



*Village of Algonquin
2010 Annual Report and Calendar*

Celebrating Our Village: Community Events in Algonquin

Dear Algonquin Residents, Businesses, and Guests:

The focus of this year's calendar is a celebration of how we gather as a community—to celebrate our Village and each other. Despite the challenges posed during these difficult economic times, the Village has remained committed to delivering high quality services to our residents, businesses, and guests. Community events in Algonquin are our opportunity to show to you, our constituents, the high quality of life found in Algonquin. Prudent financial management and adherence to the Village's Guiding Principles in 2009 as well as previous years have allowed the Village to respond to the current economic times with minimal impact on service delivery. Below is a list of the Village's six Guiding Principles and our accomplishments during 2009:

Maintain and/or enhance customer service and citizen satisfaction.

- ♦ Launched Algonquin e-News, a FREE monthly briefing of Village news and events delivered directly to your Inbox.
- ♦ Launched a Mapping and Geographic Information System (GIS) available to the public for accessing property information and Village maps.
- ♦ Installed a kiosk allowing all the functionality of Algonquin's website and installed an automated teller machine (ATM) at Village Hall for added convenience.

Continue to promote and foster economic development.

- ♦ Added additional commercial space to Randall Road at the Oakridge Court Shopping Center.
- ♦ Continued marketing the Algonquin Corporate Campus and welcomed four new businesses: JDF Distribution Solutions, Windy City Strategies, Unique Solutions, and Progressive Solutions.
- ♦ Attracted Cardinal Fitness to the East Algonquin Road commercial corridor.

Evaluate, plan for, and implement important capital improvement projects in order to maintain the Village's infrastructure and uphold a high quality of life for residents.

- ♦ Secured \$262,000 in stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act towards the resurfacing of Huntington Drive North.
- ♦ Reconstructed all roadways in the Arrowhead Subdivision.
- ♦ Resurfaced several roadways in Algonquin including: Bunker Hill Drive, Huntington Drive, Sandbloom Road, and Square Barn Road.
- ♦ Performed routine maintenance and painting of Hanson Water Tower.
- ♦ Began reconstruction on Hanson Road from Edgewood Road north to Huntington Drive.

Assess all viable options to increase/maintain the Village's revenue base.

- ♦ Reduced spending in Fiscal Year 2009/2010 to correspond with the current economic conditions.
- ♦ Performed a program assessment for the Events and Recreation Division to identify citizen needs and enhance program effectiveness.
- ♦ Adopted a Debt Management Policy to maintain and enhance Village's AA+ bond rating.
- ♦ Implemented performance management program to better track Village operations and improve efficiency.

Continue to allocate the necessary resources for the maintenance of the public's health, safety, and welfare through a well trained and dedicated police force and public works department.

- ♦ Received a grant from Target for the Police Department's Bicycle Patrol Program.
- ♦ Implemented mobile applications for Public Works field projects, increasing efficiency as workers can document conditions while in the field.
- ♦ Participated in an emergency management training scenario so staff is adequately trained in the event of an emergency.

Continue to promote and develop programs with a conservation focus.

- ♦ Established ECO-Algonquin to develop environmental programming and published the Village's inaugural Environmental Action Plan.
- ♦ Held an e-Waste recycling day which recycled over 37,150 pounds of electronics.
- ♦ Developed carbon emissions inventory for Village operations which will help staff to identify methods to reduce energy use and the Village's carbon footprint.

In addition to these accomplishments, the Village held many events which are showcased in the 2010 calendar. As always, our talented residents helped contribute the wonderful photographs that are featured in this calendar as part of the Village's 2009 Photo Contest. We hope you find the 2010 Annual Report and Calendar useful during the year and hope to see you at one of the many events held in the Village!

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2010,

The Elected Officials and Staff of the Village of Algonquin



Founders' Days Parade
Photo - Ron McKinney



Founders' Days Parade
Photo - Don Stien



Battle of the Bands
Photo - Village of Algonquin



Jacobs High School Homecoming Game
Photo - Village of Algonquin



Village President and Board of Trustees

Top Row, Left to Right: Clerk Gerald Kautz, Trustee Jerry Glogowski, Trustee Bob Smith, Trustee Jim Steigert. Bottom Row, Left to Right: Trustee Brian Dianis, Trustee Debby Sosine, Village President John Schmitt, Trustee John Spella.

Elected Officials & Form of Government

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 experience 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 which 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."

Village President: John Schmitt Term: May 1, 2009—April 30, 2013

Village Trustees: Brian Dianis Term: May 1, 2009—April 30, 2013
Jerry Glogowski Term: May 1, 2009—April 30, 2013
Bob Smith Term: May 1, 2009—April 30, 2013
Debby Sosine Term: May 1, 2007—April 30, 2011
John Spella Term: May 1, 2007—April 30, 2011
Jim Steigert Term: May 1, 2007—April 30, 2011

