

#### 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 2015 and looking forward to those to come in 2016.

Investment in transportation continues to top the annual accomplishments in 2015. Over the past years, community surveys have stated that our regional transportation is in need of improvement. In fact, last year 70 percent of Algonquin residents ranked traffic flow on major streets as "fair" or "poor". In the absence of smart regional planning, traffic congestion will worsen as the population continues to increase. For example, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning updated their 2040 Population Growth Projection last year. Even factoring in the slowdown in the economy, it showed that about 146,000 new people are projected to move into Dundee, Rutland, Grafton and Algonquin Townships.

Planning for this challenge over the past decades, the Algonquin Village Board actively worked with Kane and McHenry Counties on three transportation projects that will collectively reduce congestion by providing alternative and more direct routes. They are the Western Bypass, Randall Road Corridor, and Longmeadow Parkway. When completed, these three projects will solve many problems that have been hurting our region for decades--wasted time, loss in productivity, delays, wasted fuel, air pollution, stress, stop-and-go driving, and blocked traffic that interferes with emergency vehicle access--all of which have negative impacts on the environment and our quality of life.

### Western Bypass

Since its completion, the bypass has dramatically improved the capacity, operational and safety deficiencies that existed for decades. The entire project, including the north leg extending up to Rakow Road, 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. The Western Bypass is acting as a catalyst to spur economic development in our Old Town Historic District. Access to and from Towne, Cornish, and Riverfront Parks near the Fox River is now easier and safer, promoting a more pedestrian-friendly atmosphere in the downtown. Travel to our local businesses along Main Street is now easier and on-street parking is safer, which has made the downtown more attractive for economic development.

#### **Randall Road Corridor**

The Village continues to work with its neighbors and McHenry County on the 3.5 mile Randall Road Corridor project. The segment of Randall Road that will be improved, from County Line Road north to Ackman Road, falls within Algonquin, Lake in the Hills and Crystal Lake. The project will widen the entire stretch to three lanes in each direction, building dual left-turn lanes and right-turn-only lanes at major signaled intersections to relieve congestion. This project further builds upon the three lane sections of Randall Road which were constructed and financed by private funds from adjacent commercial development. The improvements are necessary to reduce transportation costs for businesses and residents and increase the retail market area and store sales which help keep our taxes low.

### **Longmeadow Parkway**

Longmeadow Parkway has been in the planning and development stages for nearly 20 years. The project provides two major benefits: First, it will relieve existing traffic congestion and accommodate the future growth to our west. Second, it will improve mobility and alleviate traffic congestion by providing a new crossing of the Fox River. By providing more direct routes, the number of miles people need to travel will be greatly reduced. By building the first river crossing in the North Region of Kane County since 1950s, our businesses, residents, bicyclists and pedestrians will benefit. The current estimated construction and construction engineering cost is \$115 million. Funding will be from federal, state and county sources. Tolling will provide a mechanism for users to help pay for the river bridge. It is anticipated that Phase 1 of the project will begin this year.



#### **Jobs and Taxes**

Increased accessibility and mobility are key aspects to economic growth. Continued investment in our transportation network will create critical links to both new and existing central business districts, public services, employment, and commercial centers in our region. Through our strategic long-term land use planning, the Village has set aside areas for new business parks and commercial centers. These areas are designed to provide quality jobs and keep people working locally.

Specifically, these projects will open up access to the 500-acres that the Village strategically set aside for the Algonquin Corporate Campus. The Corporate Campus is intended to atract major employers such as data centers, manufacturers, healthcare and service-based organizations. In addition, as our recent planning study indicates, the transportation initiatives will enhance East Algonquin Road with more businesses to service those on the east side of town.

Attracting new businesses will increase the tax base and multiply the number of jobs available to Algonquin residents. Creating an environment where our residents and businesses can flourish and will drive down each household's share of the tax burden while ensuring that the needs of our schools and public services are met. We will continue to work with our residents, local, state, and federal officials to see these projects through to completion so that we may enjoy the benefits and value that they will bring.

Please take the time to review the annual report contents of each month and see why the community can be proud of 2015 and excited for the prospects that 2016 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 @VlgAlgonquin) to keep in the loop of community happenings.

The Village of Algonquin would like to wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2016!

