# VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN 2014 CALENDAR & ANNUAL REPORT

#### Dear Resident:

Every year, the Village of Algonquin provides an annual report to its residents and businesses in a calendar format. Your Village elected officials and staff hope this document serves as a valuable tool in the new year while reflecting on the many accomplishments of 2013 and looking forward to those to come in 2014.

Investment in local infrastructure continues to headline the annual accomplishments in 2013. The Highlands subdivision near the Golf Club of Illinois was completely reconstructed and will feature the first LED street lights in Algonquin, which will reduce operating and maintenance costs. Additionally, the Fieldcrest Farms subdivision, which is northwest of the intersection of Hanson Road and Huntington Drive, was resurfaced in 2013.

The Illinois Department of Transportation continued work on the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass in Algonquin. This project has taken shape during 2013 with the intersections of the Western Bypass and Huntington Drive as well as North Main Street being framed in, along with the Western Bypass bridge beams being installed over Algonquin Road. The project is on schedule to be completed by fall of 2014.

Preliminary work and engineering is ongoing for the Randall Road Pedestrian Bridge

(right) near the intersection of Randall Road at Huntington Drive/Bunker Hill Drive. This project received a \$3.1 million federal grant for engineering and construction, which is expected to begin in 2015. Engineering and design work will occur during 2014.



Algonquin's finances remain sound and the Village Board froze the Village's portion of the property tax levy for taxes payable in 2014. This year's property tax levy is at the lowest level since 2007. The Village receives approximately 7 cents on every dollar an Algonquin resident pays in property tax. Other taxing bodies, such as school districts, counties, townships, and other special districts make up the rest of your tax bill.

In December 2013, Standard & Poor's raised the Village of Algonquin's bond rating to AAA, which is the highest rating possible. A bond rating is similar to an individual's credit score, with an AAA rating being equivalent to a perfect credit score of 850. What does this mean for taxpayers? The Village is able to secure low interest rates on bonds (equivalent to a home mortgage) allowing interest expense savings for the community. Algonquin is only one of a handful of municipalities in Illinois with an AAA rating, and the Village's upgrade comes at a time when ratings at the state and federal level are being downgraded.

In addition to Algonquin's bond rating upgrade, the Village's financial management was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for its annual operating and capital budget (10th year in a row) and its comprehensive annual financial report (9th year in a row). Furthermore, the Village was awarded a certificate of achievement for performance measurement by the International City/County Management Association. Municipalities meeting the qualifications of this recognition have demonstrated leadership in continuous improvement and community engagement.

At the General Primary Election in March 2014, Algonquin voters will be asked if the Village should participate in a municipal electrical aggregation program. Electrical aggregation allows local governments to negotiate lower electricity rates for their residential and small business customers. With increased bargaining power, communities throughout Illinois have been able to secure lower rates for residents from an electrical supplier.

Another sign of a recovering economy in Algonquin is the number of new business starts in 2013. Approximately 40 new businesses are now calling Algonquin home. Construction on the Windsor Square Apartments got underway in 2013 with all apartments to be completed by the end of the year. In total, this development will add 220 residential units to Algonquin. Furthermore, construction on a new commercial building on Randall Road south of Harnish Drive began in late 2013, with Sleepy's Mattress Store and a Kay Jeweler's planning occupancy in early 2014.

William Ryan Homes is expected to begin construction on single-family homes in The Coves III

subdivision, which is located just east of Square Barn Road on Algonquin's west side. When completed, this development will add over 40 townhomes and 65 single-family homes (right) to the Village. Additionally, retail and dining interest in Algonquin's commercial corridors, including Algonquin Road, Main Street, and Randall Road, remains high with the Village expecting to announce several new and expanding businesses in 2014.



The Algonquin Police Department received the Tier II Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation in 2013. The accreditation process, which was a rigorous, multi-year process, demonstrates the professionalism of the department and the quality of service delivery to the community.

As our introduction comes to a close, we encourage you to check out all of the community events listed throughout the calendar. Whether it is the expanded Art on the Fox event in June, Founders' Days at their new location at Algonquin Lakes Park in July, the revamped Fall Harvest Day featuring the Harvest Hustle 5K in October, or the Holiday Rock on the Fox event in December, we hope to see you there!