Village Clerk: Gerald Kautz Term: May 1, 2009—April 30, 2013

Village Meetings

Village Board

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

Committee of the Whole

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

Planning and Zoning Commission

Second Monday of each month - 7:30pm

Historic Commission

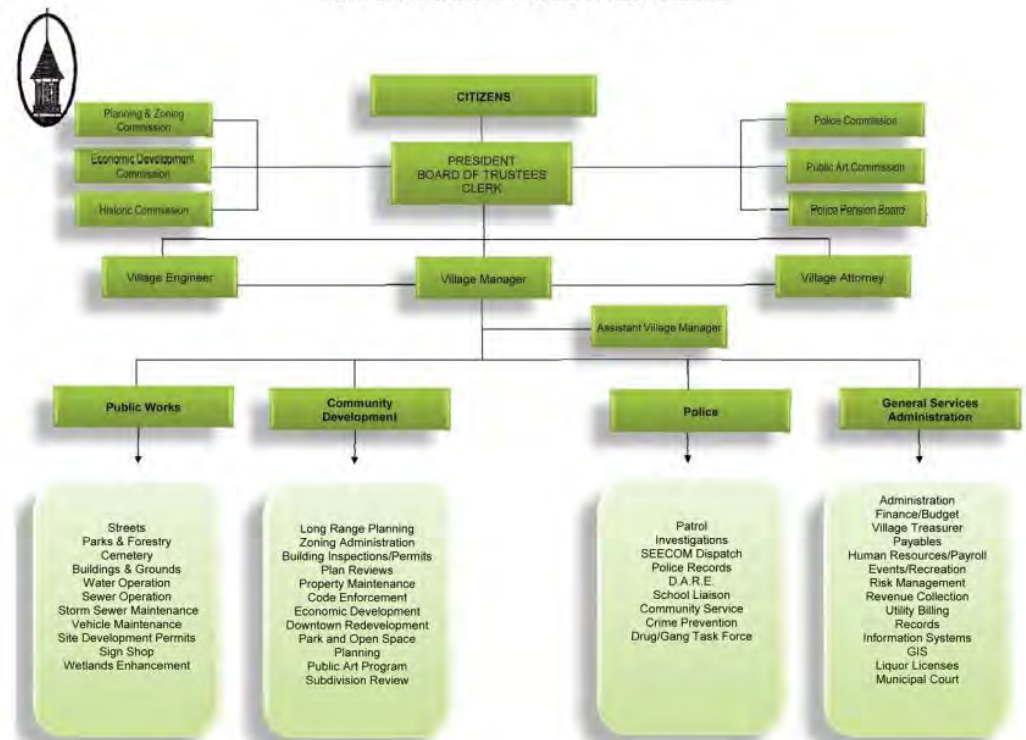
Second Wednesday of each month - 7:00pm

Historic Commission Workshop

Third and Fourth Saturday of each month - 8:30am

Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Call Village Hall at 847-658-2700 to confirm meeting times and dates or check www.algonquin.org for current information.

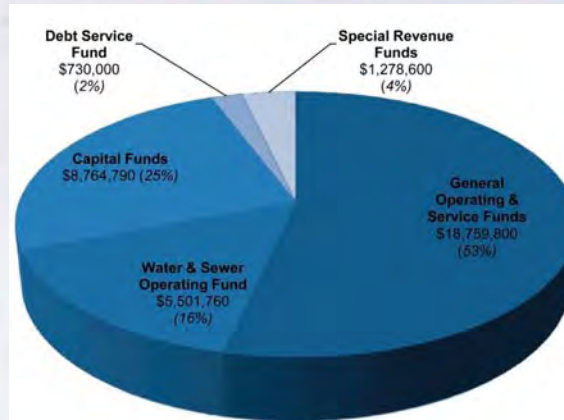
VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN 2009-2010 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Algonquin - By the Numbers

The Village of Algonquin operates on a May 1 to April 30 Fiscal Year. The annual operating budget for the Village of Algonquin is an important tool to assist Village officials in making sound and rational choices for the provision of public services. The pie chart below shows the Village's expenditures by type of fund for Fiscal Year Ending 2010 (April 30, 2010). Additionally, below are some workload indicators for the previous three fiscal years. We hope this annual report and calendar will be useful to you in understanding the Village of Algonquin's events and operations, while also helping you plan out your 2010!

	FYE 2007	FYE 2008	FYE 2009
General Services Administration			
Bond Rating	AA	AA	AA+
GFOA Budget Award	Yes	Yes	Yes
GFOA Audit Award	Yes	Yes	TBD
Community Development			
Permits Issued	2,065	1,893	3,377
Building Inspections	6,517	4,290	5,646
Property Inspections	2,688	2,452	9,455
Police			
Physical Arrests	946	703	939
Parking Violations	1,142	1,243	992
Traffic Violations	6,394	6,684	6,611
Public Works			
Park Acreage	526	647	667
Potholes Repaired	330	370	450
Street Miles Resurfaced	0.80	1.22	0.95
New Water Connections	400	21	20



Fiscal Year End April 30, 2010 Expenditures

You're Invited!
What: Winterpalooza
Where: Historic Village Hall
When: January 18

Village Staff

January 2010

General Services Administration Department 847-658-2700

William Ganek, Village Manager
Jenna Kollings, Assistant Village Manager
Jack Walde, Finance Director
Todd Walker, Human Resources Director
Sarah Stefan, Recreation Superintendent

Community Development Department 847-658-4184

Russ Farnum, Director
Craig Arps, Building Commissioner
Tom Jacobs, Assistant Building Commissioner

Police Department 847-658-4531

Russ Laine, Police Chief
Ed Urban, Deputy Chief
Steve Kuzynowski, Deputy Chief

Public Works Department 847-658-2754

Robert Mitchard, Director
Michele Zimmerman, Assistant Director
Andrew Warmus, Utilities Superintendent
Al Mozola, Streets Superintendent
Steve Ludwig, Parks & Forestry Superintendent
Vince Olsen, Internal Services Superintendent

Check out www.algonquin.org to request services or submit comments!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Village Offices Closed New Year's Day No Refuse/Recycling Collection	2 Friday Refuse/ Recycling Collection
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



Residents Dropping Off Old Electronics at the Village's E-Waste Recycling Day held in August 2009



Algonquin's 64-Gallon Recycling Carts (Photo - Don Stien)



Volunteers Cleaning Up the Fox River at "It's Our River Day"

Engage, Conserve, Optimize

In 2009, the Algonquin Village Board endorsed the Village's first formal Environmental Action Plan. This plan was developed by the Village's ECO Committee. The ECO Committee (ECO=engage, conserve, optimize), formed in 2008, is a group of staff members dedicated to fostering and coordinating the Village's environmental initiatives and to working collaboratively towards meeting the Village's sustainability goals. Below are some highlights of the Village's environmental initiatives in 2009:

E-Waste Recycling Day: In June 2009, all television stations in the U.S. stopped broadcasting in analog broadcasting to transition to digital broadcasting. To address the number of obsolete television sets, as well as other old and unused household electronics (e-Waste), the Village held an e-Waste Recycling Day at the Public Works Facility. The Village's e-Waste Recycling Day held in August 2009 collected approximately 37,150 pounds of e-Waste, which was recycled instead of sent to area landfills.