# **Elected Officials & Form of Government**



John Schmitt Village President Term 2013-2017



Jerry Kautz Village Clerk Term 2013-2017



Bob Smith Village Trustee Term 2013-2017



Jerry Glogowski Village Trustee Term 2013-2017



Brian Dianis Village Trustee Term 2013-2017



Debby Sosine Village Trustee Term 2015-2019



Jim Steigert Village Trustee Term 2015-2019



John Spella Village Trustee Term 2015-2019

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

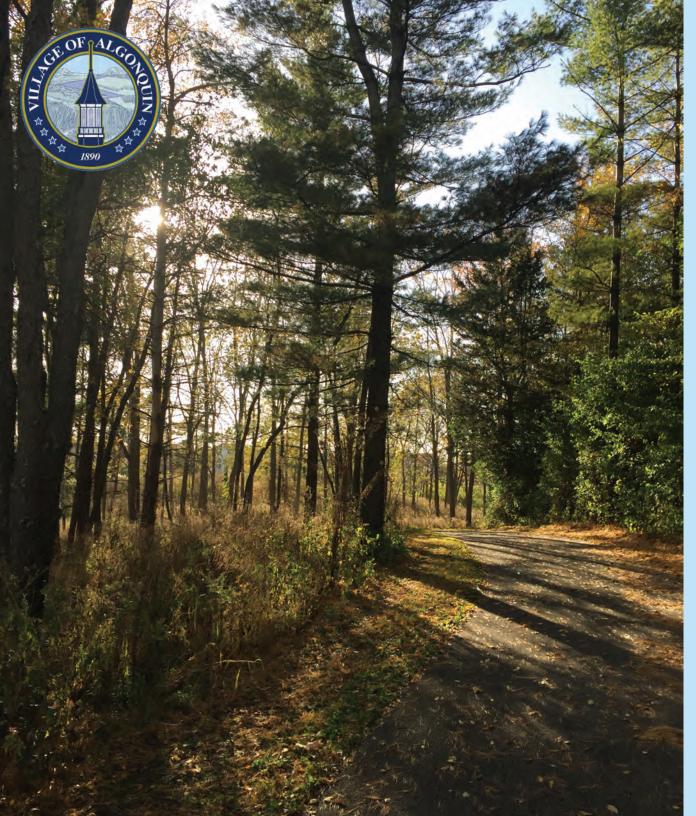
#### POLICE COMMISSION

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**

The Village's General Fund, which accounts for the day-to-day operations of the Village, remained virtually unchanged from Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget, increasing by only 0.3 percent. Algonquin's budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 is balanced at \$19.6 million.

Due to Algonquin's large retail tax base, sales tax is the largest revenue source for the General Fund. An advantage of sales tax for a municipality is that the tax is paid largely by visitors to the community, therefore reducing the overall tax burden on Algonquin residents. This can be demonstrated by looking closely at your property tax bill. 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. In addition to the day-to-day operations, the Village will also invest \$8.3 million in various infrastructure such as roads. parks, trails, water mains, and sewers. The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget is available for viewing online at www.algonquin.org/finance.

The Village of Algonquin's commitment to strong financial management is evident by its recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). In 2015, the Village received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget. This is the 12th year in a row the Village has received this prestigious award. In addition, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Village of Algonquin by the GFOA for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). This is the 11th year in a row in which the Village has been awarded this distinction.

Algonquin's overall bond rating remains as a highquality investment grade AAA from Standard and Poor's, which keeps borrowing costs for infrastructure low for taxpayers.

To access and view financial information for the Village of Algonquin, please visit www.algonquin.org/finance.

## **JANUARY**

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December 2015       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       0     1     2     3     4     5       6     7     8     9     10     11     12       13     14     15     16     17     18     19       20     21     22     23     24     25     26       27     28     29     30     31	February       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     4     5     6       7     8     9     10     11     12     13       14     15     16     17     18     19     20       21     22     23     24     25     26     27       28     29     0     0     0     0     0     0				Trash and recycle collecton Friday collection  Village Offices Closed New Year's Day	tion delayed by one day. will be Saturday.
3	4	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	13 Water/Sewer Bills Due	14	15	16
17	Village Offices Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 Village Board Meeting	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29	30



## **TECHNOLOGY**

Technology continues to play a significant role how the Village communicates and provides services to the community. In 2015, www.algonquin.org had approximately 500,000 page hits connecting visitors to various information and online services, including payments and service requests. In 2010, almost all of the page hits were from desktop users. Fast forward to 2015, nearly 1 in every 3 users is accessing www.algonquin.org by a mobile device. Recognizing this trend, the Village launched a new online and mobile reporting platform, Algonquin Fix It, in April 2015. With the online and mobile reporting platform, residents can report quality-of-life concerns through service request categories via the Algonquin website, mobile applications (iPhone, Android), Facebook App (www.facebook.com/AlgonquinIL), and SeeClickFix.com.

