



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Summer 2009

## Chief Laine Receives Award

Algonquin Police Chief Russell Laine has received the 2009 Law Enforcement Award presented by the Illinois State Bar Association. State's Attorney Louis Bianchi nominated Chief Laine for this award, recognizing his truly outstanding service which brings honor and respect to the criminal justice system. This award is an acknowledgement of Chief Laine's many accomplishments and tireless efforts to promote a positive working relationship between law enforcement and the legal profession.

The Illinois State Bar Association Law Enforcement Award was presented to Chief Laine as recognition that the law enforcement community and legal profession share the ultimate goal of serving the public and ensuring justice through fair and impartial enforcement of the law.

Additionally, as Algonquin recently celebrated National Police Week, the Village would like to recognize Sgt. Brett Wisnauski, who has been selected to work on a committee with the Illinois Attorney General's Office on the state-wide implementation of recently passed domestic violence legislation. Congratulations Chief Laine and Sgt. Wisnauski!



*Police Chief Russell Laine receiving the Illinois State Bar Association Law Enforcement Award in May*

## Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010

### Budget Approved

On April 7, 2009, the Village Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 annual operating budget for the Village of Algonquin. The Village's \$35 million budget is used as a tool to assist Village officials in making sound and rational choices for the provision of public services.

The General Operating Fund is budgeted at just under \$19 million and provides funding for the majority of services provided to the community by the Village. Capital Improvement Funds are budgeted at just under \$9 million, up 30 percent from last year, as the Village remains committed to maintaining our streets, parks, water, and sewer infrastructure.

Residents or businesses interested in reviewing the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget may do so online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) or in person at Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive.

## Red Means Stop

In an effort to reduce collisions and make Village streets safer, Algonquin began a red light camera enforcement program in October 2008. The program is seen as an important step to improve the safety and flow of local traffic.

A red light violation occurs when a motorist enters an intersection after the traffic signal has turned red. It is good driving practice (and the law) to not enter an intersection unless you will be able to exit it before the light turns red. Motorists already in the intersection when the signal changes to red, when waiting to turn for example, are not considered red light violators. These laws are also applicable to right-hand turns.

The Illinois Secretary of State's Rules of the Road state that motorists making right-hand turns must obey traffic signs and signals, yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and vehicles in the intersection, and check for oncoming traffic. Motorists may make right-hand turns at a red light unless otherwise marked. However, all motorists must come to a **COMPLETE STOP** and yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before turning.

For information on the Illinois Rules of the Road, please visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). For information on the Village's Red Light Camera Enforcement Program, please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

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## E-Waste Recycling Event

Saturday, August 1, 2009 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Algonquin Public Works Facility - 110 Meyer Drive

Upgrading your television set to a digital television? Replacing a worn out vacuum cleaner? Please – do not send your old electronics to the landfill! The Village of Algonquin is pleased to offer residents the opportunity to dispose of their old electronics at the Village's first E-Waste Recycling Day. Take advantage of this opportunity to recycle your electronics in an environmentally-friendly fashion.

Electronics that qualify for this event and will be accepted at **NO CHARGE** include batteries (from watch to car batteries), cell phones, computers, digital cameras, fax machines, cables/wires, CD/DVD players, VCRs, game consoles, hairdryers, keyboards, mice, laptops, monitors, microwaves, MP3 players, phonographs, printers, projectors, radios, scanners, servers, server racks, speakers, and vacuum cleaners. Television sets can also be dropped off for a nominal fee (27" or smaller are \$15, 27" to 42" are \$25). White goods (refrigerators, stoves, freezer, dishwashers, dryers, air-conditioner units, and other appliances labeled as such), wooden-cased or particleboard products, medical waste products, and rubber-based items are **NOT** included in this recycling effort.

On June 12, 2009, all full power television stations in the U.S. stopped analog broadcasts and transitioned to digital broadcasting, and the Village wants to give residents an alternative to putting their retired TV sets by the curb.

This opportunity is open to Algonquin residents only; proof of residency is required. The Algonquin Public Works facility is located at 110 Meyer Drive. Meyer Drive is accessible off of Algonquin Road, half mile west of Route 31, where the Prairie Trail bike path crosses Algonquin Road.

For more information on the E-Waste Recycling Day, please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) or call Village Hall at 847-658-2700.

## Emerald Ash Borer Update

The Village of Algonquin has confirmed the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) within Village boundaries. EAB is a devastating insect that will likely eliminate the Ash species as a viable plant in our area. It is our expectation that many more infestations will be identified this summer as the insect continues to spread.

