

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN

2015 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 2014 and looking forward to those to come in 2015.

Investment in local infrastructure continues to top the annual accomplishments in 2014. Highlighting the list is the Western Bypass which opened in September. The Bypass relieved the congestion clogging the downtown area and eliminated truck traffic on Main Street. The entire project, including planning and engineering, was funded by a \$63.5 million commitment from the state, \$22.1 million from the federal government and local contributions paying for the remainder.

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The Village also continues to work with Kane County on the Longmeadow Parkway Fox River Bridge Corridor. The project consists of a proposed four-lane Fox River Bridge crossing and four-lane arterial roadway corridor with a median, approximately 5.6 miles in length, to alleviate traffic congestion in northern Kane County. The proposed road passes through areas of Algonquin, Carpentersville, and Barrington Hills, as well as unincorporated areas of Kane County. Portions of the project are projected to go out to bid late in 2015.

The Village is in the final stages of a new pedestrian bridge over Randall Road at Bunker Hill Drive/Huntington Drive. A federal grant is subsidizing 80 percent of the work, while Algonquin and McHenry County are splitting the remaining 20 percent. Its purpose is to improve safety for pedestrians and encourage the use of non-motorized transportation to access Jacobs High School, Advocate Sherman Hospital, and commercial areas along Randall Road. The project is projected to go out to bid in 2015.

Other construction projects that began or were completed in 2014, include the resurfacing of Boyer Road, Bunker Hill resurfacing and reconfiguration, Edgewood Drive reconstruction, Cooper Oaks resurfacing, Indian Grove reconstruction, and the Souwanas Creek restoration. Our ongoing goal is to manage the Village's infrastructure in a manner that minimizes the total cost of owning and operating it, while continuously delivering the standard that the community expects. This is done through our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which identifies each proposed capital project to be undertaken, the year the assets will be acquired or the project started, the amount of funds expected to be expended in each year of the CIP, and the way the expenditure will be funded.

Algonquin's finances remain sound and the Village Board froze the Village's portion of the property tax levy for taxes payable in 2015. This year's property tax levy is at the lowest level since 2007. The Village receives approximately 6 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.

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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 (11th year in a row) and its comprehensive annual financial report (10th 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.

In 2014 the Village enacted a downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to promote the revitalization of under-utilized properties and the overall improvement of the downtown area. With the TIF development tool, the Village can make the improvements needed and provide incentives to attract new businesses or help existing businesses stay and expand. A TIF accomplishes this without tapping into general municipal revenues or raising taxes. Using the Downtown Planning Study as its guide, the Village is working to grow the downtown based on its unique assets: distinctive buildings, the Fox River, personal service, local ownership, and a sense of community.

As part of its Downtown Redevelopment Strategy, the Village partnered with the Village of Carpentersville to obtain a federal grant to study the Fox River in a regional context by exploring opportunities for improved access to and promoting more use of the river corridor. The goals of the corridor plan for the Fox River are to increase access to the river, improve water quality, and enhance the downtown area of each community. The project area starts at approximately Klasen Road in Algonquin to the north and ends at Carpentersville's southern border.

Another sign of a recovering economy in Algonquin is the new investments being made in our Village. Riverside Plaza, 1 North Main Street, Algonquin, was completed with 63 luxury apartments with 9,600 square feet of ground-level retail shops and on-site parking. Riverside Plaza is an example of how holding the line and sticking to a long-term development strategy continues to benefit our community. This project represents a significant step towards ensuring the long-term economic and cultural viability of our historic downtown. Riverside Plaza will increase the number of residents in downtown Algonquin, who are expected to support existing businesses, and help attract new dining, retail, and service establishments.