Please take the time to review the annual report contents of each month and see why the community can be proud of 2013 and excited for the prospects that 2014 brings. Your elected officials and staff remain committed to making Algonquin the best possible place to live, work, and play! Throughout the year, be sure to visit us online (www.algonquin.org) on our website or on our social media pages (on Facebook @AlgonquinIL or on Twitter @ VlgAlgonquin) to keep in the loop of community happenings. The Village of Algonquin would like to wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2014!

### Elected Officials & Form of Government



John Schmitt Village President Term 2013-2017



Brian Dianis Village Trustee Term 2013-2017



Debby Sosine Village Trustee Term 2011-2015



Jerry Kautz

Village Clerk

Term 2013-2017

Bob Smith Village Trustee Term 2013-2017

Jim Steigert

Village Trustee

Term 2011-2015



Jerry Glogowski Village Trustee 7 Term 2013-2017



John Spella Village Trustee Term 2011-2015

The Village of Algonquin is formally organized under the Trustee-Village form of government and combines the strong political leadership of elected officials (in the form of the Village Board) with the professional experiences of an appointed local government administrator. The Board consists of a President, six Trustees, and a Village Clerk, elected at large to serve overlapping four-year terms. The Board appoints the Village Manager to carry out its directives and oversee the delivery of public services. The Village Manager also supervises the daily operations of the Village and all of its departments.

In 1995, the Board passed an ordinance that modeled the Village's government after the Council-Manager form. According to the Illinois City/County Management Association, "Under the council-manager form, power is concentrated in the elected council, which hires a professional administrator to implement its policies. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the council and has responsibility for preparing the budget, directing day-to-day operations, hiring and firing personnel, and serving as the council's chief policy advisor."

### **Meeting Schedule**

#### VILLAGE BOARD

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

#### HISTORIC COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Workshops 3rd & 4th Saturdays of each month at 8:30 a.m. at Historic Village Hall, 2 South Main Street, Algonquin

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

2nd Thursday of January, March, May, June, September, and November at 7:00 p.m. at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

#### POLICE COMMISSION

3rd Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at 6:30 p.m. at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

#### POLICE PENSION BOARD

Last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at 5:00 p.m. at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin



## Financials & Budget

The total budget for the Village of Algonquin for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 is approximately \$39 million. The operating budget for the year is approximately \$19 million, \$7 million for water and sewer operations, and an additional \$12.7 million being invested in roads, sewers, and other infrastructure.

The budget received the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014. This is the tenth year in a row the Village has received this prestigious award. The Village has also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. This is the ninth year the Village has received the award.

These awards represent a significant achievement by the Village. It reflects the commitment of the Village Board and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting and finance.

In December 2013, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its long-term rating for the Village of Algonquin to AAA from AA+ based on its recently released local government criteria. This is a significant accomplishment for local governments amidst recent rating downgrades experienced at the state and federal levels. Bond ratings are similar to an individual credit score. The rating of AAA is the equivalent of an excellent credit score, typically in the range of 750 to 850. The AAA allows the Village to save taxpayer money by securing lower interest rates for bond issues. Algonquin is one of only a few municipalities in Illinois with a AAA rating.

For more information visit www.algonquin.org/ finance.

## JANUARY

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E	6	7	New Year's Day 8	9	10	11
5	6		8	9	10	11
		Village Board Meeting				
12	13	7:30 p.m. 14	15	16	17	18
	13		13	10	Christmas Tree Collection Ends*	10
	Planning & Zoning	Committee of the Whole				
	Commission -7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.				
19	20 Village Offices Closed	21 Village Board Meeting	22	23	24	25
	Martin Luther King Day					
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.				*Trees must be unbagged, free of tinsel, and less than 6 feet in height.

## Construction



Road construction continues to be an annual focus in Algonquin. The largest ongoing project in the Village is the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass. The past year saw four new lanes of pavement laid down on Algonquin Road. This year also saw the creation of the embankments for the ramps and bridge, the setting of the foundation, and the raising of the beams for the bridge. The plan is on schedule to be completed in fall of 2014.