In addition to the Village of Algonquin having a presence on Facebook, the Algonquin Police Department (www. facebook.com/AlgonquinPolice) is now on the social media platform. Give the page a "like" to find out information about child safety seat checks, community events, and safety information. As of December 2015, the page has just under 900 likes.

In 2016, the Village will unveil a new template for www. algonquin.org, which will feature a modern look, designed with mobile users in mind. The "citizen-centric" layout will be designed using analytics from our current site that tell us which pages receive the most traffic and making those pages easier to access and navigate.

Village residents received the Algonquin Community Survey and within the questionnaire many questions pertained to technology, in particular, the quality of the website, e-News, social media, GIS, and online payments.

Of the residents surveyed the results were very positive:

- 79% rated the quality of the website as "Excellent" or "Good"
- 84% of the residents surveyed rated the overall quality of Algonquin e-News as "Excellent" or "Good"
- 71% of residents rated Social media "Excellent" or "Good"
- 74% of the residents surveyed rated the quality of GIS Mapping as "Excellent" or "Good"
- 91% of residents surveyed rated the quality of online payment options as "Excellent" or "Good"

# **FEBRUARY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
		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.	Water/Sewer Bills Due			
14	Village Offices Closed Presidents' Day	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26	27
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# PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

The Village of Algonquin's Public Art Program celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2015, with a special outdoor sculpture exhibit called "Ships Set Sail". Sixteen fiberglass sailboats were sponsored and designed by local businesses and artists. Most were displayed in Downtown Algonquin – many on Main Street – and one was located at the Algonquin Commons shopping center on Randall Road.

The Village's Public Arts Commission also held its fourth annual Student Art Exhibit, which featured a record 80 artworks created by local middle school students. The exhibit is held annually each spring at the Algonquin Public Library. Each year a student artist will be awarded the Richard A. Rehwaldt Memorial Award for overall artwork in design and execution.

Algonquin's Art on the Fox is also held annually over Father's Day Weekend, in Riverfront Park. This event features booths with fine art for sale in a variety of media, including painting, photography, jewelry and sculpture. For more information about the event and the upcoming year's show, visit www.artonthefox.com.

Algonquin is recognized as a leader in public art, and was recently highlighted in the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's publication "Arts and Culture Planning: A Toolkit for Communities", which can be accessed online at http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/arts.





# **MARCH**

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6	7	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	9 Water/Sewer Bills Due	10	11	12
13  Daylight Saving	14 Planning & Zoning	General Primary Election  Village Board Meeting	16	17	18	19
Time Begins 20	Commission 7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.  22  Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	23	St. Patrick's Day 24	25 Village Offices Closed	Egg Hunt 26
27 Easter	28	29	30	31		



## RECREATION

Algonquin Recreation offers the Village three seasonal recreation guides filled with activities for everyone.

The Winter/Spring Guide covers the months of January, February, March, April and the early part of May. The winter season provides residents with many indoor options including fitness programs to help keep those New Year resolutions. Get outdoors and build the best snowman in Algonquin for a chance to be voted as the cover of the winter guide.

The Summer Guide covers the months of May, June, July and August. This season is the busiest time of the year for the Recreation Department, with additional programming at the Algonquin Pool and SplashPad. In 2015, 352 students were enrolled in the "Learn to Swim" program, while 25 individuals participated in our "Aqua Fitness" programs.

