

Village of Algonquin, Illinois 2011 Calendar and Annual Report



The Village of Algonquin is pleased to present its 2011 Annual Report and Calendar! This report highlights the programs and activities that our operating departments (General Services Administration, Community Development, Police, and Public Works) provide to the community. Algonquin is known as a vibrant and progressive community with a rich historic past. Vast amounts of shopping and dining, safe and friendly neighborhoods, and our historic downtown make Algonquin the ideal place to live, work, and play. Over the course of 2010, many exciting changes in commercial development, infrastructure, and operations have occurred to make sure Algonquin truly remains the “Gem of the Fox River Valley.”

With the continued economic challenges we face, the Village turned to innovative solutions to maintain and enhance public services without increasing the Village’s budget. Communications have been enhanced by the Village’s involvement with social media. You can now find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Nixle, a community alert program. Our Events & Recreation Division now offers on-line registration and payment - having fun has never been so easy! The Village has also entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District (ALFPD) for fleet maintenance services. The Village’s A.S.E.-certified technicians will service ALFPD vehicles, increasing Village revenues while decreasing ALFPD expenditures - a true win-win for the taxpayers of the community. All of these solutions helped the Village reduce expenditures while holding the line on taxes for its Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011 budget.

In 2010, the Village continued to promote and foster economic development in Algonquin. The opening of Chase Bank (*pictured right*) at Randall Road and Harnish Drive and the approval of retailer Gordmans in the Algonquin Commons demonstrates that Algonquin remains a desirable place to do business. Approval was also given to Rosen Hyundai to expand their dealership in Algonquin to include the new luxury brand *Equus*. Some of the other businesses that have opened in 2010 include: Smooch Boutique, Dollar Tree, Burnt Toast, and American Mattress. Downtown Algonquin remains a lively destination with the addition of sidewalk seating at Martini’s on Main, and the continuation of the Summer Concert Series and Farmers Markets on Thursdays.

The Algonquin Police Department was able to leverage grants and other funding sources to enhance community safety in 2010. The Village received a \$37,000 grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System to purchase computers for squad cars. A grant worth \$1,800 was also secured from Target to support the Village’s bicycle patrol program. Additionally, the Village received various grants from the State of Illinois to perform targeted enforcement of D.U.I. (*Driving Under the Influence*) and seat belt violations. The Police Department also participated in the National Take-Back Initiative, a partnership program with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. This prescription drug take-back campaign collected over 242,000 pounds of prescription drugs for safe and proper disposal nationwide!

The Village’s commitment to maintain infrastructure is evident through the various physical improvements made last year. Most notably, construction on Hanson Road has been completed! This roadway serves as one of the major north-south routes through the Village and is a significant enhancement to our transportation network. North Harrison Street was also reconstructed to improve that stretch of roadway. Streets in the Old Oak Subdivisions were repaved in 2010, extending their useful life. Additionally, you may have noticed while driving along Randall Road that Jacobs Water Tower received a fresh coat of paint and other various maintenance improvements.

In 2010, our Village parks continued to provide recreational opportunities to our residents despite the many challenges posed by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). In 2010, approximately 450 trees were confirmed to have EAB, the most destructive year thus far. The Parks & Forestry Division of Public Works has employed various strategies and options to slow EAB and has already begun replanting trees to expedite the regrowth of our urban forest. Despite this challenge, fun at Algonquin parks remains whether it’s a swim at the Algonquin Pool & Splashpad (*pictured right*) or a bicycle ride on one of the many trails in the Village. Bicyclists may now park and secure their bicycles at one of the eight new artistic bicycle racks (*pictured right*) installed around the Village. Additionally, the Village has greatly expanded its adult and fitness recreation offerings so that there is a class for everyone!

You will find more details about the Village’s services and accomplishments on the pages of this calendar. We hope you find the 2011 Annual Report and Calendar useful during the year and wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2011!



Chase Bank - Randall Road
Photo - Village of Algonquin



Algonquin Pool & Splashpad
Photo - Village of Algonquin



Hanson Road Reconstruction
Photo - Village of Algonquin



Bicycle Rack Art
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 that 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