Also, several other local projects were completed. The Highlands subdivision repairs consist of asphalt replacement, base repair, curb and gutter, sidewalk replacement, and electrical/lighting work. Fieldcrest Farms subdivision was also redone with curb patching, sidewalk repair, driveway approach replacement, storm sewer point repairs, intermittent base patching, and replacement of asphalt surface.

As identified in the Water System Master Plan Update, completed in 2012, a 16" water main was installed through Towne Park to the west. This improvement replaces an 8" cast iron water main while providing greater operational flexibility and capacity to serve commercial and industrial users along Algonquin Road and in the Algonquin Industrial Park.

For more up-to-date information on construction projects in Algonquin, please visit www.algonquin.org.

### FEBRUARY

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2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8	
9	10 Planning & Zoning Commission -7:30 p.m.	11 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	
16	-	18 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22	
23	24		26	27	28		

## Community Survey

Excellent 23% Poor Fair Good 15% 60% Overall Appearance Neither Safe nor Insafe, 8 Somewhat Very Safe, Safe, 35% 53% DoYou Feel Safe After Dark? Excellent 19% Poor Good 60% Fair 18% Recreation Quality

In September 2013, the Algonquin Community Survey was sent to 1,500 randomly selected households in the community. Village staff was responsible for designing, administering, tabulating, and reporting the results of the Algonquin Community Survey.

Within the questionnaire, many questions pertained to the Quality of Life in Algonquin. The majority of residents surveyed, more than 91%, rated Algonquin is an "Excellent" or "Good" place to live and raise children. Over 93% of residents considered Algonquin's Shopping Opportunities "Excellent" or "Good." Cleanliness of our community rated exceptionally high; approximately 90% surveyed rated cleanliness at "Excellent" or "Good." Approximately 90% of residents surveyed considered Village staff's knowledge, responsiveness, courteousness, and overall satisfaction "Excellent" or "Good."

Of the 1,500 surveys distributed, 379 were returned, reflecting a 25.3% overall response rate. Further delineating response rate by geography, residents east of the Fox River had a 25.5% response rate, residents west of the Fox River and east of Randall Road had a 25.4% response rate, and residents west of Randall Road had a 22.6% response rate. Seven respondents did not indicate in what area of Algonquin they resided.

View the survey results online at www.algonquin.org/VillageManager.

## MARCH

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2	3	4 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10 Planning & Zoning Commission -7:30 p.m.	11 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	12	13	14	15
16		18 Election Day Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23/30		25 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	26	27	28	29

## Emergency Action Plan



Between April 16 and May 5 of 2013, a series of severe storms led to flooding in northern Illinois, including Algonquin. The flooding impacted approximately 50 homes in Algonquin and required closures of some streets and parks. The flooding crested at 12.42 feet with a flow about five times normal volume. To combat the water, Algonguin Public Works personnel filled 14,000 sandbags for resident use. The state of Illinois reimbursed the Village \$85,195.35 for FEMA flood reimbursement to help offset the cost of repairing the damaged sea wall at Center & Willow Streets, overtime labor costs to clear debris, fill and deliver sandbags, and equipment costs to remove debris.

The Village was fortunate to have volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scout Troops #151 and #152, and the Algonquin Law Enforcement Explorers to help place and fill sandbags.

The Village of Algonquin has taken a proactive approach to dealing with this and other possible natural disasters. Village personnel routinely undertake emergency management drills and simulations ranging from severe weather to natural disasters. Village personnel have even been certified through FEMA for Emergency Management.

Everyone should have an emergency action plan. This plan should include what to do during the event of a fire, severe weather, natural disaster, or other emergency. It is also a good idea to have a first aid kit, enough water for three days, and a supply of dried food for emergencies. For more tips and an emergency preparedness guide, visit ready.illinois.gov.