On the commercial front, Gander Mountain opened a 52,000-square-foot store at 1400 South Randall Road, adjacent to the Walmart Supercenter. Gander Mountain is an outdoor specialty store serving those who enjoy great traditions like hunting, fishing, hiking, boating, and camping. Additionally, Goodwill opened a new thrift store in the former True Value building at 1430 East Algonquin Road. Finally, Community Unit School District 300 moved its headquarters to Algonquin, erecting a new 32,200-square-foot administration building that will house 100 staff members on property it owns near Jacobs High School at Golden Eagle Drive and Harnish Drive.

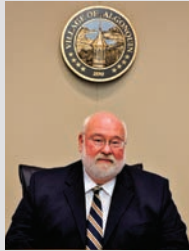
Retail and dining interest in Algonquin's commercial corridors, including Algonquin Road, Main Street, and Randall Road, remains high with the Village expecting to announce several new and expanding businesses in 2015.

From a service standpoint, the most significant change in 2014 was the change in residential refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection services. Following a competitive process, Groot was the low bidder, coming in at a lower price than the incumbent hauler, Waste Management. Consequently, the Village Board approved a five-year agreement with Groot, maintaining the current format of a volume-based (sticker) program with free curbside recycling services.

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 in July, 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 2014 and excited for the prospects that 2015 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 (Facebook@AlgonquinIL or Twitter@VlAlgonquin) to keep in the loop of community happenings. The Village of Algonquin would like to wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2015!

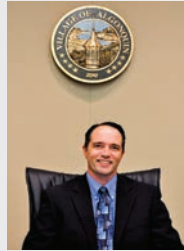
Elected Officials & Form of Government



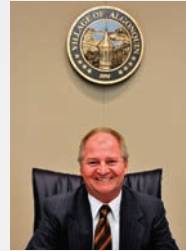
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Village President
Term 2013-2017



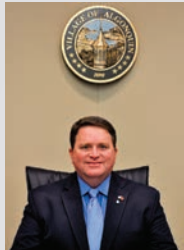
Jerry Kautz
Village Clerk
Term 2013-2017



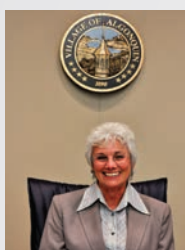
Brian Dianis
Village Trustee
Term 2013-2017



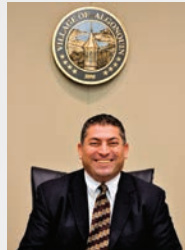
Jerry Glogowski
Village Trustee
Term 2013-2017



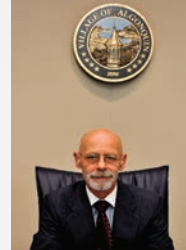
Bob Smith
Village Trustee
Term 2013-2017



Debby Sosine
Village Trustee
Term 2011-2015



John Spella
Village Trustee
Term 2011-2015



Jim Steigert
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

The following Commissions meet as needed:

Electrical Commission

Liquor Commission

Public Arts Commission



Award Winning Financials

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In addition to Algonquin's bond rating upgrade, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced that the Village of Algonquin has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. This is the 11th year in a row the Village has received this prestigious award.

The Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget is available for viewing online at:
www.algonquin.org/VillageManager.



January

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Trash and recycle collection delayed by one day. Thursday collection will be Friday and Friday on Saturday.

Village Offices Closed
New Year's Day

Village Board Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning
Commission - 7:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
7:30 p.m.

Village Offices Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Village Board Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
7:30 p.m.



Coldest Temperatures In Memory

Algonquin and its residents experienced the harsh effects of the polar vortex during the winter of 2014. The blast of dangerously cold air gripped the Midwest, in particular the Chicagoland area, and set new records for harshly cold temperatures. The temperature dropped to minus 16 degrees, breaking the existing record of minus 15 degrees recorded in 1894 and tied in 1988. With the wind chill factored in, the temperature dropped to the -40 to -50 degree range. During the polar vortex, the Chicagoland area experienced nearly 22 days with temperatures below zero. This ranks as the third most subzero days on record. The all-time record is 25 days in the winter of 1884-1885. Second place is a tie at 24 days in the winters of 1935-1936 and 1962-1963.

