



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2014

John Bucci Selected as Next Police Chief

On December 16, John Bucci was sworn in as Chief of the Algonquin Police Department. John began his career in law enforcement in 1998 and subsequently joined the Algonquin Police Department in March of 2000. John has served as a patrol officer, a DARE officer, a detective, and a defensive tactics instructor. During John's career with Algonquin, he has served as a member of the McHenry County Gang Unit, a member of the McHenry County Major Investigation Assistance Team, and he currently holds the position of Secretary for the McHenry County Chiefs of Police Association. John was promoted to Sergeant in January of 2010. He attended the FBI National Academy in 2011 and received his Master's Degree in Public Safety Administration in 2012.



Chief John Bucci was sworn in as Police Chief on December 16

John previously served as Deputy Chief of Operations since 2013 and replaces Russ Laine who retired in December after serving nearly 30 years as Police Chief in Algonquin. For more information about the Algonquin Police Department, please visit www.algonquin.org/police.

Property Tax Levy Freeze

The Algonquin Village Board unanimously approved freezing the current property tax levy for the 2014 tax year at their meeting on November 18. The 2014 property tax levy, which is payable by property owners in 2015, is the lowest levy for the Village of Algonquin since 2007.

In each of the past six years, Algonquin's property tax levy has either been frozen or has decreased from the prior year's levy. The Village of Algonquin's property tax rate ranks among the lowest for a municipality in the regional area. The Village receives approximately \$0.06 of every \$1.00 paid in property taxes, or six percent of a resident's overall tax bill, with the remainder being paid to other taxing bodies such as schools, counties, and other special districts. For more information regarding Village of Algonquin financial information, please visit www.algonquin.org/finance.

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 2014-2015 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 11th year in a row the Village has received this prestigious award.**

To view the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget, please visit www.algonquin.org/VillageManager.



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 weather 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, 2015.

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 19 at the Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive. A container for your unwanted lights will be available in the first floor 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. Elgin Recyclers will recycle the light sets collected and help reduce waste sent to landfills.

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Adopt-a-Hydrant Program

Algonquin has over 2,200 fire hydrants in need of adoption. Winter storms often bury fire hydrants, making it difficult to locate quickly. It becomes impossible to keep all hydrants clear of snow in a timely manner, which costs firefighters valuable time to locate and access. By adopting a fire hydrant closest to your home or business and keeping it clear of snow, you can help to keep the community safer.



When maintaining a hydrant, a three-foot area should be cleared around the entire hydrant and a path shoveled from the roadway to the fire hydrant. This will allow fire department personnel to quickly locate the hydrant and obtain a water supply.

Thank you for keeping the fire hydrants clear of snow and the community safer! More information about the Adopt-a-Hydrant program is available online at www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.

Village Holiday Hours

Village offices will be closed on 12/24, 12/25, and 1/1. Groot service will be delayed by one day during the weeks of 12/21 and 12/28. Check www.algonquin.org for your neighborhood's schedule. Happy holidays!

2014 Snowman Photo Contest

Build the best snowman in town this year! Get your family together and make a snowman during one of this year's snowfalls. After you have built your snowman, stand next to it and have someone take a picture.

Submit photos to recreation@algonquin.org (electronic photos only). Photos are due by March 9, 2015. Winners will be published in a future recreation guide and on our website.

For more information or to browse and register for recreation programs, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.



2014 Snowman Photo Contest Winner

Christmas Tree Collection

Groot will collect Christmas trees at no charge on your normal collection day throughout the month of January.

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 your scheduled 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 Groot not collecting them. Please contact Groot Customer Service at 1-800-244-1977 with any refuse or recycling inquiries.