### APRIL

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
		Election Day Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.				Egg Hunt Spring Cleanup Central		
13	14	15 Winter Parking Restriction Ends	16	17	18	19		
	Planning & Zoning Commission -7:30 p.m.	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.			Village Offices Closed Good Friday	Spring Cleanup West		
20	21	22 Committee of the Whole	23	24	25	26		
Easter 27	28	7:30 p.m. 29	30					

## Parks and Recreation



To ensure quality, the Algonquin Recreation Department surveyed participants about existing programs and events. 84% of respondents rated Recreation programs at a "Good" or "Excellent" level. Special events were particularly enjoyed with all respondents rating the events "Excellent." The most attended event was the Summer Concert Series, bands HiFi Superstar and Liberty's Teeth being the favorites.

The Algonquin Community Pool was also a subject of inquiry. 81% of respondents indicated their trip to the pool was "Good" or "Excellent," with the Splashpad receiving high marks. 91% of respondents said they would return to the pool the next year.

Numerous park improvements were accomplished this year. The basketball court at Riverfront Park and the tennis courts at Willoughby Farms Park received rehabilitation which included patch repair, surface leveling, and new paint and striping. Throughout the winter season, the arbor at Riverfront Park will be repaired.

As the popularity of our parks grows, so does the need for pavilion reservations. You may now reserve the pavilions at Hill Climb Park South, Willoughby Farms Park, Riverfront Park, Cornish Park, and, upon completion of construction, Towne Park.

For more information regarding park amenities or to reserve a park pavilion, visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

### MAY

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April	June			1	2	3
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4	5	6 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day	Planning & Zoning Commission -7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.				e-Waste Recycling Event
18	-	20	21	22	23	24
		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				Pool Opens for the Season
25	26 Trash and recycle coll		28 iday collection will be on Sa	29 turday.	30	31
	Village Offices Closed Memorial Day	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.				

## Vehicles



Our evolving fleet is becoming more versatile with the increased utilization of dual-purpose vehicles and equipment. With the purchase of dual-use vehicles and equipment, fewer vehicles are needed, which reduces operating costs, including maintenance, fuel, insurance, and storage space.

The photos to the left show various attachments used in the operation of vehicles and equipment in our Public Works Department.

A vactor truck was purchased in 2013. This sewer cleaning vehicle uses less water and has up to 34% better fuel economy. The vactor can carry up to 1,500 gallons of water for flushing and employs a 2,000-gallon debris tank to collect materials.

Two "compressed natural gas" vehicles were added to our fleet. The two 2012 Dodge Ram CNG vehicles replaced two 2001 Ford pickup trucks. An analysis of vehicle operation indicates a reduction of gasoline use by 456 gallons and reduction of carbon emissions by nearly 4 metric tons, or approximately the annual emissions of one passenger vehicle. Initial estimates suggest the cost savings to exceed \$48,000 over the expected life of the vehicles.

New digital recording systems for police vehicles were installed. As shown in the center photo, certified fleet technicians install and repair these new systems.

This equipment allows the Village of Algonquin to maintain high service levels with a lower cost by getting as much out of its equipment as possible.

For more information, visit www.algonquin.org/ publicworks.

## JUNE

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.					
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	Planning & Zoning	Committee of the Whole					
	Commission -7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.				Art on the Fox	
Art on the Fox	16	17 Village Board Meeting	18	19	20	21	
Father's Day		7:30 p.m.					
22	23	Committee of the Whole	25	26	27	28	
		7:30 p.m.		Summer Concert Series			
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## Storm Water



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One of the unique niches managed by the Public Works Department is the maintenance of the Village's natural areas and green infrastructure. The Village owns approximately 270 acres of this passive recreation space.

Farming practices, followed by heavy residential and commercial development, altered the natural landscape of the Village. With that landscape change came impacts to the environment. Streams began to erode and invasive species established themselves in natural areas. This caused loss of habitat as well as decreases in the ability for water to naturally infiltrate and replenish groundwater aquifers.

In the past year, Village staff participated in the creation of two watershed plans in order to protect our existing natural open spaces as well as provide guidance for future development of the land. The Woods Creek Watershed Plan and the Jelkes Creek-Fox River Watershed Plan will both help to ensure proper planning and water quality improvements as we move forward with the growth and continued improvements to the community.

In our recent survey, more than 82% of residents surveyed considered the Village's preservation of natural areas rating them as "Excellent" or "Good."