Residential Recycling: The Village of Algonquin is proud to offer 64-gallon recycling carts to accommodate your recyclables and encourage our residents to recycle—and our residents have been! According to 2009 data provided by Waste Management, the Village's residential waste and recycling hauler, Algonquin residents divert 40 to 50 percent of their waste from landfills by recycling. This is one of the highest rates for communities in northern Illinois. The Village encourages you to keep recycling and save money by not having to buy additional garbage stickers. Additional recycling carts are available from Waste Management for a small, one-time fee by calling 1-800-796-9696.

Environmental Action Plan: The Village of Algonquin's Environmental Action Plan (EAP) defines the scope of the Village's environmental efforts and outlines specific strategies the Village currently has in place or plans to investigate in the future to meet our objectives. This plan will be updated on an annual basis and will serve as a critical component to the overall vision of the Village of Algonquin. The EAP is only available online, so check it out next time you are surfing the Web!

For more information on the Village of Algonquin's environmental practices, please visit www.algonquin.org/ECO.

Mark Your Calendar!
What: Conservation
Community Day
Where: Woods Creek Trail
When: June 18

*Conservation Community Day Held
 at the Woods Creek Bike Trail*

Schedule a Speaker

The Village of Algonquin is proud to employ experts in various fields to provide services to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Algonquin. In addition to providing services, the Village is pleased to offer an array of individuals to speak to your group or organization on various Village services and programs including:

- ◆ Alternative Fuels
- ◆ Forestry
- ◆ Geographic Information Systems
- ◆ Local Government Issues
- ◆ Public Art
- ◆ Stormwater
- ◆ Water Conservation and Quality
- ◆ Wetlands, Streams, Prairies, and Woodlands
- ◆ Others

If there is a service or program the Village provides that you would like additional information on or would like to schedule a speaker for your organization, please contact Village Hall at 847-658-2700 to make the proper arrangements.

Check out www.algonquin.org for Village Department and Division contacts!

February 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26	27
28						

Safety First

As part of protecting the safety and welfare of the general public, the Algonquin Police Department (APD) has established a very proactive approach to community involvement. You will often see officers at community events providing safety tips and other information. Below are some of the events at which the Algonquin Police Department emphasized safety to the community in 2009:

Neighborhood Watch: The Neighborhood Watch Program enables the police and the community to work together to make neighborhoods 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. Neighborhood Watch encourages strong working relationships between the police and the citizens. In 2009, the Police Department worked with seven neighborhoods on establishing and developing their own neighborhood watch groups. Contact Officer Amy Bucci at 847-658-4531 if your neighborhood is interested in starting a watch group.

National Night Out: National Night Out is the culmination of a year-long community building campaign that is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness; generate support and participation for local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. In 2009, the Police Department worked with local neighborhoods to register and coordinate National Night Out events at the block level. This year's National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 3. Check out www.algonquin.org this summer for more information.

DARE: The Algonquin Police Department DARE program is an integral part of the Department's crime prevention program. In Algonquin, the belief is that the best way to prevent crime is to intervene before a problem begins. "DARE" stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. The DARE unit consists of full-time officers who have been certified in this specialized area of law enforcement expertise. In 2009, over 700 fifth grade students from seven different schools graduated from the DARE program.

For more information on the Algonquin Police Department, please visit www.algonquin.org/police.

You're Invited!
What: Complete Your U.S.
Census Questionnaire
Where: In Your Mailbox
When: Now!



APD Officers at Jacobs High School Homecoming Game



National Night Out Pool Event



APD Meeting with Citizens at National Night Out Pool Event

Spring Cemetery Cleanup

The Village coordinates an annual "Spring Cleanup" of the Algonquin Cemetery every year. This year's cleanup will begin Monday, April 5, and will go through Friday, April 9. All winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, and other decorations, that are not removed before April 1 will be discarded. Beginning Monday, April 19, through Friday, April 23, spring cleanup will be completed and mowing of the cemetery will begin. Mother's Day and/or summer decorations may be placed on graves beginning Friday, May 1. Remember, no planting may be done in Blocks 8 or 9 of the cemetery. No planting of bushes or shrubs, etc. may be done in any part of the cemetery, except by authority of the Village.

March 2010

Annual Budget

In March 2010, the Committee of the Whole is scheduled to review the proposed General Fund Budget (contact Village Hall at 847-658-2700 to confirm the meeting agenda). The Village Board will consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011 budget in its entirety in April.

Check out www.algonquin.org for more information on the Annual Budget!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Saving Time Begins			St. Patrick's Day			First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Breakfast with the Bunny and Egg Hunt
28	29	30	31			
Palm Sunday		Passover				



Students Plant a Tree at the Village's Arbor Day Event



Village Staff at Arbor Day Event Discussing Benefits of Trees



Fourth Graders at Village's Arbor Day Event at Westfield School

Tree City U.S.A

The Village of Algonquin has been recognized as a Tree City USA since 1996, making it one of the first in Kane and McHenry Counties. To qualify for Tree City USA, the Village must meet four standards established by The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These include having a department dedicated to Forestry, a tree care ordinance, a forestry program with a budget of at least \$2.00 per capita, and an Arbor Day event. Here are some of the accomplishments in 2009 that helped the Village remain a Tree City USA:

Arbor Day: In 2009, Steve Ludwig, Parks and Forestry Superintendent, gave Arbor Day presentations to approximately 325 fourth graders at Neubert, Westfield, Eastview, and Algonquin Lakes elementary schools. The children were given a presentation on the history of Arbor Day, the importance of trees in everyday life, and had an interactive question and answer session. The children also read poems and received a packet from the Village, which contained a Village Arbor Day litterbag, various pamphlets full of games and tree care information, "plant trees" stickers, and Arbor Day pencils from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Students at Westfield School helped plant a tree at their school. The planting ceremony rotates every four years to each of the grade schools listed above.

Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan: In 2008, the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in the Village was confirmed. This pest is detrimental to the viability of Ash species in the region. The Public Works Department has worked to mitigate the impact of the pest and keep Village parkways green with trees. In 2009, Village arborists removed approximately 122 trees infected with EAB. All of these trees have been replaced as part of the Village's Tree Replacement Program. In fall 2009, the Village received over 400 trees which were donated to the Village. These trees have been planted in an effort to establish replacement species prior to full EAB infestation.

