



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2010

Village Awarded EECBG Grant

The Village of Algonquin has received \$4,500 in grant funding from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program to perform insulation and weatherization enhancements at Historic Village Hall. This grant award will fund the project 100% and not require any Village funding. Village staff trained in thermal imaging performed a survey of this facility identifying areas in need of insulation and weather stripping. These heat efficiency measures will be installed in December and will result in lower natural gas heating costs for the Village.

These simple enhancements, such as adding insulation and installing weather stripping, are a perfect project for the do-it-yourselfer to help save on energy costs at your home this winter. Check out www.energystar.gov for more information on this and other energy efficiency applications.



Thermal image of Historic Village Hall displaying heat loss through roof.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation in Algonquin reached new heights in 2010. This pest will unfortunately eliminate the ash tree species as a viable plant in our area.

At this point, the Village has identified over four hundred and fifty (450) Village-owned trees that are infested. All of these trees have either been removed or are slated for removal. Emerald Ash Borer is now officially found in all areas of the Village. The infestation continues to dramatically increase, and, by next year at this time, the community will have lost over 1,000 public and private trees.

Treatment options available to the resident include homeowner products (available at local retailers) or treatments provided by qualified arborists. The only product endorsed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture is *Tree-age*, which is only commercially available and must be applied by a professional.

With the number of trees slated to fail, the Parks and Forestry Division is facing an incredible challenge. Your patience, as they work diligently to manage this event, is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 847-658-2754, or submit your inquiry online at www.algonquin.org.

Village Wins Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Village of Algonquin for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

To view the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget, please visit www.algonquin.org.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

With winter weather officially here, please remember that the Algonquin Municipal Code states that any person occupying a property within the Village shall remove snow and ice accumulating on the adjoining sidewalks within 24 hours after any snowfall has ceased. If snow and ice cannot be removed, the surface shall be sanded or otherwise treated to lessen the hazard for pedestrians until the climate permits removal.

Please remember that this code pertains to all front, back, and side area sidewalks that adjoin your property. **Snow should never be blown or shoveled into the public streets as it is prohibited by Village code.** Such placement of the snow may create a driving hazard for other motorists, especially if the Village plows have already passed through the area. The Municipal Code is available online at www.algonquin.org.

Winter Parking Regulations

Don't forget that winter parking regulations are in effect and parking is prohibited on any public street in the Village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. The winter parking hours will be in effect until April 15, 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.

Save Time and Money Paying Your Water Bill

The Village is proud to offer automatic debit as an option for paying your water bill. This is a FREE service available to water customers to have your water bill paid automatically from your banking account. This option eliminates the hassle of paying postage, writing checks, and incurring late fees. Sign up online at www.algonquin.org and click on Algonquin ePay or in person at Village Hall. After you enroll, let us do the rest!

If you have questions about Autopay, please contact Water Billing at 847-854-3440.



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Holiday Tree Collection

Waste Management will collect holiday trees on your normal collection day beginning on January 3 and ending January 14 at no charge.

In order for a tree to be collected, it must be placed at the curb or the edge of the road by 7:00 a.m. on the collection day. All lights and decorations must be removed. Trees should not be placed in plastic bags and any trees over six (6) feet tall should be cut in half so one person can handle them. Also, trees should be placed on top of the snow. Trees buried under snow could result in Waste Management not collecting them. Please contact Waste Management Customer Service at 1-800-796-9696 with any refuse or recycling inquiries.

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Program enables the police and the community to work together to make specific geographical areas more crime resistant. It is a neighborhood and community-based effort, designed to help citizens and the police in preventing primarily residential burglary and other neighborhood-related crimes. In harmony with the philosophy of community policing, neighborhood watch encourages strong working relationships between the police and the citizens.

Anyone interested in starting a neighborhood watch group should contact Officer Amy Bucci at the Algonquin Police Department at 847-658-4531.

Sign Up for Algonquin e-News

Algonquin e-News is the Village's e-mail announcement system that provides timely news reports from the Village to your Inbox. Additionally, users may also track progress and view history of their service requests submitted to the Village online.

You may enroll and view past issues on the Village website (www.algonquin.org) by clicking the e-News logo on the right side of the screen. The Village will NOT provide your e-mail address to any marketing or spamming organizations and users may cancel their subscription at any time. Additionally, you may find the Village on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Nixle! For more info, please visit www.algonquin.org.



Best Snowman in Algonquin Contest

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

Submit photos by e-mail to recreation@algonquin.org. Electronic photos only. Photos are due by March 1, 2011. Winners will be published in a future Village Events & Recreation Guide. For more information, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