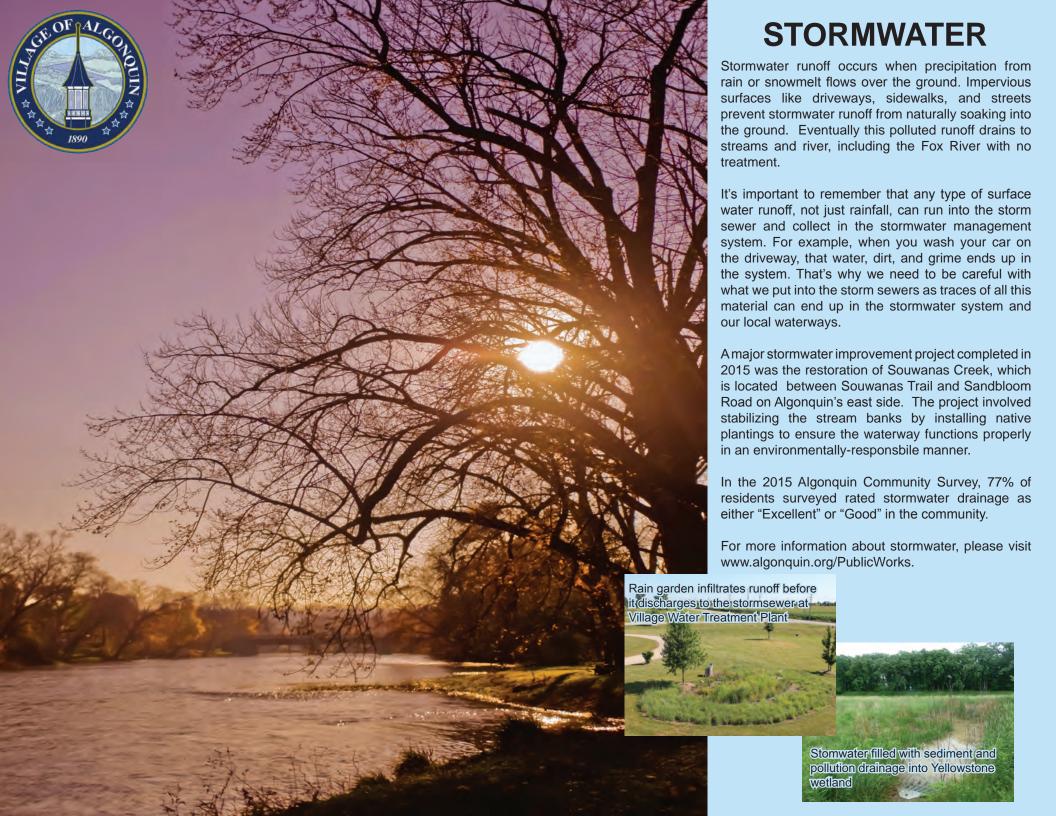
During the summer many residents enjoy the free summer concerts held at Riverfront Park. A variety of live music, featuring a different genre each week, and various food trucks are in attendance.

The Fall Guide covers the remaining months of September, October, November, and December. The fall programs feature the Harvest Hustle 5K run/walk. This event helps to support the Recreation for "ALL-Gonquin" scholarship program, a scholorship program designed to assist children of financial needs participate in the recreation programs. In 2015 the race raised \$1,600. In addition to the race, many fun programs are offered including the Howl-o-Ween Dog Parade. Pets and owners dress up to win dog related prizes, this year there was a record number of participants in the parade. Don't forget to kick off the holiday season with the Holiday Rock on the Fox annual tree lighting and visit from Santa.

Every month of the year there is something fun and exciting going on with Algonquin Recreation, for more information on events, programs, and updates go to www.algonquin.org/recreation.

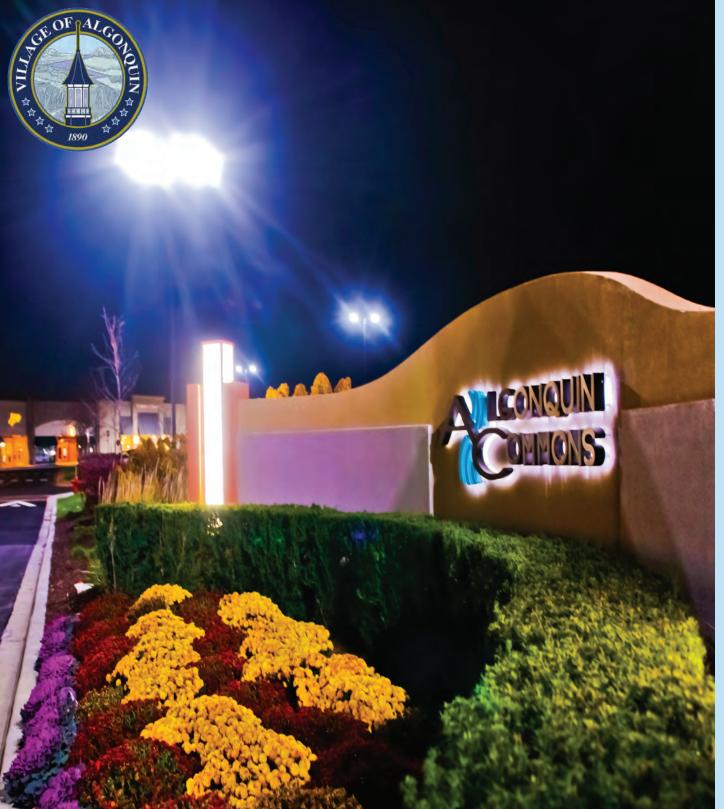
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3	Free Leaf and Brush Collection Begins	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	13 Water/Sewer Bills Due	14	Overnight Parking Restrictions End	Spring Cleanup East of Hanson Road and Highlands Subdivision
17	Free Leaf and Brush Collections Ends	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23 Spring Cleanup West of Hanson Road less Highlands Subdivision
24	25	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29	30