Village Hall Arboretum: Included in the landscape plan design when building the Village Hall, the Arboretum has been around since 1996. The concept was brought out of the desire to provide an educational opportunity and information on the Village's 50/50 Tree Program. Sixteen different species were installed along with educational signage that provides information about the characteristics of each plant. The site is strategically planted in an attempt to not only to provide a variety of species, but also to study their success in Algonquin soils and temperatures. Located off of the lower lot at Village Hall (2200 Harnish Drive), the Arboretum is open year round for a casual walk, or a tour can be scheduled for your class or group by calling the Public Works Department at 847-658-2754.

For more information on the Village's Parks and Forestry Division, please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks.

Mark Your Calendar!
What: Spring Clean Up
Where: Curbside
When: April 10, 17, or 24

Spring Clean Up

In April, the Village of Algonquin, along with Waste Management, will sponsor a Village-wide cleanup program for single-family residences and townhomes that currently receive residential refuse and recycling services. This program is to encourage residents to reduce fire hazards in their homes and to "spruce up" their neighborhoods. **STICKERS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS SPECIAL PICKUP.** Typical items to be discarded include toys, old clothes, couches, beds, dressers, grills and patio furniture. Items that will not be picked up include automobile parts, landscape waste, white goods and construction materials such as broken concrete and large amounts of lumber and brick. See the Village Newsletter or Village website for more details and for information on what day your pickup will be scheduled.

Check out www.algonquin.org for more information on pool and recreation programs!

Early Bird Pool Pass

During the month of April, the Village's Recreation Department offers discounted Season Pool Pass for Families and Individuals. Take advantage of HUGE savings by purchasing your Season Pass early! Visit www.algonquin.org/recreation or check out the Summer Events and Recreation Guide for more information.

Free Leaf and Brush Collection

Free leaf and brush collection will take place April 5 to April 30. Leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or reusable trash containers that are clearly marked with a red "X" on both sides and should not exceed 50 pounds. Leaves placed in loose piles will not be picked up.

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Village Offices Closed Good Friday	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter						Spring Clean Up - Zone 1 (East)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Winter Parking Regulations End		Spring Clean Up - Zone 2 (Central)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Earth Day		Spring Clean Up - Zone 3 (West)
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					Arbor Day	

Diving into Fun!

The Algonquin Swimming Pool and Splashpad has been a favorite summertime facility for many families throughout the years. From our interactive Splashpad to our diving well, you'll find something for everyone in your family to enjoy! The facility features a one-meter spring diving board, interactive splashpad area, pre-school discovery area, lap pool, concession stand, chaise lounge chairs, and a funbrella, for those who want to keep cool under the shade. In addition to all these wonderful pool amenities, the Algonquin Pool and Splashpad regularly holds special events that ensure a cool, fun time:

Battle of the Bands: In June 2009, the Algonquin Pool and Splashpad transformed into a music venue for the Teen Battle of the Bands. The Illinois Teen Battle of the Bands helped launch Chicago-area bands such as Plain White T's and Fall Out Boy. The 2009 event drew just under 300 attendees and featured four bands competing to go to the next level. The winners of the Algonquin Battle of the Bands received an invitation to the regional completion to compete for a chance for their band to play at the Illinois State Fair.

National Night Out: To help kick off National Night Out 2009, a community-wide event was held in July at the Algonquin Pool and Splashpad. This July event was held to promote the core values of National Night Out so that residents may hold their own neighborhood-based events on the actual National Night Out (first Tuesday in August). The community event featured free swimming, food, games, and prizes. Look for a similar event in 2010 and start thinking of ways for you and your neighbors to celebrate National Night Out.

Season Pool Passes: Season Pool Passes in 2009 featured a new look for your ease and convenience. The key tag passes are renewable from season to season and can be easily stored on key chains or even sewn onto towels. This eliminates the waiting in lines for printing the old passes and reduces the waste of plastic and printer cartridges, supporting the environmental mission of the Village. Be sure to take advantage of the discount rates of early bird, in-season, and half-season passes this summer by getting your season pass today!

For more information on events at the Algonquin Pool and Splashpad, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

Cooling Off at Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool

Photo - Ron McKinney

You're Invited!
What: Farmer's Market
*Where: Intersection of Harrison St.
and Washington St.*
When: Thursdays



Swim Team Meet at Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool



Open Swim at the National Night Out Community Event



Teen Battle of the Bands 2009 Participants

Garage and Yard Sales

Please follow these guidelines when conducting a garage or yard sale:

- ♦Limit of three sales per year at one address.
- ♦Duration of sale—no longer than four consecutive days.
- ♦A maximum of three signs may be posted, only during the dates of the sale. A sign must have its own support to be affixed to the ground. Signs are not allowed to be adhered to light poles, telephone poles or other fixtures in the public right of way. Signs must be removed within 24 hours of the last day of the sale.

Check out www.algonquin.org for more information on Village Ordinances and regulations!

May 2010

Bike to Work Week

May is National Bike Month with the week of May 17 as Bike to Work Week in the Village of Algonquin. Take a ride on one of the many trails found throughout Algonquin! A trail map is available at www.algonquin.org

Animals At Large and Animal Litter

Please be advised that dogs, cats, and other domestic animals must be contained to the owner's property unless under restraint (i.e. leash). In addition, no domestic animal may litter on any public or private property unless the excrement is immediately removed.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
16	17	18	19	20	21 Bike to Work Day	22
23/30	24/31 Village Offices Closed Memorial Day No Refuse/Recycling Collection	25	26	27	28	29

You're Invited!
What: Art on the Fox
Where: Riverfront Park
When: June 5 and June 6

Downtown - Everything's Waiting for You!