Treatment options available to residents include homeowner products available at local retailers or treatments provided by qualified arborists. Please be advised that if you have an ash tree you wish to preserve, you should start treatments immediately and as prescribed, for the life of the tree.

Please report any potential new infestations to the Public Works Department at 847-658-2754. The Village of Algonquin's EAB Policy is available online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org). Additional EAB information may be found at [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).

## It's Our River Day

The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County and the Village of Algonquin invite you to "It's Our River Day" on **Saturday, September 19 at Cornish Park**. Beginning at 1:00 pm, various speakers will be on hand, followed by a clean-up and water quality monitoring of the Fox River. Bags and gloves will be available, compliments of the Sierra Club. The afternoon will conclude with live music from The Mack Hot-terson Band and kayak/canoe demonstrations from the Prairie Coast Paddlers and St. Charles Canoe Club. Please visit [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org) for a detailed schedule and additional information.

## Algonquin's No Can Plan

In an effort to promote ecological awareness by reducing waste and promoting recycling, the Village is unveiling its "No Can Plan" program. The program asks, via posted signs at park parcels and ongoing education, for individuals to have a "No Can Plan." Some parks in the Village will no longer have trash receptacles, so users will be responsible for their own garbage and recyclables. Simply remember, what you carry in, you carry out. By reducing our disposable waste at park facilities, we can reduce our community impact on the environment.

When planning your park excursions, please consider what you bring and how it is packaged. Can sandwiches be packaged in reusable containers? Can water be contained in reusable sport bottles or jugs?

Our recreation can impact our environment. Please consider fostering Algonquin's ecological awareness by having a "No Can Plan" when visiting your community park.





The Algonquin Founders' Days Festival Committee is an independent volunteer-based group responsible for the planning and operations of the festival itself. For more information, please visit:  
[www.algonquinfoundersdays.com](http://www.algonquinfoundersdays.com)

# Founders' Days Festival

2009 Schedule

Held at Towne Park (100 Jefferson Street),  
 located at the southwest intersection of  
 Routes 31 and 62 in Downtown Algonquin.

## Thursday, July 23

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Carnival for Kids with Special Needs*
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm	Cardboard Boat Regatta
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Taste of Founders'
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Carnival for ALL (Wristbands)
7:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Vito Buffalo Orchestra ( <i>Music</i> )
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Social Garden Open
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Designated Driver Program
10:00 pm	TOWNE PARK CLOSSES

## Friday, July 24

9:00 am to 4:00 pm	Founders' Market and Bazaar
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Dog & Cat Show Registration
10:00 pm to 12:00 pm	Dog & Cat Show
10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Children's Games
10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Moonwalk
11:00 am to 7:00 pm	A Zoo to You Family
	Petting Zoo
11:00 am to 10:30 pm	Taste of Founders'
11:00 am	Bake Off - Registration
12:00 pm	Bake Off - Judging
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Carnival (Wristbands)
1:00 pm	Bike Decorating Contest
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Algonquin/Lake in the Hills
	Rotary Club Fish Fry
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Carnival (Regular Prices)
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Social Garden Open
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Designated Driver Program
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Arrival ( <i>Music</i> )
8:15 pm to 10:15 pm	Mike & Joe ( <i>Music</i> )
10:30 pm	TOWNE PARK CLOSSES

## Saturday, July 25

11:00 am	"Founders' Goes Mardi Gras"
	Parade
1:30 pm to 10:00 pm	Carnival (Regular Prices)
1:00 pm to 10:30 pm	Taste of Founders'
2:00 pm	Bags Tournament
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm	A Zoo to You Family
	Petting Zoo
2:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Social Garden Open
2:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Designated Driver Program
2:15 pm	Parade Awards - Main Stage
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Doctor Ed ( <i>Music</i> )
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	American English ( <i>Music</i> )
8:15 pm to 10:15 pm	The Lounge Puppets ( <i>Music</i> )
10:30 pm	TOWNE PARK CLOSSES

\*This event is free of charge and is not open to the general public during this time period. Children must be accompanied by a family member 16 years or older. Refreshments will be provided for the children and American Legion Post #1231 members will be available for any assistance. EMS personnel will also be on site during this time period.