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				
8	9 Planning & Zoning	10 Committee of the Whole	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day	Commission 7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Water/Sewer Bills Due	19	20	21
		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				
22	23	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	25	26	27	Pool & Splash Pad Opens for the Season
29	Village Offices Closed Memorial Day	31			17 18 19 20 21 22 23	June       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       0     0     1     2     3     4       1     2     3     4       5     6     7     8     9     10     11       12     13     14     15     16     17     18       19     20     21     22     23     24     25       26     27     28     29     30     0     0



## **BUSINESS**

Algonquin had a very busy development year in 2015. William Ryan Homes continued the construction of new homes in the Coves III subdivision, and Taylor Morrison Homes began several new model homes in Creeks Crossing. Construction began on the Clarendale project, a 186-unit senior housing community located at 2001 West Algonquin Road. Clarendale is expected to be ready for leasing in Fall of 2016. Overall, 25 new housing permits were issued in 2015, surpassing any year since 2007.

Twenty five new businesses opened in Algonquin in 2015, including the new Thorntons gas station on East Algonquin Road. Many vacant storefronts were filled, new restaurants were added, and Art Van Furniture announced they will be opening in the former Gordman's building in the Algonquin Commons.

In addition, several businesses or buildings had major investments in remodeling. Wendy's on Randall received a complete make-over inside and outside. The new modern design welcomes customers with a fresh new look. The outside of the Burger King restaurant received a façade renovation and an additional ordering station was added for the drivethrough. The Randall Road McDonalds' received additional ordering station for the drive-through this summer. The building at 124-138 S. Randall Road received a complete façade make-over. The new exterior is more modern and will be welcoming new tenants to the building soon.

A number of new retail buildings were also approved, most of which are slated to be built in early 2016. These include a new Dunkin' Donuts on East Algonquin Road, a new Buona Beef restaurant just north of Huntington Drive, and a new multi-tenant building in front of WalMart. Another Dunkin' Donuts is planned for the BP Amoco station north of County Line Road, and a new Sleep Number store is under construction in The Galleria.

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

# JUNE

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5	6	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	8 Water/Sewer Bills Due	9	10	11
12	Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	15	16	17	Art on the Fox  Document Shredding Event
Art on the Fox Father's Day	20	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	22	23 Summer Concert Series	24	25
26	27	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	29	30 Summer Concert Series		



## **PARKS**

Construction of the Western Bypass closed one of our flagship park facilities, Towne Park, for a long period of time. This great facility has reopened with a few new changes. Crystal Creek has been slightly relocated to mirror its original location. This will allow for a smoother flow through the park, help prevent erosion, and promote the healthy and continued vitality of this high quality water way. Native land restoration has also been provided to the park to contribute to the health of the creek. Adjustments were made to the access roadway, providing a new entrance to the park off of Washington Street, and the regional bike trail (Prairie Trail) now meanders through the facility allowing for ease of access to the park and bike trail from one parking access location. Potential future improvements to the Towne Park facility will continue to foster its use as a cornerstone recreational attribute to the greater downtown area.

Another park improvement project of note in 2016 will be the replacement of the basketball court at the Snapper Field/Lions Armstrong Memorial Pool facility. Improvements will include a new combination basketball and in-line hockey court which will support ice skating in the winter. This facility will include lighting to foster ice skating in to the evening hours.