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

### JULY

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		Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.		Summer Concert Series		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Planning & Zoning Commission -7:30 p.m.	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.		Summer Concert Series		
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		Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.		Summer Concert Series	Founde	r's Days
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				Summer Concert Series		

## Mapping & GIS

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Geographic Information System (GIS) is a mapping tool used by the Village of Algonquin to create maps with data. These data can range from an address to a type of tree. GIS is used for many projects around the Village to enhance effectiveness of the staff.

There are also public uses for GIS. Since GIS is online, it can be accessed anywhere and by anyone. The Village has created many mobile-friendly maps for our residents and visitors to use while roaming through the Village.

The Algonquin Interactive Map Viewer allows citizens to retrieve information about general areas around the Village such as voting districts, taxing districts, school districts, and garbage schedules. You can also find nearby Village facilities, parks, fire stations, and other useful locations.

If you fancy a bike ride, the Bike Route Map will be very helpful. It has the locations and paths of all the bike routes in the Village and what is near to your route. If you're looking for a tougher challenge, this map allows you to find the elevation of the various bike routes. This works in combination with the Downtown Bike Map to show you fun areas in the downtown. If you want to wander around, these maps show where to park your bike, too.

Before you visit downtown Algonquin, check out the Downtown Business Directory Map. It has a list of restaurants, quaint shops, and attractions to see while you're there. You may discover something you never knew existed!

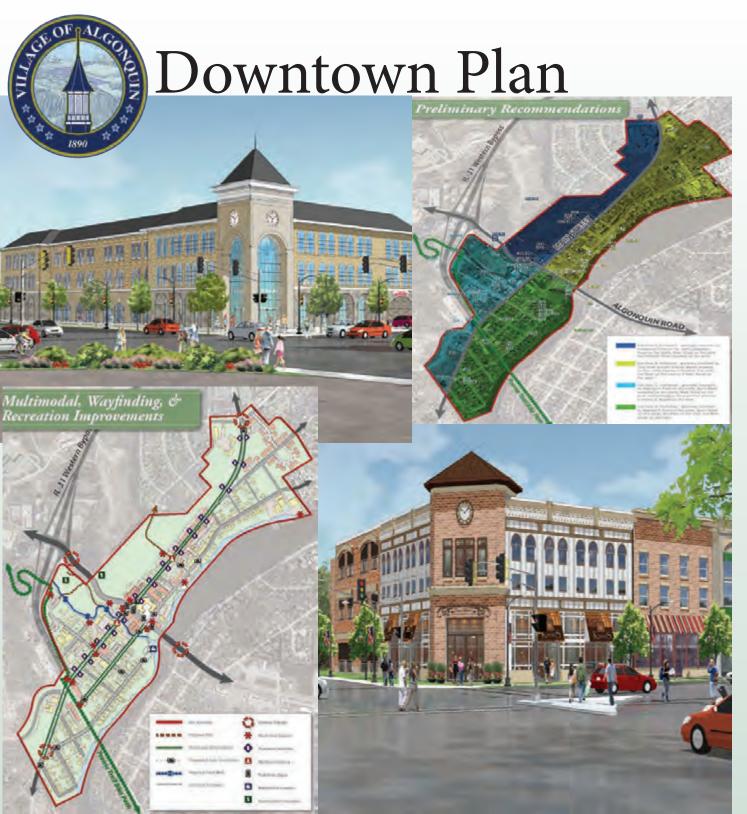
Care not to wheel but walk? The Old Town Walking Tour Map will guide your stroll through aesthetic historical buildings on your iPad or tablet. Read through interesting facts about historical structures and sites. You will be surprised what a distinctive community you live in.

The Village of Algonquin received an international award for our use of GIS. This prestigious award has been granted to only a few municipalities in the United States.

For more information about these and other GIS features, visit www.algonquin.org/GIS.

### AUGUST

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Village Board Meeting  Summer Concert S	eries						
10 11 12 13	14 15	16					
Planning & Zoning Committee of the Whole							
Commission -7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Summer Concert S	eries						
17 18 19 20	21 22	23					
Village Board Meeting							
7:30 p.m.        24/31      25      26      27	28 20	20					
24/31 25 26 27	28 29	30					
8/31 Pool Closes  Committee of the Whole    7:30 p.m.							