## Sunday, July 26

7:00 am	Founders' Run: Check-In
8:00 am	Boy Scout Troop 151
	Pancake Breakfast
8:00 am	Founders' Run: 10K & 5K
8:15 am	Founders' Run: 5K Walk
9:15 am	Founders' Run: 1 Mile
10:00 am to 11:30 am	Little Mr. and Miss Pageant
10:00 am to 5:00 pm	A Zoo to You Family
	Petting Zoo
11:00 am to 2:00 pm	Kids Kraft Korner
11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Carnival (Wristbands)
12:00 pm to 12:45 pm	Circus Boy - Bobby Hunt
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Caricature Artists: Face Painters/
	Stiltwalkers/Balloon Artists
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Taste of Founders'
12:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Social Garden Open
12:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Designated Driver Program
1:15 pm to 2:00 pm	Mike Mauthe Variety Escapade
12:30 pm	Duck Races - 1st Heat
1:00 pm	Duck Races - 2nd Heat
1:15 pm	Duck Races - Finals
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Little Nashville ( <i>Music</i> )
5:00 pm	TOWNE PARK CLOSSES

## Founders' Days Festival Fireworks Spectacular

Sunday, July 26 at 9:00 pm - Riverfront Park

### Social Garden:

Friday and Saturday  
 Last Ticket Sold at 9:30 pm  
 Last Beer Served at 10:00 pm

### Admission Charges:

Friday - 5:00 pm	Adults \$4.00	Children (4-12) \$2.00
Saturday - 1:00 pm	Adults \$4.00	Children (4-12) \$2.00
Sunday - Family Day	No Admission Charge	

\*\*\*Times and Schedule Subject to Change\*\*\*

# Construction Zone

2009 Village Construction Projects

## Arrowhead Subdivision Road Reconstruction

All roadways in the Arrowhead Subdivision (Arrowhead Drive, Hillcrest Drive, Elm Street, Birch Street, Ash Street, Valley View Drive, and Point Court) will be completely reconstructed. This project began in March 2009 and is expected to be completed in fall 2009. This project will include new curb & gutter, base aggregate, binder, and paved surface. A new storm water sewer collection system will also be installed. Watermains will be replaced along Hillcrest Drive and in the subdivision's cul-de-sacs. Damaged and missing sidewalks will also be replaced or installed. Residents should expect lane closures throughout the duration of the project.

## Hanson Road Reconstruction

Hanson Road will be reconstructed from Edgewood Road north to Algonquin Road. Weather permitting, this project is scheduled to begin in July 2009 and to be completed in April 2010. The Hanson Road project will remove the existing pavement system and replace it with an urban cross section that includes curb & gutter, storm sewer, and pavement markings. To keep detours at a minimum, this project will be divided into two portions: Edgewood Road north to Huntington Drive and Huntington Drive north to Algonquin Road.

## Huntington Drive Resurfacing

Huntington Drive will be resurfaced from Stonegate Road east to Briarwood Lane. This project is being partially-financed through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This project is scheduled for fall 2009. The existing surface layer will be removed and replaced with a new paved surface. Huntington Drive west of Stonegate Road continuing through Bunker Hill Drive to Golden Eagle Drive will also be resurfaced as part of the Local Agency Pavement Preservation (LAPP) Program which is federally-assisted. Residents should expect lane closures throughout the duration of the project.

For more information on construction projects in the Village of Algonquin, please visit the Village Construction page at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).



## National Night Out

National Night Out is the culmination of a year-long community building campaign that is designed to do the following:

- ♦ Heighten crime prevention awareness;
- ♦ Generate support and participation for local anticrime programs;
- ♦ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- ♦ Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Bring your family and meet your neighbors and local law enforcement at the Village's 2009 National Night Out kickoff event held on Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Algonquin Swimming Pool and Splashpad (599 Longwood Drive). The night will include FREE swimming, food, games, and prizes. Donations of new toys or school supplies are encouraged. These items will be donated to Algonquin charities assisting area youth who are in financial need. This year's event will focus on educating participants about organizing their own neighborhood National Night Out event on **Tuesday, August 4, 2009**.

Please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) or contact the Algonquin Police Department at 847-658-4531 for more information on how to organize your own National Night Out event.

## 2009 Photo Contest

It's time for the annual Village of Algonquin Photo Contest! This year's contest is themed "Exploring Algonquin" and will feature Algonquin as an "involved community."

Applications are available at Village Hall and online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org). All ages are welcome to participate and demonstrate your photographic talent. Entries are due September 1, 2009.