Appointed Officials

Village Manager
William Ganek

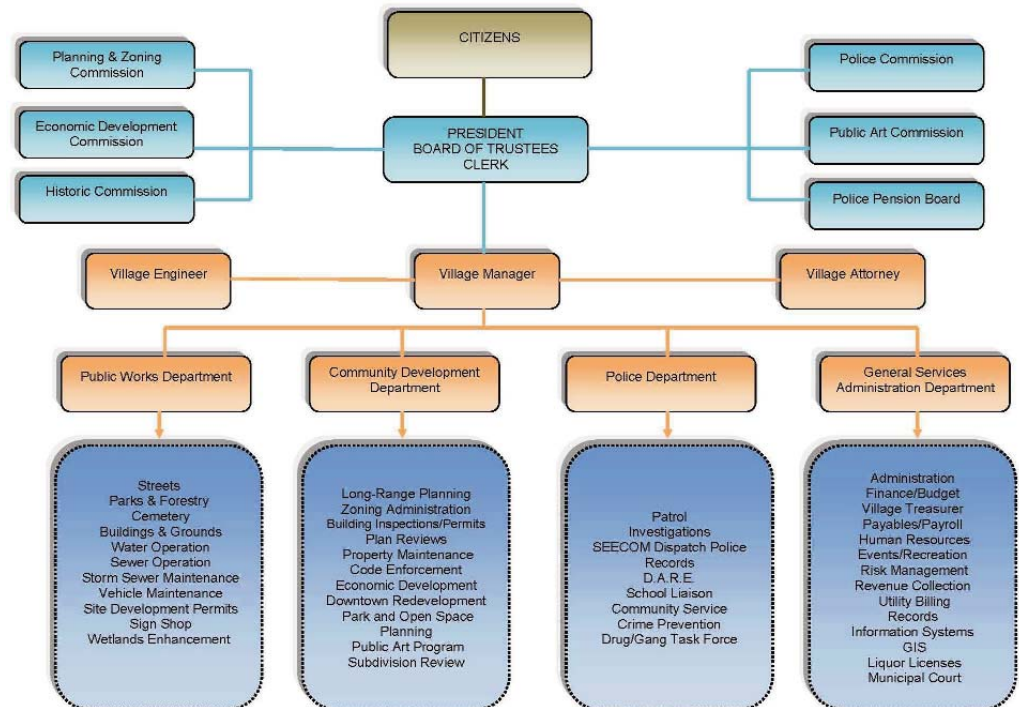
Village Treasurer
John Walde

Village Attorney
Kelly Cahill

Village Engineer
Michael Kerr



Organizational Chart





Planning for the Future

Every year, the Village of Algonquin prepares and updates its five-year capital plan, which analyzes and prioritizes infrastructure projects throughout the community. The first year of the plan comprises the capital budget for that fiscal year. Resources are allocated to perform studies and engineering work prior to the actual construction of certain projects. Following are some of the projects that are in the design and planning stage in the Village:

Edgewood Drive - Phase 2 engineering is currently being performed for Edgewood Drive between Hanson Road and Main Street (Illinois Route 31). Edgewood Drive will be completely reconstructed with a new road surface, curb and storm water system, and a bicycle/pedestrian trail. This project will improve safety and provide residents with a significantly enhanced east-west segment in the Village's transportation network. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2013.

Highlands Subdivision (Edgewood Drive) - Phase 1 engineering of Edgewood Drive is currently being performed for the portion of roadway in the Highlands Subdivision. This reconstruction project will repair existing sub base, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and storm sewer structures and provide a new asphalt road surface. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2013.

Spella Park Wetland Mitigation - Spella Park Wetland planting as required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue this year. As part of the establishment of the Village's wetland bank, up to two mowing cycles will be performed on the entire site, as well as herbicide applications to control invasive species, and a prescribed burn. Total project completion is anticipated for 2012.

Water Treatment Plant #3 - Engineering services will be performed this year to complete the design and construction documents for the future expansion of Water Treatment Plant #3. This includes design of selective ion exchange equipment and expansion of the existing facility to incorporate the new equipment and process. Construction is planned to start in the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year.

For more information on current and upcoming construction projects, please visit the Village Construction Projects page at www.algonquin.org.

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*Trees must be unbagged, free of tinsel, and less than 6 feet in height.

January 2011



Meeting Schedule

VILLAGE BOARD

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.
@ Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.
@ Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
@ Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive

HISTORIC COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Workshops 3rd & 4th Saturdays of each month
at 8:30 a.m.
@ Historic Village Hall, 2 South Main Street

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

2nd Thursday of January, March, May, June,
September, and November at 7:00 p.m.
@ Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive

POLICE COMMISSION

Quarterly, the 3rd Wednesday of January, April, July,
and October at 6:30 p.m.
@ Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October,
at 5:30 p.m.
@ Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

3rd Thursday of the month as necessary at 7:30 p.m.
@ Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive



Results

Map Contents

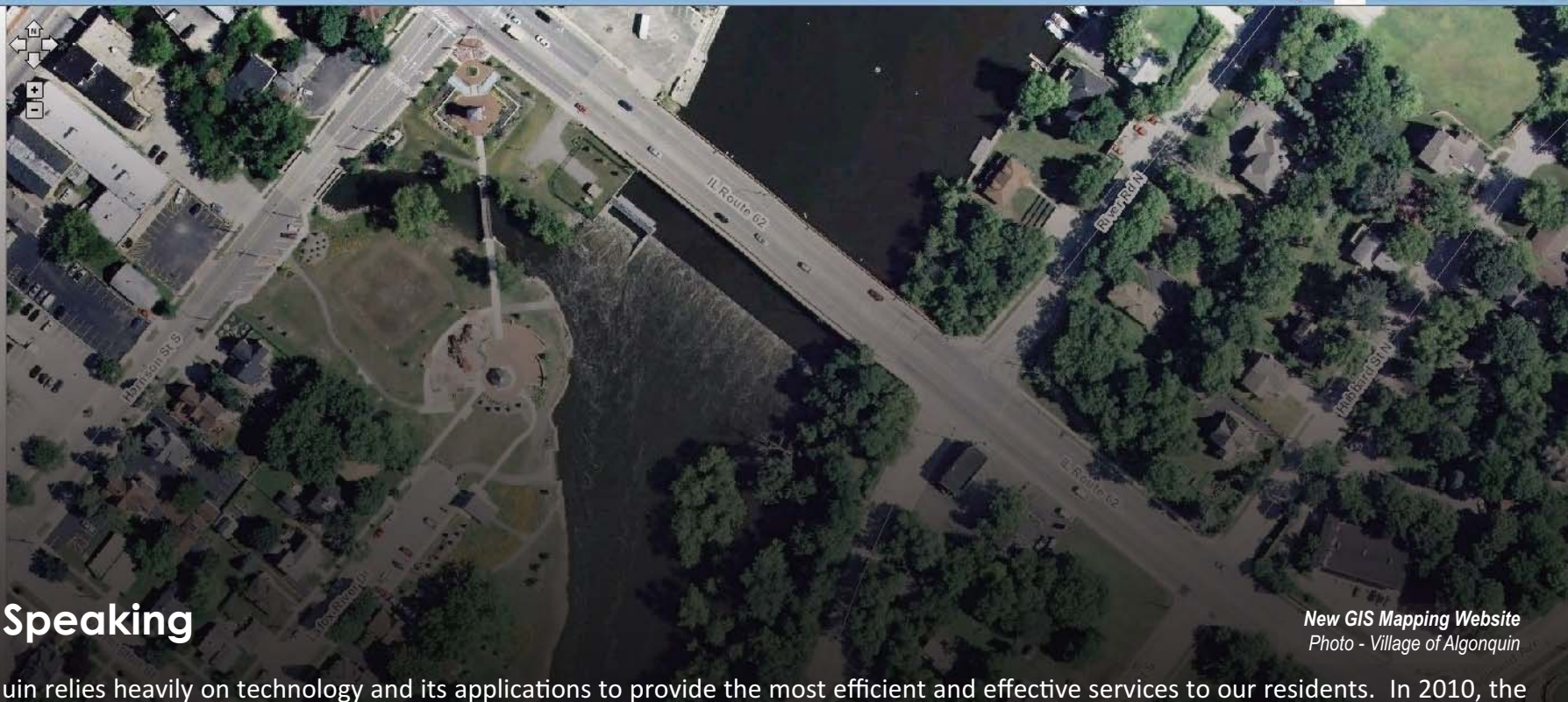
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 - ☐ Business
 - ☐ Hydrants
 - ☐ Parkway Trees
 - ☐ Street Lights
 - ☐ Contour
 - ☐ Old Town District
 - ☐ 100 Year Floodplain -FEMA 20

☒ LandRecords

- ☐ Buildings
- ☐ PIN Annotation
- ☐ Parcels
- ☐ Recaptures
- ☐ Subdivisions
- ☐ Zoning

☒ BaseLayers

- ☐ Address
- ☐ Intersection
- ☐ Vicinity
- ☐ Bike Trails
- ☐ Creeks/Streams
- ☐ Street Centerlines



New GIS Mapping Website
Photo - Village of Algonquin

Technically Speaking

The Village of Algonquin relies heavily on technology and its applications to provide the most efficient and effective services to our residents. In 2010, the Village launched and improved several technology services to enhance service delivery and citizen satisfaction. Following are some of the technologies the Village utilizes in its daily operations:

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

A majority of the Village's services are land-based, making GIS a perfect tool to manage physical assets and information in a geographic database. Village staff uses GIS for infrastructure maintenance, data management, and planning. GIS is integrated with key technology systems to improve service delivery efficiency.

In 2010, Village staff redesigned its internet Geographic Information System to save costs and improve functionality. This may be viewed at www.algonquin.org/GIS.

Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

GPS utilizes satellites to precisely determine physical location on Earth. This technology allows the Village to quickly and accurately locate assets and have the ability to map them for future use. The accuracy provided by GPS is critical for public safety and utility applications, ensuring the data is correct and readily available for use.

In 2010, Village staff collected and verified locations of several water utility assets, including hydrants and buffalo boxes. They also began mapping the Village's stormwater conveyance system, all using GPS technology for precision.

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)

SCADA is a system the Village utilizes to collect data from various sensors at our water/wastewater treatment plants or in other remote locations to send to a central computer which allows staff to manage and control specific equipment at the location. This allows staff to monitor each remote site in real time and respond to any potential problem remotely.