In the 2015 Algonquin Community Survey, 89% of residents surveyed rated the quality of Village parks as either "Excellent" or "Good" and 88% rated park maintenance in these categories.

For details and amenities of the many parks located throughout the Village, please visit www. algonquin.org.



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	Village Offices Closed Independence Day	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.		Summer Concert Series		
10	Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	13 Water/Sewer Bills Due	14 Summer Concert Series	15	16
17	18	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20	21 Summer Concert Series	22	23
24/31	25	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	27	28 Summer Concert Series	29	30



# COMMUNITY POLICING

Throughout the year, the Algonquin Police Department has offered different community events such as Police Department tours, computer safety talks for parents at area middle schools, Touch-A-Truck events at area businesses, Safety Talk presentations for area daycare facilities, and facilitating Neighborhood Watch groups for many of Algonquin's neighborhoods. As weather permits, the department has facilitated bicycle patrols. These specially trained officers patrol walking and bike paths, parks and natural areas, and residential streets throughout the Village in the summer months.

Stressing the importance of proper safety restraints for children in motor vehicles, patrol officers and community service officers have inspected or installed 176 child safety seats last year. They have also participated in area safety seat checks held by local businesses and community service groups.

The Algonquin Police Department continues to offer the drug take back program including the drop box in the department vestibule. Residents have turned in over 120 pounds of unused or expired medication as of September 2015.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program has been an active part of the elementary schools located in Algonquin. A dedicated officer teaches 5th grade students the importance of drug awareness and the dangers of drug abuse. This program reaches approximately 700 students in 25 classrooms each year.

In the 2015 Algonquin Community Survey, 89% of residents surveyed rated overall police services as either "Excellent" or "Good"

For more infromation about the Police Department, please visit www.algonquin.org/police.

# AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.		Summer Concert Series		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	Water/Sewer Bills Due	Summer Concert Series		
14	15	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	17	18 Summer Concert Series	19	20
21	22	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26	27
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# **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZION**

The Village's Downtown continues to be transformed following the opening of the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass in 2014. Specifically, improvements are being made to make Main Street more friendly for pedestrians and visitors to the Old Town District. Such enhancements include a new four-way stop at Washington Street, pedestrian crossings, and angled parking. The Village continues to work on downtown improvements. A portion of the project is currently in engineering design, and construction is expected to begin late 2016. The construction will be phased so as to preserve access and minimize the disruption to our local businesses.

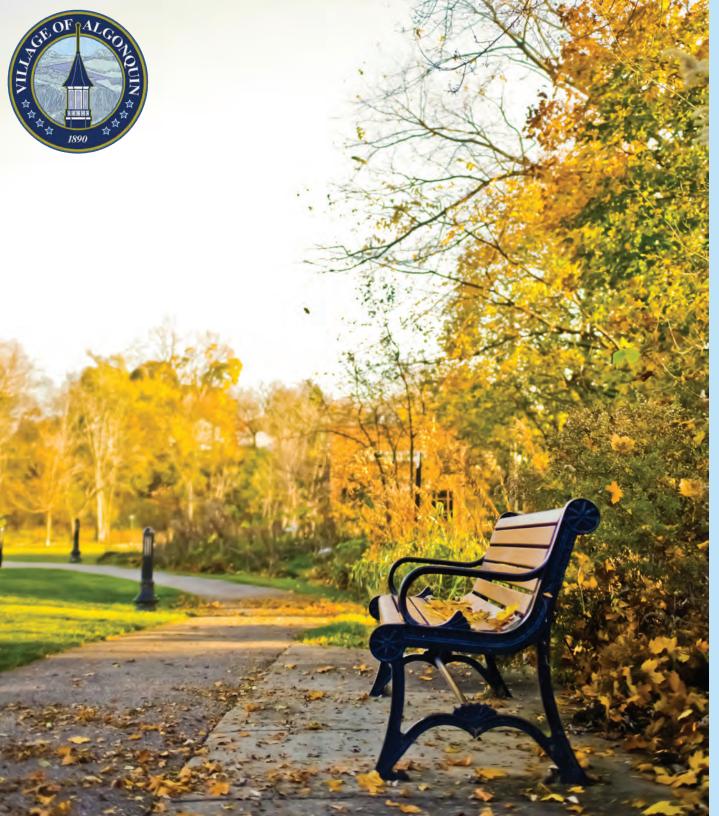
Additionally, Towne Park was re-opened after new bike access and vehicle parking was incorporated in the areas surrounding the park. Crystal Creek, which meanders through Towne Park, has also been restored to its original creekbed, and natural vegetation and plantings now provide a scenic setting for those interested in picnicking and enjoying the open space adjacent to the creek.