Have you been downtown lately? Day and night, winter and summer, Downtown Algonquin has something for everyone. Whether strolling down Main Street and patronizing its dozens of specialty shops, enjoying the dining and nightlife options in the evening, or relaxing and catching a concert by the Fox River – Downtown Algonquin is the place to be! Parades, concerts, art shows, markets, and other events make Downtown a place to remember. This year, be sure to check out some of the events and programs featured below:

Farmers Market: In May, when spring is in the air, it means the Downtown Algonquin Farmers Market is right around the corner. The market is held every Thursday from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the municipal parking lot at Washington Street and South Harrison Street and in 2009 featured over ten different vendors each week. Be sure to stop by for fresh fruits, vegetables, spices, baked goods, and flowers. Each year in October, the Algonquin Farmers Market concludes with the annual Old Time Country Harvest Festival which is featured below.

Public Art Program: Have you seen some of the more than 40 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, including Downtown Algonquin, as part of the Village's award-winning Annual Public Art Program. The artwork will be on display through October 2010, 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 at www.algonquin.org/development.

Old Time Country Harvest Fest and Historic Cemetery Walk: Every year, the Algonquin Farmers Market concludes in grand style with the annual Old Time Country Harvest Fest that features free games for kids, a pumpkin decorating contest, a craft fair, and a sidewalk costume parade for kids. Additionally, the Algonquin Historic Commission holds its annual Cemetery Walk on this day. The cemetery walk features "former" residents who bring to life the elements of Algonquin's early history through stories of their lives as they meet with visitors. Mark your calendars now for this upcoming event in October.

For more information on events and businesses in Downtown Algonquin, please visit www.algonquin.org/development.



Artists Discussing Their Work with Citizens at the Public Art Open House



Shopping at the Downtown Farmers Market



Summer Concert Series at Riverfront Park

Water Conservation

June 2010

Global water consumption has risen almost ten-fold in the last century, and many parts of the world are now reaching the limits of their supply. Population continues to increase while water supplies dwindle. The Village of Algonquin instituted a water conservation program in 2002. An essential goal of this program is to minimize seasonal stress on our water supply and to encourage residents to limit outside water use. One important component of the program is the water system status that informs residents and businesses of our outside water restrictions. To check the water system status, see signs posted on main streets throughout the Village or visit the Village's website at www.algonquin.org.

GREEN: Indicates outside watering is permitted except for landscaping watering between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm.

YELLOW: Indicates even/odd days for watering, before 9:00am and after 6:00pm. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days, before 9:00am and after 6:00pm.

ORANGE: Indicates even/odd days for watering only between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00am. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days, between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00am.

RED: Indicates no outside water use is allowed at any time. This includes all use of water outside, such as washing vehicles, power washing and watering landscaping.

Check out www.algonquin.org for the current water system status and water conservation tips!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Refuse/Recycling Collection Delayed by One Day for Entire Week	2	3	4	5 Art on the Fox
6 Art on the Fox	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Art on the Fox	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 Conservation Community Day	19
20 Father's Day	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



Live Music at the Founders' Days Festival



Lining Up for the Founders' Days Parade (Photo - Don Stien)



The Carnival at Founders' Days Festival

You're Invited!
What: Founders' Days
Where: Towne Park
When: July 22 - July 25

Founders' Days Weekend

You may have heard the slogan, "always the last full weekend in July." That's right, the Algonquin Founders' Days Festival will be held July 22 – July 25 at Towne Park, located at 100 Jefferson Street in Downtown Algonquin. This year marks the 50th Founders' Days event in Algonquin. Founders' Days features four days of special events, music, and more including the following signature events:

Founders' Parade: The Founders' Days Parade takes place on Saturday morning traveling through Algonquin to Towne Park for the start of the Founders' Days activities for the day. Be sure to get your seats early, as this event grows in popularity each year.

Founders' Run: The Algonquin Founders' Days Run is held on Sunday morning and features four races: 10K Run, 5K Run, 5K Walk, and 1-Mile Run. The course is entirely on paved streets and trails on the east side of Algonquin. Registration is required and can be completed at www.algonquinfoundersdays.com.

Founders' Days Festival Fireworks Spectacular: Bring a blanket and lawn chairs and head on down to Riverfront Park for the Founders' Days Festival Fireworks Spectacular! Every year the Fireworks Spectacular caps off the Founders' Days event with a dazzling light show. Be sure to visit www.algonquin.org/police before you leave home to check road closures and detours related to the event.

Founders' Days Fireworks from Riverfront 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.

Water and Sewer Bill Payment Options

July 2010

In an effort to better serve our residents, the Village of Algonquin has various options for the payment of water and sewer bills. Your options include:

♦**Electronic Pay:** Autopay is a scheduled payment system that utilizes the banking system to deduct your payment from your checking or savings account automatically on the billing due date. Visit the Village website to apply.

♦**Credit Cards:** You can now pay your bill via credit card; simply visit the Village web site. There you will find an application to enroll for payments via credit card.

♦**Mail:** Use the envelope enclosed with your bill and mail your payment (Postage Required).

♦**In-Person:** Payments are accepted at Village Hall during regular business hours. Night deposit boxes are also available at 2 S. Main (Historic Village Hall) and 2200 Harnish Drive (Village Hall).

Check out www.algonquin.org to make an online payment!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Village Offices Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Summer Concert Series	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Founders' Days Festival				Summer Concert Series		



Summer Concert Series at Riverfront Park



Algonquin/LITH Fire Protection District Training on the Fox River at Cornish Park



Art on the Fox Event at Riverfront Park

Gem of the Fox River Valley

The Village of Algonquin is known as the “Gem of the Fox River Valley” with our crown jewel being the Fox River itself. In addition to the Fox River, other Algonquin “Gems” are the numerous pristine parks that line the river and its tributaries. Throughout the year, several events and activities are happening at Cornish and Riverfront Parks. Whether meeting friends for a concert, relaxing riverside, or catching an art show, the events below won’t disappoint:

Summer Concert Series: Algonquin’s Summer Concert Series features a wide variety of musical artists. Summer Concerts are held weekly on Thursday nights at Riverfront Park beginning at 7:30pm. These FREE concerts are a wonderful way to enjoy the scenic Fox River with your family around a picnic dinner. In 2009, the Village held six concerts during its Summer Concert Series. Look for information about the Summer Concert Series in the Summer Events and Recreation Brochure which is sent to your home or online at www.algonquin.org/recreation.