In 2010, an existing SCADA control panel was upgraded at the Wastewater Treatment Facility to improve functionality for pump monitoring.

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February

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Where do my property tax payments go?

Although your property tax bill is made payable to your County Treasurer, the payments are distributed among many taxing bodies. **On average, only 7 percent of your property tax bill goes to the Village of Algonquin.** A breakdown is always shown on your tax bill, and typically resembles the following:

Taxing Body	Percent
School District (D300/D158)	58%
County (Kane/McHenry)	10%
Fire Protection District	9%
Village of Algonquin	7%
Colleges (McHenry/Elgin)	6%
Library District	5%
Conservation District	3%
Township	2%

Please note that taxing bodies listed above have differing jurisdictional boundaries; therefore, your property tax breakdown may slightly differ from what is shown above, depending on the exact location of your residence.



Jacobs Water Tower
Photo - Village of Algonquin

Under Construction

Algonquin is committed to providing important infrastructure improvements throughout the community to maintain a high quality of life for residents. The following capital improvements have been completed during 2010:

Jacobs Water Tower - The water tower on Bunker Hill Drive (*as shown*) was originally constructed over 17 years ago. Maintenance of this water tower in 2010 included sandblasting, priming, painting, and spot repair to the exterior surface. These maintenance activities will help keep Jacobs Water Tower in good working order and reduce future maintenance costs for years to come.

Hanson Road - Phase 2 construction of Hanson Road from Edgewood Drive to Huntington Drive North was completed in 2010. This major reconstruction project upgraded the roadway with storm drainage improvements, curb and gutter, a bike path, new driving surface, and landscape restoration. This project was funded nearly 80% from Federal Aid Urban funds obtained by the McHenry County Council of Mayors.

North Harrison Street (Algonquin Hills Phase 4) - North Harrison Street was also reconstructed from just north of Ericson Marina to the Village limits. This project included a complete reconstruction of the roadway, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and storm water collection upgrades.

Old Oak Subdivision - Various streets in the Oak Oak Subdivision, including Old Oak Circle, Kingsbury Court, Plymouth Court, Cornell Lane, and Olin Court were resurfaced in the summer of 2010. Other improvements include driveway and sidewalk repairs, curb and gutter replacement, and storm sewer improvements.

During construction season, please visit the Village Construction Projects page online at www.algonquin.org to keep up to date with all construction info and detours.

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March

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Budget

In March, the Committee of the Whole reviews the proposed General Fund Budget. Contact the Village Hall at 847-658-2700 to confirm the meeting agenda. The Village Board will consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget in its entirety in April.

Cemetery Cleanup

The annual “Spring Cleanup” of the Algonquin Cemetery will begin Monday, April 4, through Friday, April 8, 2011. All winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, and other decorations that are not removed before April 1, 2011 will be discarded. Beginning Monday, April 18, through Friday, April 22, 2011, the spring cleanup will be completed and mowing of the cemetery will begin. Easter decorations may be placed on graves beginning Friday, April 22, 2011.

Mother’s Day and/or summer decorations may be placed on graves beginning Monday, May 2, 2011. 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 the authority of the Village. For a copy of the cemetery rules, please contact the Village Hall at 847-658-2700 or visit our website at www.algonquin.org.

Crunching Numbers

The Village of Algonquin operates on a May 1 to April 30 fiscal year. The Village works diligently to keep its property tax rate one of the lowest in Kane and McHenry Counties. Other taxing bodies, such as school, fire protection, counties, and townships, make up the remainder of your property tax bill. Sales tax, which is paid largely by non-residents, remains the largest revenue source for Village operations. Below is an overview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 - 2011 adopted budget:

FY 10/11 General Fund Revenues

The following breakdown are the budgeted revenues for the FY 10/11 General Fund only:

Sales Tax	\$ 6,085,000
Real Estate Tax	\$ 5,951,000
Income Tax	\$ 2,784,000
Police/Court Fines	\$ 1,210,900
Franchise Fees	\$ 560,000
Development Fees	\$ 428,000
Grants/Donations	\$ 80,000
Interest	\$ 36,100
Other	\$ 540,000

TOTAL **\$17,675,000**

FY 10/11 Expenditures

\$32,556,635

Total All Funds

\$17,675,000

General Fund

\$7,245,130

Capital Funds

\$6,017,020

Water/Sewer Operating Fund

\$874,985

Special Revenue Funds

\$744,500

Debt Service Fund

Accomplishments

The Village's high value on fiscal responsibility has not gone unnoted in 2010. Algonquin has maintained its Standard & Poor's bond rating of AA+, which signifies investment grade quality and helps the Village secure low interest rates when issuing debt.

Additionally, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Village its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 10/11 Budget, and the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Village's annual audit for Fiscal Year 09/10.

For more information regarding the Village's finances, visit www.algonquin.org/finance.