To add to the chilling temperatures, from November through February, the Village of Algonquin received nearly 67 inches of snow. In comparison, the snowfall received during the polar vortex more than doubled the amount received the year prior which was roughly 28 inches.

As a result, the Algonquin Public Works Department was kept very busy by working nearly 1,800 hours and using over 3,000 tons of salt keeping the roads clear of snow and ice.

Village residents received the Algonquin Community Survey, and, within the questionnaire, many questions pertained to street maintenance, and, in particular, snow and ice removal. Of the residents surveyed, nearly 75% rated snow and ice removal as "Excellent" or "Good," and approximately 80% of residents surveyed rated the overall quality of the Public Works Department as "Excellent" or "Good."

For more information please visit:
www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Groundhog Day	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				
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	Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.				Valentine's Day
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	Village Offices Closed Presidents' Day	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday			
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New Businesses and Residential Development

Gander Mountain opened October 7, the store is 52,000 square feet, expandable in the future to 68,000 square feet. Gander Mountain has the largest network of outdoor specialty stores in the United States, featuring over 100 stores in 24 states. Gander Mountain began in 1960, just over the border in Wilmot, Wisconsin. The Algonquin location is the first store in this region since the Wilmot store closed.

Additionally, Goodwill opened a new thrift store in the former True Value building at 1430 East Algonquin Road.

Another sign of a recovering economy in Algonquin is the new investments being made in our Village. Riverside Plaza was completed with 63 rental units and 9,600 square feet of commercial space at the street level. The apartments are nearly completed and leasing activity is currently underway. Rents range from \$1,500-2,400 per month depending on the unit size, amenities, and location. This project represents a significant step towards ensuring the long-term economic and cultural viability of our historic downtown. Riverside Plaza will increase the number of residents in downtown Algonquin, who are expected to support existing businesses and help attract new dining, retail, and service establishments.

The Village of Algonquin continues to embrace expansion. In 2014, approximately 20 new home permits were issued. The increase in residential housing will help contribute to our local economic growth.

Over half of the residents surveyed rated the quality of the Community Development Department as "Excellent" or "Good."

For more information on new development in Algonquin visit:
www.algonquin.org/development.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9 Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:30 p.m.	10 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21
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New Residential Waste Hauler

The Waste Management contract expired on August 31, 2014. The Village issued a proposal for residential refuse collection services that replicated existing services in Algonquin. Groot provided the lowest response, providing services starting at \$2.85 per sticker or \$20.00 per month cart rental, increasing to \$3.50 per sticker and \$24.00 per month cart rental over a 5-year term. The next lowest response provided services at \$2.95 per sticker and \$23.81 per month cart rental, increasing to \$3.98 per sticker and \$26.80 per month cart rental over a 5-year term.

Accordingly, an agreement was executed with Groot as the lowest respondent. In June 2014, the Village Board approved a 5-year agreement with Groot for residential refuse, recycling and yard waste collection services. Groot began providing services on September 1, 2014. Services provided by Groot maintain Algonquin's past format of a volume-based (sticker) program or a trash cart rental with an associated monthly fee, and free curbside recycling services.

Along with the curbside trash collection, Groot will also offer an annual Spring Cleanup, Fall Drop-Off Recycle Event, Document Shredding Event, and free leaf and branch collection during the months of October, November and through December 15. Watch your mail and our website for dates and details of the various Groot-sponsored events.

For more information on trash and recycle collection visit www.algonquin.org.



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Electric Aggregation

On March 18, 2014, the Village placed a referendum on the ballot asking voters if the Village should have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers. Residents voted 1,456 / 1,048 in favor of proceeding with this effort.

The Village of Algonquin, working together with the Northern Illinois Governmental Electric Aggregation Consortium (NIGEAC), completed negotiations for a new term that will provide savings versus the alternative ComEd rates.