In March 2013, the Village Board adopted the Downtown Algonquin Planning Study to provide policy guidance for the long-term success of the downtown Algonquin area. The intent is to transform "Old Town" Algonquin into a vibrant business district, as the Western Bypass project not only alleviates traffic congestion but provides an opportunity to return Main Street to the community.

In order to create a vibrant downtown, the Village prepared a strategic action plan for enhancing "Old Town" Algonquin as a walkable, mixed-use business district. Based on a series of public input meetings, direction from stakeholders involved in the downtown, community- wide surveys, and rich public dialogue, the plan outlines improvement strategies and priorities for the heart of our community.

These strategies include:

1. Restructure the downtown economy into a broader range of uses and services that create and attract long-term sustainability. In particular, an increase in residential and office uses in and around downtown should be considered to help support the existing footprint of the core commercial area;

2. Preserve large areas of historically significant buildings while identifying key redevelopment sites with conceptual structures that blend in with the historic nature of downtown;

3. Enhance the pedestrian and bicycling opportunities throughout downtown, including safe crosswalks at Algonquin Road;

4. Empower and broaden the scope and participation of the Downtown Algonquin Partnership;

5. Enhance and increase recreational activities and opportunities downtown, particularly those highlighting the Fox River;

6. Expand special events and activities to draw more visitors downtown.

The Old Town Plan was funded through a \$90,000 federal grant the Village received from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). This plan was adopted by the Algonquin Village Board in March 2013.

View the complete plan at www.algonquin.org.

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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	Trash and re	cycle collection delayed by o	ne day. Friday collection wil	l be on Saturday.			
	Village Offices Closed Labor Day	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	Planning & Zoning Commission -7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.					
14		16	17	18	19	20	
		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				It's Our River Day	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
		Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.					
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## Police Accreditation

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The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) announced that the Algonquin Police Department was awarded Tier II Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation. Within the State of Illinois 15 law enforcement agencies have received accreditation, and only six are honored with a Tier II accreditation.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) is the ongoing process whereby law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Illinois evaluate policy and procedures against established criteria. These criterions are then verified by an independent and authoritative body, the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Council.

In the past year the Algonquin Police Department secured 24 grants amounting to over \$62,000 to help offset the cost of traffic enforcement, bulletproof vests, tobacco compliance, narcotics task force, and equipment purchases.

Quality Ratings in the Community Survey regarding public safety and police are quite impressive. 87.2% of respondents rated overall police services as either "Excellent" or "Good," boasting that 911, Crime Prevention, and Call Response were rated over 96% at "Excellent" or "Good."

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

## OCTOBER

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5	6	7 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11 Harvest Hustle
12	13 Village Offices Closed Columbus Day Planning & Zoning Commission -7:30 p.m.	14 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	29	30	31 Trick-or-Treating Hours 3:00pm-7:00pm Halloween	

## Code Enforcement







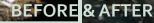
The Village of Algonquin requires all businesses and residents to maintain their property. This ensures that the quality of life remains high within the Village by maintaining property values and the health and safety of all persons within Algonquin. Please be reminded of the following common violations:

Sidewalk/Street Clearance - Overgrown vegetation is a common cause for the blockage of the clear passage of the public sidewalk and street areas. It is required that all privately-owned trees are pruned up at least 10 feet from any public street area and 8 feet from over any public walk area to avoid interference from hanging tree limbs. The Village will only conduct the pruning of vegetation within right-of-way (parkway) areas.

Dead Trees - With the regional devastation of the emerald ash borer on ash trees and other such tree infestations and/or diseases, please remember that property owners are required to remove any dead trees on private property within three months. Tree removal permits are required for the removal of any tree with a trunk diameter larger than 10 inches or when four or more trees are removed from any one property for any reason. Tree removal permit applications are available at the Ganek Municipal Center; there is no cost for this type of permit.

Although a few unsightly properties are highlighted to the left, close to 83% of residents within the Village feel the overall appearance of the Village of Algonquin is "Excellent" or "Good." Approximately 77% of residents surveyed felt rundown buildings, weed control, or junk vehicles were either "Minor" or "Not a Problem."

