departments. Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) recognizes organizations that embrace GIS technology to improve the world and contribute to the GIS community with its Special Achievement in GIS Award. Algonquin is just one of 175 organizations recognized internationally and the only local government recognized in Illinois this year.

"Algonquin's GIS clearly plays a large role in the Village's business process and operations," stated Fred Kreutzfeldt, an Account Manager with ESRI. "The Special Achievement in GIS Award recognizes Algonquin's utilization of GIS to enhance communication, collaboration, operational efficiency, and customer service."

In addition to the Village's past achievements, the Special Achievement in GIS Award recognizes Algonquin's current initiatives which are designed to provide enhanced mobile GIS technologies to aid both Village staff and public users with real-time information on tablets and smart phones.



Algonquin's GIS is designed to provide constituents, businesses, Village staff, and public agencies with an easy access tool to find GIS information, which is available online at www.algonquin.org/GIS.

Back to School Safety

The long summer break can cause some drivers to forget those driving habits that enhance the safety of children traveling to school. The Algonquin Police Department offers these tips to keep in mind throughout the school year:

- In school zones, speed limits are 20 m.p.h.
- Use of cell phones is prohibited in school zones.
- Stop for school buses that are loading/unloading children.
- Stop for school crossing guards and do not move until the crossing guard is completely out of the intersection.

The Algonquin Police Department provides crossing guards to help children cross streets at several locations. Please take a few minutes to review these safety tips with your children.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween trick-or-treating hours in Algonquin are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, 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!

Winter Parking Regulations

Beginning **November 1, 2013**, 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, 2014.

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.

Marketplace Fairness Act

Internet retailers do not remit sales tax on the goods they sell. This puts small businesses owners and brick and mortar stores in local communities at a disadvantage. Currently, the Marketplace Fairness Act legislation, which would require internet retailers to remit sales taxes just like local businesses, is being debated in Congress. For more information on how the Marketplace Fairness Act impacts Algonquin and the importance of shopping locally, please visit: www.algonquin.org/board.

Harvest Hustle 5K

Join Algonquin Recreation for the first ever Harvest Hustle 5K Walk. This walk will benefit *Recreation for ALL-gonquin*, a scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for Algonquin youth to participate in recreational activities. The event will kick off at 8:00 a.m. at Cornish Park in downtown Algonquin. To register for the walk, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation. Immediately following the walk, the Historic Commission will be giving free walking tours of Old Town. The Downtown Algonquin Partnership will also be holding their annual Fall Harvest Day activities at Cornish Park, located at 101 South Harrison Street in Algonquin.



Fall Cleanup and Recycling Drop-Off

The Village of Algonquin is holding a Fall Recycling Drop-Off Event on Monday, October 14 at Presidential Park (700 Highland Avenue, Algonquin) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This event is being offered in cooperation with Waste Management, Vintage Tech Recyclers, and Charity Pickup Service. Items accepted include lawn furniture, large plastic toys, grills, clean metals, wood-based furniture (dressers, beds, entertainment units), large cardboard boxes, clean wood, aluminum gutters, and various electronics. Please check online for a complete list of accepted and prohibited items for this event.

This event is for Algonquin residents only. Proof of residency will be required at the time of drop-off. Items that are not listed as approved will not be accepted. During this event, residents are required to unload their own vehicle into the appropriate drop areas. Staff will not be able to assist in lifting or carrying the dropped off or donated items. For more information regarding this recycling event, please contact the Ganek Municipal Center at 847-658-2700 or visit us online at: www.algonquin.org/ECO.



Public Art Open House

The Public Arts Commission will hold its annual open house from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 17 to unveil new artworks that were selected for display throughout Algonquin as part of the Village's Public Art Program. Local residents are encouraged to attend the reception at the Ganek Municipal Center, where approximately 35 artworks will be on display. For more information please visit www.algonquin.org.

Holiday Rock on the Fox

Celebrate the holiday season with your family and neighbors at Holiday Rock on the Fox at Riverfront Park on Saturday, December 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join Algonquin Recreation for the community tree lighting, candy cane hunt, visit with Santa and friends, listen to holiday music, and more! For complete details visit us online at: www.algonquin.org/recreation.



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Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. This exercise not only ensures proper operation of each hydrant but helps to move fresh water throughout the distribution system, improving overall water quality. **Flushing will take place between September 16 and November 1, weather permitting.** Please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks for a detailed schedule.

Fall Brush Collection

Free leaf pickup by Waste Management will begin on October 1 for Algonquin residents and will continue through December 13. There is no collection of yard waste from December 16 through March 2014. All leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or in reusable 33-gallon trash containers that are clearly marked. You may use a large, visible red "X" to indicate yard waste. Leaves should not be placed in loose piles.

During this time period, Waste Management will also provide free pickup of branches. The branches must be tied in bundles which are not more than 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter. Grass clippings and other yard waste (such as sod, dirt, or woodchips) will require a collection sticker. Any bags or cans that contain leaves mixed with other yard waste will also require a collection sticker. **Also, please remember that putting leaves or yard debris into the street or on the sidewalk is prohibited by the Algonquin Municipal Code.**