NIGEAC completed an exhaustive bidding process and agreed to renew with their current supplier, Direct Energy, for another 12 months at a fixed rate of 7.2 cents/kWh. The ComEd price to compare was announced at 7.59 cents per kWh through September 2014. That price did not include the Purchased Energy Adjustment (PEA) ComEd is allowed by law to charge at a maximum of 0.5 cents/kWh.

Direct Energy sent letters to residents who receive their supply from ComEd, or, in other words, those who have not chosen a supplier on their own. The letter explained their options: remain in the program by simply doing nothing, or if you did not want to participate, follow the instructions for opting out within the 21-day period.

Under Illinois law, communities are able to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electricity on behalf of their citizens. The governmental aggregator chooses an alternate supplier for all of the members in its group. Customers may opt out of the aggregation program and shop for a supplier or accept the standard rate offered by their utility. The local utility companies will continue to deliver the electricity, read meters, send monthly billing statements, and maintain service for residents and small businesses.

Watch www.algonquin.org for aggregation updates.

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Investment in local infrastructure continues to top the annual accomplishments in 2014. Highlighting the list is the Western Bypass, which opened in September. The Bypass relieved the congestion clogging the downtown area and eliminated truck traffic on Main Street. The entire project, including planning and engineering, was funded by a \$63.5 million commitment from the state, \$22.1 million from the federal government and local contributions paid for the remainder.

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The Village is in the final stages of designing a new pedestrian bridge over Randall Road at Bunker Hill Drive/Huntington Drive. A federal grant is subsidizing 80 percent of the work, while Algonquin and McHenry County are splitting the remaining 20 percent. Its purpose is to improve safety for pedestrians and encourage the use of non-motorized transportation to access Jacobs High School, Advocate Sherman Hospital, and commercial areas along Randall Road. The project is projected to go out to bid in 2015.

Other construction projects that began or were completed in 2014, include the resurfacing of Boyer Road, Bunker Hill resurfacing and reconfiguration, Edgewood Drive reconstruction, Copper Oaks resurfacing, Indian Grove reconstruction, and the Souwanas Creek restoration. Our ongoing goal is to manage the Village's infrastructure in a manner that minimizes the total cost of owning and operating it while continuously delivering the standard that the community expects. This is done through Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which identifies each proposed capital project to be undertaken, the year the assets will be acquired or the project started, the amount of funds expected to be expended in each year of the CIP, and the way the expenditure will be funded.

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

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Parks and Forestry

The Parks and Forestry Division provides the development and maintenance of all park and open space parcels within the Village, as well as the installation, replacement, and maintenance of all Village-owned trees. The Village currently maintains a total of 21,200 parkway trees.

To allow for construction of the Western Bypass, Towne Park had to undergo construction as well. As the weather breaks in the spring, contractors will be on-site completing the balance of work. The anticipated opening date of Towne Park to the public is summer 2015.

Improvements you may notice:

- Removal of barren areas
- Increased prairie grass along Crystal Creek
- Crystal Creek realignment and enrichment
- Enhanced tree, shrub, and perennial plantings
- Modernized monument sign

Once all restorations have been completed, the Village will again allow pavilion reservations at Towne Park. Watch the Village website for status updates.

To enhance the beautification and environmental sustainability of the community, the Parks and Forestry Division worked hard to remove trees infested with emerald ash borer (EAB). In 2008, before the EAB infestation, there were 5,022 ash trees. As a result of the devastating EAB infestation, a total of 4,414 ash trees have been removed since 2008 with a total of 538 that remain standing.

Village residents received the Algonquin Community Survey and within the questionnaire, many questions pertained to parks and forestry, in particular, the Urban Forestry Program. Of the residents surveyed, nearly 78% rated the quality of the Urban Forestry Program as "Excellent" or "Good."

For more information on Algonquin Parks and Forestry visit www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.

