



The Algonquin Citizen

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Fall 2011

Back to School: Traffic Safety Tips

You may have noticed the increased traffic and activity around Algonquin which indicates the school year is back in full swing. The long summer break can cause some drivers to forget those driving habits that enhance safety of children traveling to school. The Algonquin Police Department offers these tips to keep in mind throughout the school year:

For Motorists:

- ▶ Maintain awareness of speed limits. In school zones, speed limits are 20 m.p.h. - the penalty for speeding is enhanced.
- ▶ Use of cell phones is prohibited in school zones by state law.
- ▶ Stop for school buses that are loading/unloading children.
- ▶ Stop for school crossing guards and do not move until the crossing guard is completely out of the intersection.

For Children Walking:

- ▶ Cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections.
- ▶ Always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing. Continue looking in this manner until you are able to cross safely.
- ▶ Use intersections with crossing guards when possible.
- ▶ Obey and follow all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard.
- ▶ Walk your bike through intersections.



Slow down and be extra alert for children during the school year.

The Algonquin Police Department provides crossing guards to help children cross streets at several locations. If your children walk to school, please take a few minutes to review these safety tips with them.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween trick-or-treating hours in the Village of Algonquin are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 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, 2011, parking will be prohibited on all public streets 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, 2012.

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 24, and will run through Friday, October 28. All summer plantings, wreaths, and other decorations not removed before October 24 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 8! The Downtown Algonquin Farmers' Market will conclude in grand style on Saturday, October 8, with its annual "Fall Harvest" theme. For all the event information and a full listing of "Harvest Day" activities, please visit the Downtown Algonquin Partnership website at www.downtownalgonquin.org.

Additionally, the Algonquin Historic Commission will present its 9th annual "Historic Cemetery Walk" from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Algonquin Cemetery. The walk will feature graveside visits with five 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. Parking is available near the Algonquin Cemetery, by the water tower or along Cary Algonquin Road. For more information on the cemetery walk, contact the Algonquin Historic Commission at 847-658-4322.

Fall Cleanup and Recycling Drop-Off

The Village of Algonquin, in cooperation with Waste Management, has scheduled the first annual "Fall Cleanup and Recycling Drop-Off Event." Algonquin residents (valid ID required) will be able to bring their unwanted household items to Presidential Park, 700 Highland Avenue, on Monday, October 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Typical items to be discarded include: toys, old clothes, couches, beds, dressers, mattresses, grills, and patio furniture. Recyclable items to be accepted are items that are not accepted in your curbside recycling and include: electronics, large cardboard boxes, alkaline batteries, cell phones, clean metals, and wood. Items NOT accepted include: automobile parts, landscape waste, white goods, liquids/chemicals, and construction materials including broken concrete and brick.



During this event, residents are required to unload their own vehicles into the appropriate dump areas. Village staff will not be able to assist in lifting and carrying of the drop-off items.

Public Art Open House

The Algonquin Public Arts Commission will hold its annual open house Thursday, October 27, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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 meet the participating artists.

Fall into Fun!

Join Algonquin Events and Recreation and get spooky at Boo Bash, creative at the Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade, or jingle your bells at our Breakfast with Santa. The Village has various NEW fitness programs and specialty classes this fall season for a variety of interests. For more information visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

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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 19 and November 4, 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 3 for Algonquin residents and will continue through December 16. There is no collection of yard waste from December 19 through March 2012. 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.**