It’s Our River Day: Each September, the Village of Algonquin partners with the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County to hold “It’s Our River Day” at Cornish Park. The purpose of “It’s Our River Day” is to honor and preserve the rivers of Illinois. Event details include various speakers, kayak and canoe demonstrations, and live music, followed by a clean-up of the Fox River. During the 2009 event, 67 volunteers picked up 560 pounds of trash and 36 pounds of recyclables. Check out www.algonquin.org or the summer edition of the Algonquin Citizen for more information on this event.

Art on the Fox: The Algonquin Public Arts Commission holds an outdoor fine art show called “Algonquin’s Art on the Fox” the first weekend of June in beautiful Riverfront Park, located in the heart of the community’s historic downtown. The event is free and open to the public, and last year more than 30 artist booths featuring paintings, photography, fiber, jewelry, ceramics, glass, as well as sculptures, were set up along downtown Algonquin’s winding riverwalk. Please visit www.algonquin.org for information on this event.

You’re Invited!
What: Summer Concert Series
Where: Riverfront Park
When: August 5 & 12

Fox River from Algonquin Road Bridge

Keep it Out of the Landfill: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The Village of Algonquin strongly encourages residents and businesses to recycle. Recycling is free for residents of single-family homes and town homes in the Village. You can recycle newspaper, brown paper bags, cardboard, junk mail, glass jars and bottles, aluminum cans, milk and water jugs, spent aerosol cans, and much more. Keeping in mind that the more you recycle the less garbage you will generate, each household has been issued a 64-gallon cart to be used for recycling, also saving you money in garbage stickers. If an additional recycle cart is needed, please contact Waste Management Customer Service at 800-796-9696. There is a \$25 delivery fee for additional carts. Please do not mix household garbage with recyclables in the cart.

The Village, in cooperation with Waste Management, puts out a quarterly mailer explaining inventive ways to recycle, dispose of hazardous waste, and other information for our community.

August 2010

50% by 2011: Join your neighbors and the Village of Algonquin as we try to reach our goal of a 50% diversion rate by 2011. A diversion rate is calculated by Waste Management as a measure of "waste" that is diverted from landfills by recycling. On average, about 70% of our waste is recyclable materials. Make sure your recyclables make it to the recycle bin as we shoot for 50% by 2011!

Check out www.algonquin.org for more tips on how to recycle more and save money!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 National Night Out	4	5 Summer Concert Series	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Summer Concert Series	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Parent & Child Golf in the Spring



Noonie Nature Time at Spella Park in the Summer



Flag Football in the Fall

Take Time for "Green" Fun

The Village of Algonquin, consistent with its conservation focus, offers recreation events and programs with a "green" emphasis. With Algonquin's natural preserves and wetlands, a "living" laboratory is in our backyard! In addition to the outstanding events below, the Village added two additional FREE nature and science events in 2009. This year look for additional FREE nature and science programs to be offered in your recreation brochures.

Nature Walks & Talks: Nature expert Barb Wilson leads monthly excursions in our Algonquin community parks and trails. Each walk includes new themes, discussions about the area, guided tours, and some include a giveaway or craft activity. In 2009, seven free Family Nature Walks & Talks were held.

Noonie Nature Time: Additionally, the Village of Algonquin presents Noonie Nature Time which also features nature expert Barb Wilson. Pack a lunch and meet other kids to set off on a lunchtime adventure. Each month, this event meets at a neighborhood playground to explore the natural wonders of the environment. In 2009, seven Noonie Nature Time events were held at Algonquin parks.

Algonquin Parks: A sure bet for some "green" fun is to visit one of the Village's pristine parks! Algonquin features 22 parks and 667 acres of open and park space for your activity of choice. In 2009, the Parks and Forestry Division of the Public Works Department unveiled its "No Can Plan" to promote recycling and reduce waste among park users. The program asks users to simply carry out what they carry in. Approximately 23 waste cans were removed from parks in 2009. This project will continue to be evaluated in the future as a viable method for promoting recycling and saving taxpayer dollars.

For more information on the Village of Algonquin's "Green" events, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

You're Invited!
What: It's Our River Day
Where: Cornish Park
When: September 18

Fishing at Cornish Park

Photo - Brenda Vodicka

Village Parks

The Village of Algonquin provides a variety of both active and passive parks offering playground equipment, fishing, pavilion/gazebos, walking/bike paths and more for sight-seeing and exercise. Take time to enjoy one of these parks today. Parks open daily at 6:00am and close at dusk.

September 2010

Algonquin Lakes Park ~ 700 Lake Plumleigh Way

Braewood Park ~ 1001 Gaslight Drive

Broadsmore Park ~ 2051 Broadsmore Drive

Cornish Park ~ 101 South Harrison Street***

Gaslight Park ~ 700 Terrace Drive

High Hill Park & Nature Reserve ~ 501 Kirkland Drive*

Hill Climb Park ~ 801 Circle Drive

Holder Park ~ 1040 Timberwood Lane**

Jaycees Field ~ 1295 Parkwood Court

Kelliher Park ~ 800 Square Barn Road

Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool ~ 599 Longwood Drive

Merrill-Pioneer Park ~ 1250 Getzleman Terrace

Presidential Park ~ 700 Highland Avenue

Riverfront Park ~ 201 North Harrison Street***

Snapper Field ~ 599 Longwood Drive

Spella Community Park ~ 2610 Harnish Drive*

Stoneybrook Park ~ 1200 North Huntington Drive

Towne Park ~ 100 Jefferson Street ***

Village Hall Arboretum ~ 2200 Harnish Drive

James B. Woods Park ~ Wintergreen Terrace

Willoughby Farms Park ~ 2001 Wynnfield Drive**

Yellowstone Park ~ 1420 Yellowstone Parkway

* Great place for sledding

** Ice Rink, weather permitting

*** Pavilion/Gazebo can be reserved



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Village Offices Closed Labor Day No Refuse/Recycling Collection	7 Refuse/Recycling Collection Delayed by One Day for Entire Week	8	9 Rosh Hashanah	10	11
12 Grandparent's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 It's Our River Day Yom Kippur
19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Fall	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Data Driven Mapping

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a mapping application with data linked to the locations on the map. The Village began using GIS in 2000 and now uses it regularly across all departments. The following are some enhancements made to this area in 2009:

Internet GIS: In March 2009, the Village launched a public Geographic Information System (GIS) and mapping website. 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.