July

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Fun Summer Events

Algonquin Recreation offers a variety of programs to the community in areas including adult, early childhood, youth variety, athletics, seniors, dance, gymnastics, martial arts and fitness. Recreation events occur throughout the year and offer fun activities for residents of all ages.

In the summer, the Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool is open for residents and features theme nights which includes Olympic Night, Pirate Night, Hawaiian Luau, Western Night, and Superhero Night. In addition, Algonquin hosts the very successful summer concert series at Riverfront Park. New this year was the addition of food trucks including Toasty Cheese (gourmet grilled cheese), Best Truckin' BBQ, The Calle Wagon (Mexican), and Kona Ice (shaved ice). These trucks were very well received by the crowd and a great addition to the concert series.

This winter will be made brighter and warmer with the Holiday Rock on the Fox event. The event offers exciting activities for all ages including a community tree lighting, a candy cane hunt, and ice carving on-site!

For the fall months, the Recreation Department hosts the Harvest Hustle in downtown Algonquin. This year the race featured a 5k run and a 1.5 mile walk. All of the entry fees collected for racers, walkers, and race day registrations are being transferred into the recreation scholarship program, "Recreation for All-gonquin," to help assist area youth participate in recreation programs offered by the Village. In total, a donation of \$1,808.52 will be placed into the program.

Village residents received the Algonquin Community Survey and within the questionnaire, a question pertained to the quality of Parks and Recreation. Of the residents surveyed, nearly 83% rated the quality of Parks and Recreation as "Excellent" or "Good."

For more information on upcoming recreation activities please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.



August

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Tax Increment Financing

The Village adopted its first Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District in 2014 as an important funding source to implement the Downtown Planning Study that was approved in 2013. By implementing the Downtown Redevelopment Plan through the funding provided by the TIF District, the Village will rebuild its downtown commercial district based on its unique assets: distinctive architecture, the Fox River, personal service, local ownership, and a sense of community.

When a TIF district is created, the existing value of the property in the area is established as the "base" amount. The property taxes paid on this base amount continue to go to the various taxing bodies as they always have; it is the growth of the value of the property over the base that generates the tax increment. The tax increment is collected into a special fund (the Special Tax Increment Allocation Fund) which can only be used for projects within the TIF District. Within a TIF, no additional taxes are levied; the revenue is created by the natural growth in property value over time.

Downtown TIF projects may include:

- Streetscaping and parking improvements throughout the downtown;
- Rehabilitating historic properties;
- The restoration, repair, or redevelopment of substandard, obsolete, or vacant buildings;
- Improving the riverfront area;
- Infrastructure improvements, which include streets, sewer, water and storm drainage;
- Cleaning up polluted areas.

In the coming year, the Village will be creating a long-term capital plan and budget for the TIF, outlining the anticipated revenues and priorities for expenditures over the 23-year lifetime.

For more information on the TIF District visit www.algonquin.org/development.



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Getting the Word Out

The Village encourages residents to participate and engage in the community. Information regarding public meetings, recreation programs, breaking news, and other events happening in Algonquin are available through a variety of media. Below are ways to find out what is going on at throughout the Village:

- The Village's newsletter, "The Algonquin Citizen," is published and mailed to your home with your water bill four times per year; it is also available online.

- Nixle (www.nixle.com) is a community information service that alerts you to public safety threats and community events via web, e-mail, and cell phone.

- "Algonquin e-News" (www.algonquin.org/e-news), the Village's e-mail announcement system which provides timely news reports from the Village to a subscriber's inbox on a monthly basis.

- Social media sites such as Facebook (www.facebook.com/AlgonquinIL) and Twitter (twitter.com/VlgAlgonquin) allow for real-time, interactive communication with the Village and the community. The Village's Facebook and Twitter pages allow followers access to the most updated Village information, weather alerts, and other valuable information.

To sign up or access any of these media channels, go to www.algonquin.org, at the bottom of the home page, click on the appropriate link.