## Animal Control Services

Animal control services for the Village of Algonquin are handled exclusively by the appropriate county-level agency. Kane County residents may contact the Kane County Department of Animal Control at 630-232-3555. McHenry County residents may contact the Division of Veterinary Public Health at 815-459-6222.

To minimize the chance of encountering wild animals (coyotes, raccoons, etc.) on your property, it is best to eliminate any potential food source. This includes securing refuse properly inside containers and not putting meat scraps in compost piles. For more information on animal control services, please contact the appropriate agency listed above.

Visit us at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org)



## Police Department Receives Target Grant

The Village of Algonquin Police Department (APD) was awarded a \$1,300 grant in March 2009 from the Algonquin Target Store. This grant is from Target's Community Policing Bicycle Patrol and Safety Program. The grant money will allow the APD to purchase several bicycle racks for squad cars as well as new vehicle hitches to accommodate these bicycle racks.

Congratulations to the APD for securing this funding for the Village and thank you to Target for supporting the Village's Bicycle Patrol and Safety Program.

## Severe Weather Information

Severe weather and tornados can occur at any time in northern Illinois. The Village of Algonquin reminds all residents that preparedness is very important to your safety. Outdoor warning sirens are located throughout the community and are capable of alerting residents by siren. These sirens are only designed to warn people who are OUTSIDE and are not designed to be heard inside. Warnings for people indoors come from radio or TV and not the sirens.

If a severe storm warning or tornado watch or warning is issued, the sirens will be activated. During severe weather, you can receive additional information by tuning in to your local radio station or television. No "All Clear" alert will be issued by the siren; please check the news on television or radio. Both WZSR 105.5 FM and WGN 720 AM radio stations provide weather information coverage for Algonquin's immediate area. Weather radios are another reliable device for keeping track of severe weather.

As a reminder to the public, warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at approximately 10:00 am, unless inclement weather is present. Please keep the above information in mind when severe weather hits.

## Recreation Survey

Later this summer, the Village of Algonquin will be conducting a Community Attitude and Interest Survey to establish priorities for the future development of recreation facilities, programs, and services within the community. Your household may be randomly selected to receive this survey.

The time you invest in completing this survey will aid the Village in taking a resident-driven approach to making decisions that will enrich the future of our community and our residents. For more information on this project, please contact Jenna Kollings, Assistant Village Manager, at 847-658-2700.



## Season Pool Passes

Save time and money - get your season pass today! In-Season and Half Season rates are still available. When purchasing a season pass, please be sure to include all information about each pass holder, including name and birth date. Passes are distributed the first time you visit the swimming pool and are now used from season to season and are good for one year. If your pass is lost, stolen, or misplaced, there will be a fee of \$5.00 to replace the pass.

### Family Pass

In-Season - May 15 to July 19 (Fee: \$140)

Half Season - July 20 to September 7 (Fee: \$70)

### Additional Member Pass

In-Season - May 15 to July 19 (Fee: \$10)

Half Season - July 20 to September 7 (Fee: \$10)

### Individual Pass

In-Season - May 15 to July 19 (Fee: \$70)

Half Season - July 20 to September 7 (Fee: \$35)

### Senior Pass

In-Season - May 15 to July 19 (Fee: \$50)

Half Season - July 20 to September 7 (Fee: \$25)

Please visit <http://www.algonquin.org> for additional information on pricing and registration for these and other programs.

## Summer Concert Series

The Village of Algonquin is pleased to invite you and your family to this year's Algonquin Riverfront Park Summer Concert Series. Concerts are held weekly on Thursday nights at Riverfront Park beginning at 7:30 pm. These FREE concerts are a wonderful way to enjoy the scenic Fox River with your family around a picnic dinner. Here is the lineup for this year:

July 16

July 23

July 30

August 6

August 13

August 20

Matt Stedman

Vito Buffalo Orchestra (*Towne Park*)

Peter Guerin as Elvis

Chi Town Dixie Stompers

Pirates Over 40

The Flesh Melons



## Beavers

Due to the natural areas purposely preserved in our Village we are fortunate to have many types of wildlife species, including beavers. The following are answers to some questions you may have about this animal:

### What are some characteristics that can help me identify beavers?

Adult beavers typically weigh 45 to 60 pounds, but can grow up to 100 pounds. Beavers and humans are alike in their ability to greatly alter their habitats to suit their own needs. The beaver's most distinctive feature is their large flat tail, which serves as a rudder when swimming, a prop when sitting or standing upright, and a storehouse of fat for the winter. Beavers are aquatic mammals with large webbed hind feet ideal for swimming, and hand-like front paws that allow them to manipulate objects with great dexterity. They have excellent senses of hearing and smell, and rely on these senses more than their less developed sense of eyesight.

