



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

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Village Launches Social Media Applications

The Village of Algonquin is committed to providing the public with the best possible methods of communication and transparency. The growth in popularity of social media has proven to be an effective way to communicate Village news and information. Accordingly, the Village of Algonquin is pleased to announce the launch of the following services:



Facebook - Facebook is a social networking site used to promote Village of Algonquin activities, programs, projects, and events. The Village's Facebook Page provides timely information, photos, and event schedules. There is no cost to sign up for this service.



Twitter - Twitter is a blogging tool which allows users to "tweet" up to 140 characters of information per message. This service allows the Village to communicate time-sensitive information to followers quickly. There is no cost to sign up for this service.



Nixle - Nixle is a notification system designed to send urgent community alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors in a timely manner. This information is available by SMS text message and by web/e-mail. This service is free to enroll; however, messaging and data rates by your wireless provider may apply.

These services are designed to supplement existing Village communications in a timely manner. The Village of Algonquin website (www.algonquin.org) remains the primary source for Village information on the Internet. For more information on these services or to sign up, please visit www.algonquin.org.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween trick-or-treating hours in the Village of Algonquin are from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sunday, October 31. The Algonquin Police Department recommends the following tips for a safe and fun Halloween:

Tips for Kids:

- ▶ Travel in groups or go with a parent.
- ▶ Wear something that lights up such as a glow necklace or reflective tape, or use a flashlight.
- ▶ Only go to well-lit houses.
- ▶ Always go to the front door.
- ▶ Do not approach strange vehicles for any reason.

Tips for Parents:

- ▶ Parents should always inspect candy before it's eaten.
- ▶ If you cannot join your child, know your child's trick-or-treat route.

Remember to turn a porch light on if you are home and will be handing out treats. Have a safe, fun, and happy Halloween!

Winter Parking Regulations

Beginning November 1, 2010, parking will be prohibited on all public streets in the Village between the hours of 2:00 am and 5:00 am. The winter parking hours will be in effect until April 15, 2011.

In addition, it is unlawful to park on the street after any snowfall of 2 inches or greater unless the street has been cleared of snow. The snowfall parking ban is in place for your safety and will remain in effect until snow removal operations have been completed. Violators will be issued tickets. Residents with special parking issues should contact the Algonquin Police Department at 847-658-4531. Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances.

Fall Cemetery Cleanup

The annual "Fall Cleanup" of the Algonquin Cemetery will begin on Monday, October 25, and will run through Friday, October 29. All summer plantings, wreaths, and other decorations not removed before October 25 will be discarded.

Winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, may be placed on graves beginning November 15. For more information, contact the Village Hall at 847-658-2700.

Old Time Country Harvest Fest & Historic Cemetery Walk

Come out for some fall fun in Downtown Algonquin on **Saturday, October 9!** The Downtown Algonquin Partnership will be holding its annual **Old Time Country Harvest Fest** on **South Harrison Street from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** (Rain Date: October 16). Harvest Day activities will take place in the municipal parking lot on South Harrison Street and include free games for kids, a pumpkin decorating contest, a craft fair, farmers' market, and a sidewalk costume parade for kids starting at noon.

Additionally, the **Algonquin Historic Commission** will present its **8th annual "Historic Cemetery Walk"** on **Saturday, October 9, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Algonquin Cemetery.** The walk will feature graveside visits with former residents who will "bring to life" elements of Algonquin's early history through stories of their lives as they meet with guests. Advanced tickets are not required; however, a donation of \$1 per person at the cemetery walk is requested to help further the work of the Historic Commission to preserve our rich local history. Free parking and shuttle service will be offered from South Harrison Street up to the Algonquin Cemetery from 10:45 am to 2:30 pm. For more information on the cemetery walk contact the Algonquin Historic Commission at 847-658-4322. For a full listing of Harvest Day activities, please visit the Downtown Algonquin Partnership website at www.downtownalgonquin.org.

Village Announces Gold Leaf Award

The Village of Algonquin's ECO (Engage, Conserve, Optimize) Committee would like to recognize residents, organizations, and businesses within the Village of Algonquin for their efforts to protect or preserve our natural environment. The Gold Leaf Award is an outreach effort to engage and encourage residents to be active in the Village's environmental efforts. It is an opportunity to recognize those individuals, families, organizations, classrooms, schools, and businesses that demonstrate an ongoing commitment to our local and global resources—water, land, and air—through involvement and participation in various environmental initiatives.

Individuals or groups may apply to receive the Gold Leaf Award through Algonquin's ECO Committee. Winners will receive a certificate of recognition at a Village Board meeting, and their project will be posted on the Village website. Please visit www.algonquin.org/eco for further information.

Public Art Open House

The Public Arts Commission will hold its annual open house this October to unveil new artworks that were selected for display throughout the community as part of the Public Art Program. Local residents are encouraged to attend the reception at Village Hall where light refreshments will be served and up to 25 artworks will be on display.

The date/time of the open house will be determined in September. Visit www.algonquin.org for more information.

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Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. This exercise not only ensures proper operation of each hydrant but helps to move fresh water throughout the distribution system, improving overall water quality. **Flushing will take place between September 27 and October 31, weather permitting.** Please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks for a detailed schedule.

Fall Brush Collection

Free leaf pickup by Waste Management will begin on October 1 for Algonquin residents and will continue through December 10. There is no collection of yard waste from December 13 through March 2011. All leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or in reusable 33-gallon trash containers that are clearly marked. You may use a large, visible red "X" to indicate yard waste. Leaves should not be placed in loose piles.

During this time period, Waste Management will also provide free pickup of branches. The branches must be tied in bundles which are not more than 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter. Grass clippings and other yard waste (such as sod, dirt, or woodchips) will require a collection sticker. Any bags or cans that contain leaves mixed with other yard waste will also require a collection sticker. Also, please remember that putting leaves or yard debris into the street or on the sidewalk is prohibited by the Algonquin Municipal Code.

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