Village residents received the Algonquin Community Survey and within the questionnaire many questions pertained to Village Communications, in particular, the quality of the website, newsletter, social media and e-News. Of the residents surveyed, 81% rated the quality of the website as "Excellent" or "Good," 86% of the residents surveyed rated the overall quality of the newsletter as "Excellent" or "Good," the quality of social media received a rating of "Excellent" or "Good," from 73% of residents and 88% of the residents, surveyed rated the quality of e-News as "Excellent" or "Good."

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<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Village Offices Closed Columbus Day</p> <p>Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
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<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Trick-or-Treat Hours 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Halloween</p>



Storm Water Management

The Village is taking an active approach in preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, pollution prevention, and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. The Village continues to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is....water!

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into storm sewers.

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when flooding causes erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a wetland, lake, stream, or river. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!

- Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.
- Vehicles drip fluids like oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, etc. onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.
- Chemicals used to grow and maintain lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains, contributing excess phosphorus and other nutrients to our waterways.

Within the resident's questionnaire, many questions pertained to street maintenance, and, in particular, storm water drainage. Of the residents surveyed, 81% rated storm water drainage as "Excellent" or "Good."

For more information on Storm Water Management visit www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9 Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:30 p.m.	10 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	11 Village Offices Closed Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
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Law Enforcement

The Algonquin Police Department received the Traffic Safety Grant for its participation in the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The primary objective of STEP is to reduce the incidents of motor vehicle crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities through increased and highly visible, enforcement of occupant restraint, impaired driving, and distracted driving during national and state enforcement campaigns. Through this program, the department looks to achieve higher usage of seat belts in all seating positions including child passenger seats, as well as reduced instances of impaired and distracted driving.

During the 2013-2014 program, the Algonquin Police Department made four impaired driving arrests and issued 511 citations including:

- 257 seat belt
- 31 child passenger safety
- 46 cell phone use

In addition to the Traffic Safety Grant, each year the Police Department also receives a Tobacco Grant to help educate the community and businesses on the overall effects of tobacco products on our youth. Algonquin is participating for a fifth year, receiving \$110 per retailer for our current 24 retailers selling tobacco. Our total grant is \$2640.00 which we use to conduct the compliance checks and purchase educational materials.

Village residents received the Algonquin Community Survey and within the questionnaire, a question pertained to the quality of the Police Department. Of the residents surveyed, 85% rated the quality of the Police Department as "Excellent" or "Good."

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

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Holiday Rock on the Fox
6	7 Hanukkah Begins	8 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14 Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:30 p.m.	15 Yard Waste Collection Ends Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 First Day of Winter Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	23	24 Village Offices Closed Christmas Eve	25 Trash and recycle collection delayed by one day. Friday collection will be Saturday. Village Offices Closed Christmas Day	26
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CONTACT INFORMATION

Village of Algonquin

EMERGENCY	911
Ganek Municipal Center -Village Hall	847-658-2700
Community Development	847-658-4184
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	847-658-4531
Public Works	847-658-2754
Water Billing	847-854-3440
Pool (Summer Only)	847-458-7677
Recreation	847-658-2716
Historic Commission	847-658-4322

Fire Protection Districts

EMERGENCY	911
Algonquin / Lake in the Hills	847-658-8233
Huntley	847-669-5066
Carpentersville / Countryside	847-426-2131
Cary	847-639-2121

County Sheriffs

EMERGENCY	911
Kane County Sheriff	630-232-6840
McHenry County Sheriff	815-338-2144

Townships

Algonquin Township	847-639-2700
Dundee Township	847-428-8092
Grafton Township	847-669-3328

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
GROOT	800-244-1977
J.U.L.I.E.	800-892-0123



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2200 Harnish Drive
Algonquin, IL 60102

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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:

Conservation: 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/Odd: 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 6:00-9:00 AM: 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.