Village Hall Kiosk: Also in March 2009, a kiosk was installed at Village Hall for public use. With our new kiosk, you will now be able to make payments using your credit card or enroll in automatic debit for certain services. You will also be able to submit and track Village Service Requests. Access Village information and news at your fingertips or by the touch screen. Need a copy? Simple, just print the page and take it with you. The kiosk is intended to provide you with the additional conveniences and services Algonquin offers on the World Wide Web as well as the friendly and knowledgeable staff ready to serve you at Village Hall.

Municipal GIS Meeting: In June 2009, the Village of Algonquin hosted a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) meeting. Over 40 GIS professionals from municipal governments in the Chicago area attended to observe how the Village is utilizing GIS to streamline operations and improve efficiency. Village staff showcased how the Village uses GIS to manage its tree inventory and to place work orders while employees are in the field. Meeting attendees observed some of the innovative approaches to data management the Village uses in its daily operations.

Check out www.algonquin.org/GIS for more information on the Village's GIS and mapping applications.

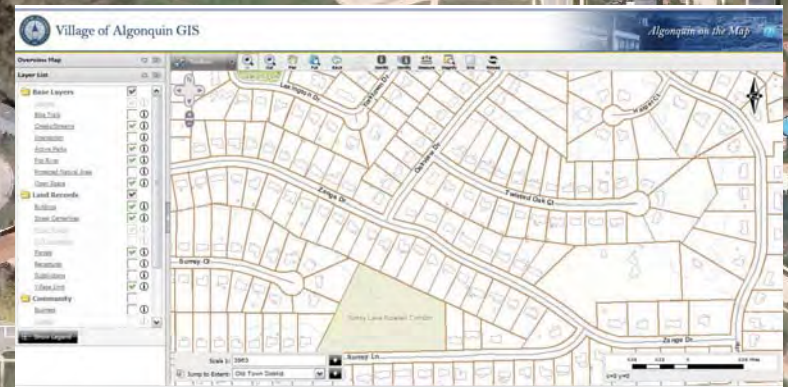
You're Invited!
What: Trick-Or-Treat
Where: Village of Algonquin
When: October 31, 3:00pm to 7:00pm



Staff Presenting Village GIS Applications



Village Hall Kiosk



Village GIS and Mapping Website - www.algonquin.org/GIS

Free Leaf and Brush Collection

Free collection of leaves and branches takes place every fall from October 1 to December 10. Leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or reusable trash containers that are clearly marked with a red "X" on both sides and should not exceed 50 pounds. Branches must be tied in bundles no longer than four (4) feet in length and two (2) feet in diameter. Leaves placed in loose piles will not be picked up.

Grass clippings and other yard waste will still require a collection sticker. Any bags or cans which contain leaves mixed with other yardwaste will also require a collection sticker. Stickers for garbage and yardwaste are interchangeable.

Fall Cemetery Cleanup

The annual Fall Cleanup of the Algonquin Cemetery will begin on October 25 and run through October 29. All summer plantings, wreaths, and other decorations that are not removed before October 25 will be discarded. Winter decorations such as blankets and wreaths may be placed on graves beginning November 14.

Check out www.algonquin.org to request services or submit comments!

October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Old Time Country Harvest Historic Cemetery Walk
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 Halloween	25	26	27	28	29	30 Halloween Hoopla

Veterans' Day

Veterans' Day is a federal holiday celebrated every year on November 11 to honor military veterans. This day is also celebrated as Armistice Day, which marked the end of World War I. Veterans' Day is the opportunity to share our gratitude with military veterans and recognize their sacrifices to preserve our freedom. Although the Village of Algonquin does not hold a formal Veterans' Day event, the Village does show its support in other ways.

In June 2009, the Marine Corps League of McHenry County held a memorial service at the Algonquin Veterans' Memorial located at the Algonquin Cemetery. This event was held in conjunction with the Department of Illinois Assembly of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary annual convention held in Crystal Lake. The Village of Algonquin provided transportation to and from the memorial service. This Veterans' Day, be sure to stop by the Algonquin Veterans' Memorial located near the intersection of Cary-Algonquin Road and Beachway Drive.

In October 2009, the Village served as a collection site for Operation Support Our Troops Illinois. This collection sends reading materials, food, and other goods to the men and women of the armed forces serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Village of Algonquin follows all Presidential Proclamations with respect to flying flags at half-staff. Any time the flags on municipal property are lowered, a news release will be posted on the Village website stating the reason flags are being flown at half-staff.



U.S. Marines at Veterans' Memorial Event



Veterans' Memorial in Algonquin Cemetery



Shop Algonquin!
Why: Keep Your Tax Dollars in
Your Community
Where: Businesses in Algonquin
When: This Holiday Season

Village Communications

Looking for information regarding recreation programs, public meetings, breaking news, and other things happening in Algonquin? There are many ways to find out what is going on at Village Hall and around town:

- ♦ **Algonquin e-News:** Never be out of the loop; sign up for Algonquin e-News! Monthly news updates are delivered directly to your inbox from the Village. Sign up at www.algonquin.org.
- ♦ **Algonquin Online:** Check out the Village website at www.algonquin.org for Village meeting agendas, minutes, breaking news, recreation brochures, and other current information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Check out www.algonquin.org to sign up for Algonquin e-News!