### Is the presence of beavers good or bad?

This animal can be both very destructive and very beneficial. Beavers use trees and brush in all aspects of what they do, so their affect on the immediate vegetation can be very noticeable. On the other hand, the environment created by beaver populations fosters many other desirable and beneficial animal species. In more native areas beaver populations are actually desirable.

### What is the Village going to do about beavers?

The Village's decisions relative to beaver activities and populations are made on a case by case basis. If the beaver activity is dramatically affecting native tree populations or threatening functionality of storm water control designs the issue will be appropriately addressed as allowable by Army Corps of Engineer and Illinois Department of Natural Resources regulations. If the negative aspects of the presence of beavers do not offset the environmental benefits, the Village's policy is to allow them to remain.

For more information specifically on beavers in Illinois, please visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website at [dnr.state.il.us](http://dnr.state.il.us).

## Village Holiday Hours

The Village of Algonquin Village Hall and Public Works Facility will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Village offices will also be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Refuse collection for that week will be delayed by one day this with Monday routes being picked up on Tuesday, etc.

The Village of Algonquin website remains open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) to access Village information any time.

## Say Yes to Autopay

Did you know that you could save time and money when paying your monthly water and sewer bill? All you have to do is complete an application online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) using Algonquin ePay or in person at Village Hall. This FREE service eliminates the hassle of paying postage, writing checks, and incurring late fees. Simply enroll and let us do the rest.

You will notice your application has been activated once the billing statement reflects "BANK PYMT" on the payment coupon. If you have questions about Autopay, please contact Water Billing at 847-854-3440.

## Japanese Beetle Information

Japanese Beetles may be a problem again this year for residents in the Village. Japanese Beetles are approximately 3/4" long, and are easily distinguished by their blue/green/brown/silver color, which is shiny and makes them look like they are made out of metal. In their larval stage they are grubs that feed on and kill your turf grass. As an adult they will feed on leaves of trees and other broadleaf plants. Leaves will be eaten, with only the leaf veins remaining, which look similar to lace.

Since the impact of Japanese Beetles is an aesthetic issue, and typically not detrimental to the health of trees, the Village does not treat Village-owned trees for this issue. If you notice Japanese Beetles have impacted your trees or lawn, the following treatments are available:

- ◆ Trees can be treated with a foliar application or an injected systemic insecticide.
- ◆ To eliminate Japanese Beetles at their larval stage, a granular turf grub control treatment in early in the growing year will reduce and control the adult populations.

Share this information with your neighbors, as the Japanese Beetle may migrate to your yard from one of your neighbors', even if you have performed preventative treatment. For more information, please contact the Japanese Beetle Homeowners Handbook at:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/pubs/pub\\_phjbeetle04.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/pubs/pub_phjbeetle04.pdf).



## Ted Spella Leaders Graduate

The Village of Algonquin and the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce the graduation of the 2008-2009 Ted Spella Leadership School Class.

Mike Carlson	Edward Mudra	Michelle Trunda
Virgil Corless	Leslie Russo	Dr. Daniel Valeria
Steve Guenther	Toni Spena	Judith Zaplatynsky
Dave Jenkins	Kristi Stern	Nancy Zettler
Kathy Mountain	Kathy Tomasino	Camille Ziemann

Alumnae of the Ted Spella Leadership School have gone on to become leaders in the community serving as appointed and elected officials or leaders within their schools, sports organizations and churches.



*Ted Spella Leadership School Class of 2009 at their graduation ceremony in March*

The Ted Spella Leadership School class began in 2004 and was named in memory of former Village President Salvatore "Ted" Spella. The goals of the Leadership School are to: enhance participants' knowledge of the community, introduce class members to key community leaders, involve members in the community through group projects, and develop leadership skills. The class members meet once a month for nine months to learn about all aspects of the community.

To apply to the Ted Spella Leadership School contact the Algonquin/LITH Chamber of Commerce at 847-658-5300.

## Downtown Farmers Market

Warm weather is in the air and that means the Downtown Algonquin Farmers Market is open! The market is held every Thursday from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm in the municipal parking lot on South Harrison Street and runs through October 1. Be sure to stop by for fresh fruits, vegetables, spices, baked goods, and flowers. The Farmers Market will conclude on Saturday, October 10, with the annual Old Time Country Harvest Festival that will feature free games for kids, a craft fair, and pumpkin contest. The market is sponsored by the Downtown Algonquin Partnership merchants' association (DAP). For more information, please visit the DAP's website at [www.downtownalgonquin.org](http://www.downtownalgonquin.org).