The Village is also exploring opportunities for improved access to, and recreational opportunities along, the Fox River. Algonquin recently partnered with the Village of Carpentersville, McHenry County Conservation District, Kane County Forest Preserve District and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, to obtain a grant to study and plan improvements to the riverfront areas from Fox Bluff Conservation Area south to Carpentersville. The final plan document is providing a range of recommendations for increasing waterway recreation and complimentary land uses.

Also in 2015, the Riverside Plaza mixed-use development was completed at the corner of North Main Street and West Algonquin Road. Residents moved in to the 63 apartment units throughout the year, and the retail space on the ground floor is ready for tenant build-out. A decorative "sail" sculpture and fountain were installed over the summer, serving as the cornerstone of the development's attractive outdoor plaza.

# SEPTEMBER

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	Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.				It's Our River Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.				



## **URBAN FORESTRY**

The Village is currently winding down its response to the Emerald Ash Borer with the removal of the last few hundred trees. While this invasive species caused a great change to our aesthetic and environmental attributes, we are grateful to have prepared and processed the challenge well. The Village provided all of the tree removal as well as the stump grinding for the failed ash species. We are currently in the process of replacing as many trees as possible. In total, over 5,000 trees on Village property have been removed as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Residents who would like to see approximately when the parkway tree in front of their home will be replaced may do so online at the address listed at the bottom of this page.

The urban forestry program continues to take pride in the fact that our trees are typically not impacted by major storms. One of the benefits of a proactive maintenance program is that trees are well maintained and prepared to endure harsher conditions. Generally, during severe storm conditions, damage and loss of trees in Algonquin is far less than many other communities in the area due to the proactive management and maintenance of our trees.

Algonquin was recognized in 2015 as a Tree City USA for the 19th consecutive year, highlighting the care and management of our public trees that enhances the quality of life for our residents.

In the 2015 Algonquin Community Survey, 76% of residents surveyed rated our urban forestry program as either "Excellent" or "Good" and 74% rated tree trimming in these categories.

For more infromation on our urban forestry program, please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks.



# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       u     u     1     2     3       4     5     6     7     8     9     10       11     12     13     14     15     16     17       18     19     20     21     22     23     24       25     26     27     28     29     30	November       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       0     1     2     3     4     5       6     7     8     9     10     11     12       13     14     15     16     17     18     19       20     21     22     23     24     25     26       27     28     29     30     Image: Color of the color o					1 Harvest Hustle 5K
2	3	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9	Village Offices Closed Columbus Day  Planning & Zoning	11 Committee of the Whole	12 Water/Sewer Bills Due	13	14	15
16	Commission 7:30 p.m. 17	7:30 p.m. 18 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade
23/30	Overnight Parking Restrictions Begin 10/31  Trick-or-Treat Hours 3:00 p.m 7:00 p.m. Halloween	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	26	27	28	



# ALGONQUIN RECYCLES

In September 2014, the Village executed a five year contract with Groot Industries for trash and recycle collection. To enhance our recycling efforts, during this contract the Village has included an annual document shredding event and a large item recycling drop off. Unlike our annual Spring Cleanup, the items collected at the annual Recycling Drop Off event are all recycled and kept out of the landfill. This drop off event allows residents to recycle large unwanted or unusable items that would not normally fit in the curbside collection container, such as large plastic toys, slides, grills, clean wood, and other household items. This event has been historically held on Columbus Day.

During our various Groot sponsored recycling events, the Village has been able to divert over 50,000 pounds of waste from local landfills. These events, in addition to our normal residential curbside collection and the Holiday Lights collections, the Village is able to keep a steady ratio diverting approximately 45% annually of residential waste out of the landfills.

Groot also provides Algonquin residents with electronic waste services. Groot will collect up to six items for \$30.00. Residents must call Groot directly to schedule a pickup of electronic waste at least 24 hours in advance of your scheduled service day.

In the 2015 Algonquin Community Survey, 82% of residents surveyed rated garbage collection as either "Excellent" or "Good" and 86% rated recycling in these categories.

Watch your mail and www.algonquin.org for collection updates, special recycling days, document shredding events, and annual Spring Cleanup Days.

# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October           S         M         T         W         T         F         S           L	December       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       4     5     6     7     8     9     10       11     12     13     14     15     16     17       18     19     20     21     22     23     24       25     26     27     28     29     30     31	1 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5
Daylight Saving	7	General Election  Committee of the Whole	9	10	Village Offices Closed	12
Time Ends 13	Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m. 15 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Water/Sewer Bills Due 16	17	Veterans Day 18	19
20	21	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	23		25 recycle collection delayed I I be Friday and Friday colle Village Offices Closed	
27	28	29	30	<u>g</u> g	-	



# SNOW & ICE CONTROL

Snow and ice control operations have been reviewed carefully over the last few years, and opportunities to provide increased efficiencies, more timely responses, and environmental accountability have been considered. While some changes will be notable, such as more timely service to least traveled roadways such as cul-de-sacs and no outlet roads, most of the changes will be improvements that may not be noticed, but will provide streamlined efficiencies and cost savings to the community. These changes include adjustments to assigned equipment, pre-treatment of roadways with deicing products, and allowing passable roadways that are safe, but perhaps not dry pavement. Our current goal is to have all roadways plowed, curb to curb, within eight hours of the substantial completion of a storm.

In the 2015 Algonquin Community Survey, 72% of residents surveyed rated snow/ice removal as either "Excellent" or "Good" which is up 2% from 2014.

Keep up to date on storm information and plowing operations through our Facebook page (www. facebook.com/AlgonquinIL), Twitter, (twitter.com/VlgAlgonquin), and Nixle (local.nixle.com/village-of-algonquin), which provides timely e-mails and text messages to subscribers.

Please remember to give our plow units the room and respect needed to complete the removal process allows for a quicker and safer operation for everyone. Also, winter parking regulations are in effect from October 31 to April 15 of each year, and may be viewed online.

Details of the Snow and Ice Control Plan can be found at www.algonquin.org/publicworks.

# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November           S         M         T         W         T         F         S           1         2         3         4         5           6         7         8         9         10         11         12           13         14         15         16         17         18         19           20         21         22         23         24         25         26           27         28         29         30	January       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     4     5     6     7       8     9     10     11     12     13     14       15     16     17     18     19     20     21       22     23     24     25     26     27     28       29     30     31     Image: Color of the color o			1	2	3  Holiday Rock On The Fox
4	5	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	14 Water/Sewer Bills Due	15	16	17
18	19	Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	21	22	23 Village Offices Closed	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Village Offices Closed	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	28		30 recycle collection delayed b I be Friday and Friday colle	31 by one day.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>village of Algonquin</u>		School Districts	
EMERGENCY	911	Community Unit School District 300	847-426-1300
Ganek Municipal Center - Village Services	847-658-2700	Consolidated School District 158	847-659-6158
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	847-658-4531		
Water Billing	847-854-3440	Park Districts and Departments	
Pool (Summer Only)	847-458-7677	Village of Algonquin Recreation	847-658-2716
Recreation	847-658-2716	Barrington Countryside Park District	847-783-6722
Historic Commission	847-658-4322	Dundee Township Park District	847-428-7131
		Huntley Park District	847-669-3180
Fire Protection Districts			
EMERGENCY	911	Library	
Algonquin / Lake in the Hills	847-658-8233	Algonquin Area Public Library District - Main Branch	847-458-6060
Huntley	847-669-5066	Algonquin Area Public Library District - Eastgate Branch	847-658-4343
Carpentersville / Countryside	847-426-2131	7 ligoriquii 7 liou 1 usilo Elbrury Biotriot Euotigato Branon	011 000 1010
Cary	847-639-2121	Non-Municipal Utilities	
		AT&T	800-288-2020
County Sheriffs		Comcast	800-COMCAST
EMERGENCY	911	ComEd	800-EDISON -1
Kane County Sheriff	630-232-6840	Nicor	800-EDISON -1
McHenry County Sheriff	815-338-2144	Groot	800-244-1977
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<u>Townships</u>		0.0.L.I.L.	011
Algonquin Township	847-639-2700	Village of Algonquin	PRESORTED
Dundee Township	847-428-8092	2200 Harnish Drive	STANDARD
Grafton Township	847-669-3328	Algonquin, IL 60102	US POSTAGE
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### **WATER SYSTEM STATUS**

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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.

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