November 2010

- ♦ **The Algonquin Citizen:** The Village's newsletter is published quarterly and is available online. This is your go to source for pertinent seasonal information in the Village.
- ♦ **Events and Recreation Guide:** Want to do something active? Want a way to relax and meet people? Check out one of the three Events and Recreation Guides sent out this year and sign up for a program. We're sure to have something to fight cabin fever!
- ♦ **Village Meetings:** Attending a Village Board or Commission meeting is the best way to get involved and participate in your community.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Winter Parking Regulations Begin	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends	8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Village Offices Closed Thanksgiving Day No Refuse/Recycling Collection	26 Village Offices Closed Refuse/Recycling Collection Delayed by One Day for Thursday and Friday	27
28	29	30				

You're Invited!
What: Community Tree
Lighting Ceremony
Where: Riverfront Park
When: December 4


Home for the Holidays

The joys of being home for the holidays count on the timeless classics you can rely on with family and friends at the community events that make Algonquin great! The Village's community events are always based on the premise of being family-oriented. Below are some of the more popular events the Village holds in December. Be sure to mark your calendar now and we'll see you there!

Community Tree Lighting Ceremony: In 2009, the Algonquin Community Tree Lighting Ceremony added events that contributed to the family-oriented theme that has made this a great community event in the past. Candy Cane Lane featured candy canes hung on trees throughout Riverfront Park. Participants were able to collect candy canes as quickly as possible for a chance at prizes. And not to forget the tree lighting itself! Santa Claus made a special appearance to help light Algonquin's Community Tree!

Winter Wonderland: Every December, Algonquin Middle School turns into a Winter Wonderland! Santa and his elves are in town to play games, listen to carolers, make crafts, and take home some holiday cheer at Algonquin's Winter Wonderland event. This event is an excellent way to ring in the holidays with an evening of events for children and a photo opportunity with Santa himself! Also, don't forget that Santa has a "secret" office at Village Hall to which you can send your letters and even an e-mail at Santa@algonquin.org. Watch for your Events and Recreation Guide for more details.

For more information on winter events in Algonquin, check out www.algonquin.org/recreation.



Crowds Gathering for the Community
Tree Lighting Ceremony



Carolers at the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony



Downtown Algonquin

Photo - Brenda Vodicka

Snow Command

December 2010

The Streets Division of the Public Works Department maintains Village-owned streets and rights-of-way, as well as takes care of all storm water and drainage issues. Currently, there are 124 total miles of Village- maintained streets which include 28 miles of collector streets, 77 miles of local streets, 13.5 miles of secondary arterial streets, 4 miles of dead-end streets and eyebrows, and 163 cul-de-sacs. Division activities also include maintenance of Village sidewalks, traffic signs, and street lights. This division is also responsible for snow plowing.

Snow Plowing: In the winter months, one of the primary responsibilities of the Streets Division, with the help of personnel in the Water and Sewer Division, Parks and Forestry Division, and Internal Services Division, is to remove snow from Village streets, parking areas, and all sidewalks

adjoining Village property. Each lane of a Village street requires two to three passes to clear, depending on the width and type of road and intensity of the storm. At present, the Village is divided into thirteen plowing routes as well as three routes of parking lots and sidewalks. The Village snow-fighting plan is updated yearly. Copies of the plan are available for viewing at the Village Hall and the Public Works Facility.

Parking on streets is prohibited after a 2" snowfall or greater. No parking is permitted on any street within the hours of 2 am and 5am November 1 to April 15.

Check out www.algonquin.org for additional snow-related information!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 First Day of Hanukkah	3	4 Community Tree Lighting Ceremony
5	6	7	8	9	10 Winter Wonderland	11 Breakfast with Santa
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23 Village Offices Closed	24 Village Offices Closed Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 First Day of Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30	31 Village Offices Closed New Year's Eve	

Contact Information

Village of Algonquin

EMERGENCY	911
Village Hall	847-658-2700
Community Development	847-658-4184
Police (non-emergency)	847-658-4531
Public Works	847-658-2754
Water Billing	847-854-3440
Pool (summer only)	847-458-7677
Historic Commission	847-658-4322

Fire Protection Districts

EMERGENCY	911
Algonquin/Lake in the Hills	847-658-8233
Huntley	847-669-5066
Carpentersville/Countryside	847-426-2131
Cary	847-639-2121

County Sheriffs

EMERGENCY	911
Kane County Sheriff	630-232-6840
McHenry County Sheriff	815-338-2144

Townships

Algonquin Township	847-639-2700
Dundee Township	847-428-8092
Grafton Township	847-669-3328

School Districts

Community Unit School District 300	847-426-1300
Consolidated School District 158	847-659-6158

Park Districts and Departments

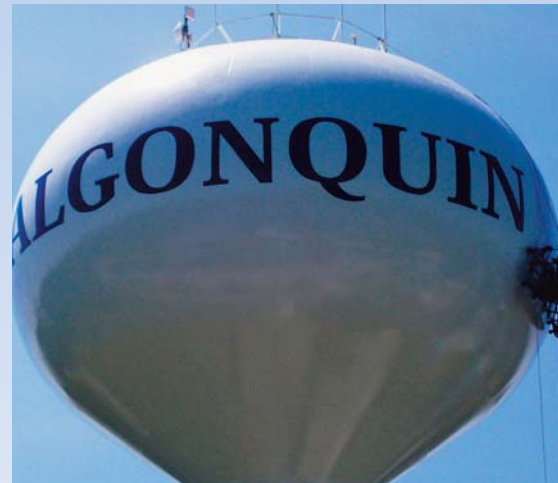
Village of Algonquin Events and Recreation Division	847-658-2700
Barrington Countryside Park District	847-783-6772
Dundee Township Park District	847-428-7131
Huntley Park District	847-669-3180

Library

Algonquin Area Public Library District - Main Branch	847-458-6060
Algonquin Area Public Library District - Eastgate Branch	847-658-4343

Non-Municipal Utilities

AT&T	1-800-288-2020
Comcast	1-800-COMCAST
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1
Nicor	1-888-NICOR4U
Waste Management	1-800-796-9696



Hanson Water Tower Maintenance (Left)
Photo - Vince Maranto

Maintenance and painting of Hanson Water Tower was completed in July 2009, ensuring water delivery to Algonquin households for years to come.

Noonie Nature Time (Cover)
Photo - Joanne Cronlund

Children learn about nature and wildlife from Barb Wilson at various Algonquin parks and trails.



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