## Once Upon a Town...

*News from the Historic Commission*

Though Algonquin was originally settled in 1834, it was not incorporated as a village until 1890. When the population of the Village grew to 550 in 1900, community members felt the need for a Village Hall. Elgin architect, William W. Abel was hired and Blair and Summer of Janesville, WI constructed the first village hall for a total cost of \$6,848. The 4,100-square foot building at 2 South Main Street was designed with elements of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie Style, Richardsonian Romanesque, and coastal New England Shingle Style. Originally, the first floor housed the sprinkling wagon, which was used to water down the dirt roads to reduce dust, the Fire Department, the marshall's office, and the jail. The second floor was the council chamber, the clerk's office, and the vault.

Over the years, functions of the Village Hall changed. In 1921, a Village library was established and was also housed on the second floor until it moved to a newly constructed library building on Eastgate Drive in 1977. From 1950 - 1951, elementary school classes were held there due to overcrowding at the public school on Washington Street. The Fire Department became the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District in 1950 and moved to a new fire station on North Harrison Street.

As the population grew, so did the demand for services. Remodeling of the Village Hall took place in 1967, when the population soared to almost 4,000. In 1974, an additional 1,200 square feet were added for the police department and jail. By 1990, the population of our town was almost 12,000, and the Village Hall was busting at the seams. In 1996, a new Village Hall was built at 2200 Harnish Dr. for municipal administrative offices and the police department. The old village hall was renovated to more closely replicate the original building and is now known as Historic Village Hall. Old Historic Village Hall, along with the Public Square, were dedicated as county landmarks in 1993. It currently houses the Algonquin Historic Commission and public meeting rooms. Take a closer look the next time you go by this lovely building so rich in our village's history.



## Important Phone Numbers

**EMERGENCY** (Police, Fire, & Ambulance).....911  
**Village Hall** - 2200 Harnish Drive  
Administration.....847-658-2700  
Community Development.....847-658-4184  
Police (non-emergency).....847-658-4531  
**Public Works** - 110 Meyer Drive  
General Inquires.....847-658-2754  
**Water/Sewer Billing** .....847-854-3440  
**Swimming Pool** .....847-458-7677

## Village Meetings

### Village Board

First and Third Tuesday of each month - 8:00 pm

### Committee of the Whole

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month - 7:30 pm

### Planning and Zoning Commission

Second Monday of each month - 7:30 pm

### Historic Commission

Second Wednesday of each month - 7:00 pm

### Economic Development Commission

Second Thursday of the following months - 7:00 pm

January, March, May, June, September, November

## Village Launches New GIS Mapping Site

The Village of Algonquin is pleased to announce the launch of its new Geographic Information System (GIS) and mapping website for businesses and residents. The online GIS and mapping website is available to provide the public with tools to access information on properties, zoning & land use, local businesses, parks & open space, trails, streets, subdivisions, floodplains, and more! This free online service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This useful tool will allow the public to access governmental information at their fingertips.

To access the Village's GIS and mapping website, please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) and click on the GIS & Maps button.

## Public Art Program

Have you seen some of the more than 30 public art pieces that are on display throughout the Village of Algonquin? Artworks in a variety of media are currently being exhibited at 15 indoor and outdoor public locations throughout the community as part of the Village's award-winning Public Art Program. The artwork will be on display through October 2009, and brochures which list the locations are available at the Algonquin Village Hall. A slideshow with pictures of each public art piece is also available for viewing on the Community Development Department homepage of the Village website at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org). This summer, the Village is soliciting artwork loans for display as part of the fifth annual Public Art Program, and anyone interested in submitting a piece for consideration is encouraged to print a copy of the application from the Village website or call the Community Development Department at 847-658-1484 to request a paper copy.

*The mission of the people of Algonquin is to foster a harmonious, distinctive community with a strong sense of place, preserving its ecological and historical richness, providing a safe and comfortable environment through a responsible use of community resources, and developing ownership and pride in the community through significant citizen involvement in all civic, social, and cultural affairs. To this end, we will provide for the needs of today, prepare for the demands of tomorrow, and remain mindful and respectful of the past.*

## Village of Algonquin - Summer Newsletter 2009

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