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April

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Spring Clean Up

In April, the Village of Algonquin, along with Waste Management, will sponsor a Village-wide clean up program for single-family residences and townhouses 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 are expressly prohibited from this collection are automobile parts, landscape waste, white goods (stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, etc.), and construction materials such as broken concrete and large amounts of lumber and brick. Watch our website for the specific date in your area.

Free Leaf & Brush Collection

Free leaf and brush collection will take place April 4 through April 29, 2011. 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 not exceeding 50 pounds. Leaves placed in loose piles will not be picked up.

Bike Algonquin

The Village of Algonquin is committed to enhancing access to our community by providing an adequate and integrated system of bicycle trails and routes. The Village recognizes the need to encourage bicycle travel for both leisure and as a viable, active, and environmentally sustainable transportation option while assuring safe and reliable access to all areas of Algonquin.

Bicycle Rack Art Program - New in 2010, the Village installed eight artistic bicycle racks around Algonquin. The ECO Committee and the Public Arts Commission collaborated on a bicycle rack art contest. The call for artists was announced in December 2009. In February, the Village had received 20 submittals (15 signature racks and five standard racks). The quality and creativity of the designs was very impressive. The selected designs consisted of three signature racks and three standard rack designs. The artists have fabricated their winning designs and they have been installed. We encourage you to bike Algonquin and see the new functional, artistic bike racks!

Bike Route of the Month - As part of the Bike Algonquin campaign, the Village began developing specific bicycle routes utilizing Village trails and bicycle lanes for both the beginner and avid bicyclist alike. The routes highlight natural features, public art pieces, and other destinations along the way. These routes are available in brochure form or online at www.algonquin.org/bike.

Bike Patrol - The Village of Algonquin currently has 12 officers who have gone through a week-long training class for bicycle patrol. Officers ride the bikes through our parks, on the many bike paths in our neighborhoods, in shopping center lots, and in the downtown areas. The bicycle is almost silent and allows officers to approach suspicious activity without drawing attention to themselves. The Village will continue to utilize bike patrol in 2011 as an effective patrol method to keep our community safe!

For more information on bicycling in the Village, please visit the Bike Algonquin website at www.algonquin.org/bike.



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BIKE Algonquin Village Parks

The Village of Algonquin boasts a variety of both active and passive parks offering playground equipment, fishing, pavilions, gazebos, paths for both walking and biking, and much more. Take time to enjoy one of our beautiful parks today!

Algonquin Lakes Park: 700 Lake Plumleigh Way

Braewood Park: 1001 Gaslight Drive

Broadsmore Park: 2051 Broadsmore Drive

Cornish Park: 101 South Harrison Street^{2,3}

Gaslight Park: 700 Terrace Drive

High Hill Park & Nature Preserve: 501 Kirkland Drive¹

Hill Climb Park: 801 Circle Drive

Holder Park: 1040 Timberwood Lane²

Jaycees Field: 1295 Parkwood Circle

Kelliher Park: 800 Square Barn Road

Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool: 599 Longwood Drive

Merrill-Pioneer Park: 1250 Getzelman Terrace

Presidential Park: 700 Highland Avenue

Riverfront Park: 201 North Harrison Street³

Snapper Field: 599 Longwood Drive

Spella Park: 2610 Harnish Drive¹

Stoneybrook Park: 1200 Huntington Drive North

Towne Park: 100 Jefferson Street³

Tunbridge Park: 135 Stonegate Road

Village Hall Arboretum: 2200 Harnish Drive

Willoughby Farms Park: 2001 Wynnfield Drive²

James B. Wood Park: 3711 Wintergreen Terrace

Yellowstone Park: 1420 Yellowstone Parkway

¹ - Great location for sledding

² - Ice Rink, weather permitting

³ - Pavillion/Gazebo available to reserve

Open for Business

Algonquin has always valued commerce and economic development. Historically, the old railroad (now Prairie Trail) provided merchants and farmers with access to the Chicago markets. Today, the Village's economic development efforts focus on offering residents a community in which they can live, work, shop, and play. The following are some of the notable economic development accomplishments in 2010:

Farmers Market - The Downtown Algonquin Partnership Merchants' Association sponsors a Farmers Market each summer, which typically starts in late May or early June. The Farmers Market is traditionally held on Thursdays throughout the summer in the municipal parking lot on South Harrison Street. For more information about the 2011 Farmers Market, please visit the Downtown Algonquin Partnership website at www.downtownalgonquin.org during the spring.

New Businesses - Algonquin's position as the center for regional shopping and entertainment continued through 2010, with strong business openings and announcements despite the downturn in the economy. Strong new business starts point to the beginning of a retail recovery. Many new businesses, retailers, and restaurants are taking advantage of prime locations and opportunities provided along Algonquin's major retail corridors on Algonquin Road and Randall Road. Some of these new business openings include: Smooch Boutique, Chubby's Gyros, Papa Saverio's Pizza, Dollar Tree, Mel and Mars Bistro to Go, Chase Bank, Plato's Closet, Burnt Toast, and American Mattress.