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



### NOVEMBER

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		Election Day				
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Daylight Saving Time Ends		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Village Offices Closed				
		Veterans Day				
	Planning & Zoning	Committee of the Whole				
	Commission -7:30 p.m.	1 1				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Village Board Meeting				
23/30	24	7:30 p.m. 25	26	27	28	29
25/50	21	2.5	20	27	20	27
				Trash and recycle collection	lelayed by one day. Friday coll	ection will be on Saturday.
		Committee of the Whole		Village Offices Closed		
		7:30 p.m.		Thanksgiving Day	Village Offices Closed	

## **Plowing Operations**

In the winter months, one of the primary responsibilities of the Public Works Department is to remove snow from Village streets and Village-owned property. Each lane of a Village street requires two to three passes to clear, depending on the width and type of road and intensity of the storm.

Snow and ice removal rated high with an importance rating of over 82%. Residents surveyed felt this service was of high to medium importance. The quality rating came in with 77% of residents surveyed feeling the Village was doing an "Excellent" to "Good" job.

Village thoroughfares are pre-treated up to 24 hours before a storm with a brine and beet juice solution. The non-corrosive solution helps the salt brine adhere to the surface so it lasts longer and has more of a melting effect once ice and snow arrive, causing less salt to be needed later. This solution will not work if it is applied when rain falls prior to snow.

The Public Works Department is responsible for plowing and maintaining 133.26 miles of streets within the Village. Depending on the storm intensity, pavement temperature, air temperature and wind velocities, one plow truck may hit a single street eight times, putting over 190 miles on one vehicle.

During snow plowing season, mailbox damage may occur from our snow plows. If your mailbox is damaged, check your homeowners' association agreement. Many of these contain provisions for mailbox replacement. Otherwise, contact the Public Works Department by submitting a Service Request online by visiting www.algonquin.org/publicworks.

### DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				on the Fox	
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	Planning & Zoning	Committee of the Whole					
	Commission -7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.					
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		Committee of the Whole		Village Offices Closed			
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#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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847-658-8233 847-669-5066 847-426-2131 847-639-2121

630-232-6840 815-338-2144

847-658-2700 847-658-4184 847-658-4531 847-658-2754 847-854-3440 847-458-7677 847-658-2716 847-658-4322

#### **Village of Algonquin**

EMERGENCY
Ganek Municipal Center -Village Hall
Community Development
Police Department (Non-Emergency)
Public Works
Water Billing
Pool (Summer Only)
Recreation
Historic Commission

#### **Fire Protection Districts**

#### **County Sheriffs**

EMERGENCY
Kane County Sheriff
McHenry County Sheriff

#### Townships

Algonquin Township Dundee Township Grafton Township

847-639-2700 847-428-8092 847-669-3328

#### WATER SYSTEM STATUS



Check signs posted throughout town, check the Village's website (www.algonquin.org), or call 847-658-2700 to check the current water status. Status regulations are as follows:

Conservations Green signs indicate outside water use is permitted except for watering landscaping and lawns, which is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Even/Otth Yellow signs indicate even/odd days for watering before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days, before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm.

Even/Odd 600-900 AME Orange signs indicate even/odd days for watering only between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 am. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

Restricted Red signs indicate no outside water is allowed at any time. This includes all use of water outside, such as washing vehicles, power washing, and watering landscaping.

The Village has a zero tolerance policy for illegal watering and tickets will be issued for illegal watering.

#### **School Districts**

School Districts	
Community Unit School District 300	847-426-1300
Consolidated School District 158	847-659-6158
Park Districts and Departments	
Village of Algonquin Recreation	847-658-2716
Barrington Countryside Park District	847-783-6722
Dundee Township Park District	847-428-7131
Huntley Park District	847-669-3180
Library	
Algonquin Area Public Library District - Main Branch	847-458-6060
Algonquin Area Public Library District - Eastgate Branch	847-658-4343
Non- Municipal Utilities	
AT&T	800-288-2020
Comcast	800-COMCAST
ComEd	800-EDISON -1
Nicor	800-NICOR4U
Waste Management	800-796-9696
J.U.L.I.E.	800-892-0123
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