Two new major anchor retailers announced new construction and openings planned for 2011. These include Gordmans (projected to open in August), a midwest department store that will be located in the Algonquin Commons, and Hobby Lobby (projected to open in October), to be located in the Esplanade.

Retention and Expansion - The Village also works with existing businesses to provide opportunities to expand and grow within the Village. This past year the Village worked with Martini's on Main to provide new patio seating in front of their restaurant downtown, allowing them to expand their seating area. The Village also welcomed an expansion of Rosen Hyundai onto neighboring property, with the addition of the new Equus luxury car line.

For more information on Algonquin business, please visit the Community Development Department web site at www.algonquin.org/development.



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Water Conservation

The Village of Algonquin recognizes that water is one of our most valuable natural resources. 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 instituted a water conservation program, encouraging residents and businesses to limit their outside water use. One important component of this program is the water system status that informs residents and businesses of our outside water restrictions. To check the water system status, watch for the signs posted on the main streets throughout the Village or visit our website at www.algonquin.org.

GREEN: Indicates outside watering permitted except for landscape watering between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

YELLOW: Indicates even/odd days for watering. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.

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

RED: Indicates outside water use prohibited for washing of motor vehicles, landscape, and lawn watering entirely.

Rain Rain Go Away

Stormwater is becoming an issue for municipalities. With the new Federal NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) regulations, municipalities are now increasingly responsible for cleaning their stormwater before it discharges to major downstream waterbodies. Stormwater quality is no longer just an environmental or ecological concern. Sediment in stormwater reduces the ability of streams to convey stormwater, thereby increasing flooding. Other pollutants in streams that supply drinking water to communities increase the cost of treatment, and the higher cost is passed down to residents and businesses. Below are some of the strategies the Village has utilized to address this issue.

Naturalized Detention Basins - Naturalizing stormwater basins reduces maintenance costs to the municipality because once the vegetation is fully established, mowing is no longer an issue. Sediments and nutrients are removed by the deep-rooted native vegetation before stormwater reaches a stream, maintaining the stream function of conveying flood flows as well as supporting fish and wildlife. The vegetation in a naturalized basin also increases aesthetic appeal by adding color in all seasons and attracting birds and butterflies to the area. The Village currently maintains 14 naturalized basins.

Water Conservation - The Village of Algonquin continues to take a proactive role in the conservation of water. The overall goal of the water conservation program is to educate residents and businesses about the ease of conserving water and the importance of conservation. Algonquin relies on underground aquifers to supply all of our drinking water. It is critical that the amount pumped out of these aquifers is kept under control to ensure that there is enough water for everyone, now and in the future. In order to ensure water quality and quantity, watering regulations are in place (see below).

For more information on stormwater, please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks.



Falcon Ridge Nature Preserve
Photo - Village of Algonquin

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2010 Census Participation Rates

The nationwide participation rate of the 2010 Census was 74% with the state participation rate at 76%. Algonquin exceeded both the national and state rates, and was one of the highest in the region. Great job Algonquin!

Community	Rate
Huntley	89%
Cary	87%
Algonquin	85%
Lake in the Hills	84%
Barrington	83%
Crystal Lake	83%
Barrington Hills	82%
West Dundee	82%
Hoffman Estates	81%
East Dundee	80%
Carpentersville	79%

Source: United States Census Bureau

Founders' Days Festival

Always the last full weekend in July! More info is available at: www.algonquinfoundersdays.com.



A Walk in the Park

One of the greatest benefits of Algonquin is its vast amount of park space and natural features. These great physical assets, coupled with superb events and recreation programming, provide residents with several quality of life factors right in their backyard. Below are some of the events that occur at Algonquin Parks.

Art on the Fox - The Algonquin Public Arts Commission holds an outdoor fine art show called 'Algonquin's Art on the Fox' in June at beautiful Riverfront Park, located in the heart of the community's historic downtown. The event is free and open to the public; 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.

Family Nature Walks and 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 2010, three 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 2010, eight Noonie Nature Time events were held at Algonquin parks.

Summer Concert Series - Algonquin's Summer Concert Series features a wide variety of musical artists. Summer Concerts are held weekly on Thursday nights in July and August 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 2010, the Village held six concerts during its Summer Concert Series.

Look for additional information about Village events online at www.algonquin.org or in the seasonal Events and Recreation Brochure.

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ECO-Algonquin

The Village of Algonquin prides itself on being a leader in its use of sustainable practices. For years, the Village and its citizens have worked hard to sustain nature preserves, recycling, energy efficiency, protected natural areas, and abundant park space, while still providing the services and amenities of a growing metropolitan community. That stated, the Village of Algonquin is pleased to present the concept of ECO-ALGONQUIN! ECO-ALGONQUIN is not the latest fad, trend, or buzzword; it's standard operating procedure. Whether it is developing expansive parks and trails, being recognized as a Tree City USA, converting grass detention ponds into naturalized areas, or even using vegetable oil for fueling our fleet, these are hardly new initiatives but things that the Village has been doing for years.

ECO-ALGONQUIN is designed to bring together these wonderful programs and ideas to ENGAGE, CONSERVE, and OPTIMIZE our resources to work toward building a more sustainable Algonquin.

ECO is reaching out to Algonquin residents, organizations, and businesses that would like to become more involved by introducing our Gold Leaf Award Program. The Gold Leaf Award is an outreach effort to engage and encourage residents and businesses to be active in the Village's environmental efforts. For more information about ECO or the Gold Leaf Program please visit www.algonquin.org/eco.

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood, likely Algonquin Lakes Subdivision. The image shows several large, modern houses with multiple stories and gabled roofs. The houses are surrounded by green lawns and mature trees. A paved road curves through the neighborhood. The sky is clear and blue.

Building Blocks

The primary objective of the Village's Building Department is to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. This is performed using multiple methods, some of which are described below.

Building Permits - The Building Department is responsible for the review and inspection of all proposed construction and building improvements in the Village to ensure public safety. Building permit applications and drawings are verified with the building code to ensure all safety specifications are met.

Due to the current economic conditions and their impact on the real estate market, new construction permits are down significantly. However, this has led to an increase in permits issued for remodeling and other various home improvements.

Property Maintenance - The Village's property maintenance inspectors ensure public safety by enforcing all applicable building and property maintenance codes and ordinances. Foreclosed homes were a primary focus in 2010 to ensure they are in compliance with Village ordinances to ease the transition to new owners and to maintain the appearance in Village neighborhoods.

Software Upgrades - In 2010, the Building Department undertook a comprehensive software upgrade to migrate their systems to the same platform as the Village's financial software (MUNIS). This will integrate building permit transactions with financial records to streamline operations and achieve greater efficiencies.

For more information, please visit www.algonquin.org/building.

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Online Services

Do you need to get in touch with a Village employee to inform them of a problem or concern? Visit www.algonquin.org Service Request and Feedback Center. This newly added function to our website is a great way for you to monitor the status of your complaint or concern. An easy-to-navigate form will direct your inquiry to the correct department within the Village and notify you via email or by phone of the progress.

The Village also offers online registration for recreation classes. With this new offering, you are able to update your family profile, register for courses, review courses in which you or a family member are currently enrolled in, check event dates, and much more. To sign up or view recreation offerings, visit Algonquin's Recreation website at www.algonquin.org/recreation.

Create a user profile to view your current water bill, review your water bill history, or pay using your MasterCard, Visa, or Discover credit card. You may also enroll in automatic debit (ACH) and have payments deducted automatically from your checking or savings account. To sign up, visit www.algonquin.org and click on the ePay logo.



Algonquin Police Cruiser
Photo - Don Stien

Hitting the Streets

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. Following are some of the initiatives the Police Department has been involved in during 2010:

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 2010, 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.

D.A.R.E. - The Algonquin Police Department D.A.R.E. 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. "D.A.R.E." stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. The D.A.R.E. unit consists of full-time officers who have been certified in this specialized area of law enforcement expertise. In 2010, over 700 fifth grade students from seven different schools graduated from the D.A.R.E. program.

Accreditation - The Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) provides rules and regulations establishing an accreditation process that encourages and provides law enforcement agencies with a voluntary opportunity to demonstrate that they meet the model standards developed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council. The goal of the program is to make available a framework whereby the Illinois law enforcement community is provided a voluntary accreditation program that is comprehensive, obtainable, and based on standards that reflect professional service delivery. This framework incorporates community policing principles with the goal of building trust in the communities that these departments serve. The Algonquin Police Department anticipates achieving full accreditation in 2011.

For more information, please visit www.algonquin.org/police.

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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, bottles (plastic and glass), aluminum cans, milk and water jugs, spent aerosol cans and much more. Check the Village website for more information on our recycling program or call Waste Management Customer Service at 800-796-9696.

E-Waste

In 2009, the Village of Algonquin had its first Electronics Recycling Event. The Village collected over 37,000 pounds that year and almost doubled that amount in 2010, collecting 69,110 pounds over the course of three hours. Watch your mailbox or check www.algonquin.org for information on the 2012 E-Waste event.

Cemetery Cleanup

Fall cemetery cleanup begins Monday, October 24, and runs through Friday, October 28, 2011. All summer plantings, wreaths, and other decorations that are not removed before October 24 will be discarded. Winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, may be placed on graves beginning November 15, 2011.

Getting the Message Out

The Village of Algonquin is constantly implementing mechanisms to promote effective communication with the public. In addition to the traditional communication methods the Village has employed over the years, the following methods evolved considerably in 2010:

Social Media - In 2010, the Village launched multiple social media applications to better communicate with our citizens, businesses, and visitors. You can now find the Village of Algonquin on Facebook, Twitter, and Nixle. These services supplement existing communication methods and allow the Village to communicate information in a timely and more frequent manner. More information on the Village's social media applications is available at www.algonquin.org.

Algonquin e-News - The public is able to receive monthly e-mail updates from the Village directly to their inbox. Algonquin e-News is a free, monthly e-mail newsletter designed to keep subscribers informed of Village news, events, and happenings. In 2010, subscribership grew by approximately 67% as more and more residents took advantage of this free communication service. Sign up today at www.algonquin.org.

[algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) - The Village website remains the primary source for Village information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Website traffic in 2010 is up 5% from 2009 and up 57% from 2007! And why not? - you can do more than ever at [algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org)! Make payments, request services, access information, and much more all available online!

Providing the public with the best possible methods of communication and transparency is a top priority for the Village. Utilizing the aforementioned technology and services help achieve this goal in a cost-effective manner. Check out www.algonquin.org for more information!



*Cornish Park Clock Tower
Photo - Ron McKinney*

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Population Growth

Looking back at the first decade of the new millennium, the Fox Valley region has experienced significant population growth and development. Although not the fastest growing community, **Algonquin prides itself on its balanced growth approach, ensuring that natural/park space and commercial/industrial space keep pace with residential growth.** The Village's balanced growth approach helps maintain quality development while strategically managing the burden development places on infrastructure and other public services (schools, libraries, fire protection, etc.). Below are 2009 population estimates for local communities and the growth rate from the 2000 Census.

Municipality	Population	Change
Huntley	23,177	304%
West Dundee	8,015	48%
Algonquin	30,347	30%
Lake in the Hills	29,704	28%
Cary	19,651	27%
Carpentersville	38,020	24%
Barrington Hills	4,375	12%
Crystal Lake	42,180	11%
Hoffman Estates	53,655	8%
East Dundee	3,149	7%
Barrington	10,334	2%

Source: United States Census Bureau

Going the Extra Mile

Customer service has always been a cornerstone of the organizational philosophy of the Village of Algonquin. Our elected officials and staff members are here to serve you, our residents. Below are some of the more recent innovations to enhance the “customer” experience:

Citizen Request Management System - In 2010, the Village made significant improvements to its Citizen Request Management (CRM) System. The CRM’s primary goal is to communicate requests for Village services in the most efficient and effective manner possible. The website where the public can submit service requests has been streamlined for ease of use. Additionally, the CRM has been expanded so when you call the Village, staff can enter common service requests while you are on the phone and provide you with a tracking number and/or e-mail receipt so that you can monitor progress. Furthermore, the CRM now notifies appropriate Village staff that are already in the field, via smart phone technology, to efficiently resolve the service issue. This results in extremely effective and timely service delivery to our residents.

Online Recreation Registration - You may now register for the various events and recreation programs offered using our online service. In 2010, the Village implemented an online shopping cart for all programs that are found in our seasonal Events and Recreation Brochure as a convenience to our residents. You can register and pay (via credit card) online at any time. This eliminates the need for checks, paper registration, postage, etc. and provides you and your family easier access to fun. Check out www.algonquin.org/recreation for more information.

Administrative Adjudication - In its second full year of operation, the Village Administrative Adjudication system allows residents to contest ordinance violations in Algonquin instead of at County Circuit Court. Administrative Adjudication also provides a second chance forum for first-time juvenile offenders in lieu of the criminal court system for minor offenses. In 2010, the Office of Adjudication processed more than 520 cases.

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Winter Regulations

As the snow and ice fall, covering our streets and sidewalks, the Village implemented regulations to provide a more safe travel experience for our residents and visitors. Every year, starting November 1 through April 15, the Village does not allow street parking between the hours of 2am and 5am or anytime there is two (2) inches or more of snowfall. Although the Streets Division works diligently night and day to keep our Village streets plowed and safe to use, it is up to our residents to put in their fair share. When removing snow from your sidewalk or driveway, do not distribute snow into the street. Public sidewalks should be cleared within 24 hours after a snowfall. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove the snow on all sidewalks adjacent to their home/property. Check out www.algonquin.org for additional snow-related information.

Sled & Skate

Enjoy Algonquin parks during the winter months. High Hill Park & Nature Preserve and Spella Park boast great sledding hills. Weather permitting, our Public Works Department sets up a great ice rink for skating at Cornish, Holder, and Willoughby Farms Parks.

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



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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



Downtown Algonquin Farmers Market (Left)
Photo - Village of Algonquin

Fresh produce and other items can be found at the Downtown Algonquin Farmers Market. The market runs Thursdays throughout the summer.

Cornish Park Clock Tower (Cover)
Photo - Chau Lam

This local landmark provides a dramatic focal point for Cornish Park.



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