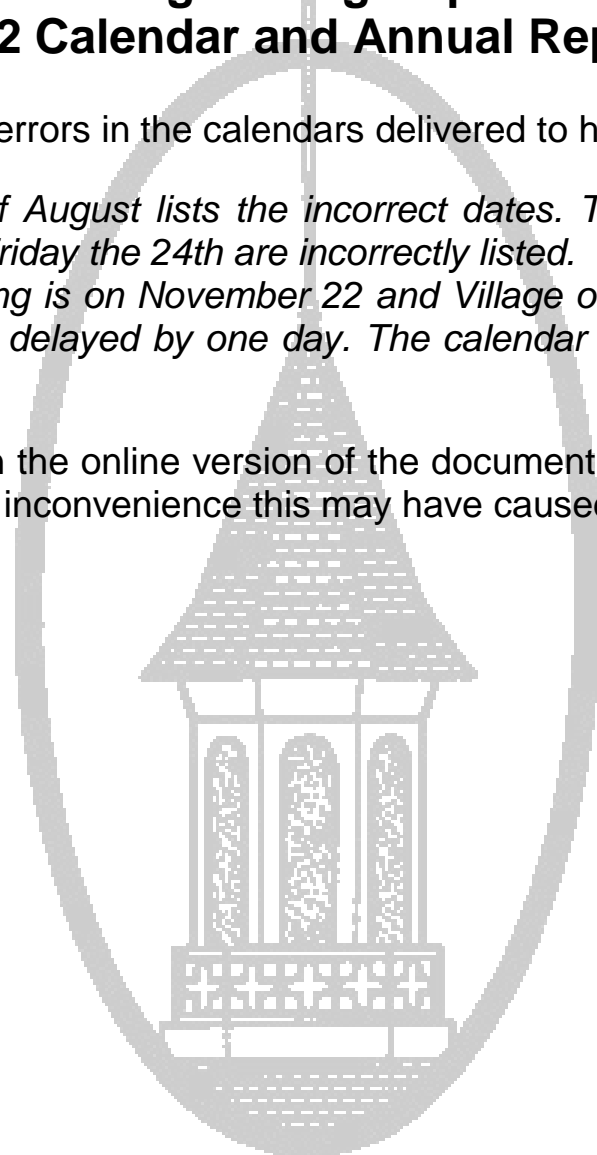


## Village of Algonquin 2012 Calendar and Annual Report

Please note the following printing errors in the calendars delivered to households:

- **August** - *The third week of August lists the incorrect dates. The week begins on the 19th and subsequent dates through Friday the 24th are incorrectly listed.*
- **Thanksgiving** - *Thanksgiving is on November 22 and Village offices are closed on November 22 and 23 with trash collection delayed by one day. The calendar incorrectly lists November 29 and 30.*

The errors have been corrected in the online version of the document and on the calendars available at Village Hall. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



# Village of Algonquin, Illinois 2012 Calendar and Annual Report

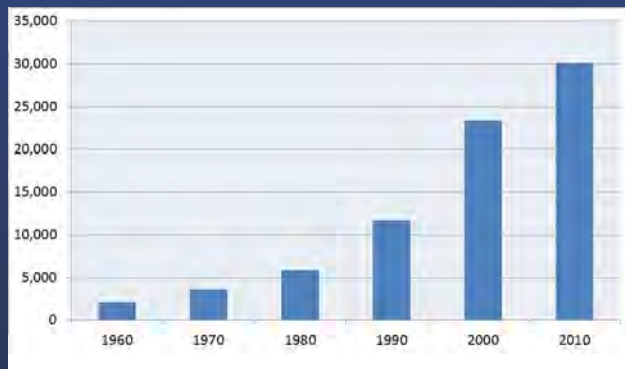




## Dear Algonquin:

Every year, the Village of Algonquin provides an annual report to its residents and businesses in a calendar format for the following year. Accordingly, we are pleased to present the 2012 Calendar and Annual Report for 2011! Your Village elected officials and staff hope this document serves as a valuable tool in the new year while reflecting on the many accomplishments of 2011.

Despite a slow economy, Algonquin continues to grow. The final 2010 Census results were received in 2011, putting Algonquin's official population at 30,046, up from 23,276 in 2000. The graph below shows the population changes from the last 50 years.



**Algonquin Population Growth - 1960 to 2010**  
Source - U.S. Census Bureau

While accommodating the additional demand for services created by a growing population, the Village has been able to hold the line on property taxes. The Village of Algonquin property tax rate over the last 10 years has been virtually flat at 0.48 on average. Therefore, the Village's portion of a property tax bill for the owner of a median value home (\$286,000) would be \$457, which is 7% of your total tax bill and one of the lowest rates in the region.

On November 15, 2011, the Village Board reduced Algonquin's property tax levy by 1.1% for Fiscal Year 12/13. This move is intended to help property owners mitigate declining property values due to the slow economic recovery. Operational efficiencies, service sharing agreements with other agencies (discussed later in this report), and a reduction in expenditures will all help offset this de-

crease with minimal service impact.

In another potential cost-savings move for residents, the Village Board approved issuing a referendum question to Village residents on whether the Village of Algonquin should implement an electrical aggregation program. The program works by taking advantage of economies of scale of all residential and small business electric accounts in the Village to "bulk" purchase electric supply at reduced rates. ComEd would still be responsible for the electric distribution and billing. Information will be posted online with the referendum taking place at March 20, 2011 election.

In July 2011, the Village reached an agreement with Waste Management to extend residential refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection services through 2014. One of the major program enhancements was the offering of a Fall Cleanup and Recycling Drop-Off Event, which is offered in addition to the annual Spring Cleanup. The 2011 event was held at Presidential Park and collected 37,640 pounds of unwanted household items of which 44% were recycled.

Additionally, this event offered Algonquin residents an opportunity to recycle their old electronics at no cost. The event collected and recycled over 18,000 pounds of electronics. Beginning January 1, 2012, electronics will be prohibited from landfills by State statute and Waste Management will be unable to collect them from the Village curbside collection program. To help residents dispose of their unwanted electronics in light of new State



**Waste Management Residential Collection**  
Photo - Village of Algonquin

laws, the Village has scheduled 2 electronics recycling events in 2012. These events will collect and recycle electronics at no cost.

Commercial development has remained one of the bright spots in the real estate market in 2011. Algonquin experienced groundbreaking on several new large format retailers and other new shops and restaurants throughout the community. These new commercial properties bring job growth to Algonquin and help support the commercial tax base.



**Gordmans Opens in Algonquin Commons**  
Photo - Village of Algonquin

Please take time to review the annual report contents of each month and see why the community can be proud of 2011 and excited for the prospects that 2012 bring. Your Village elected officials and staff remain committed to making Algonquin the best possible place to live, work, and play! Throughout the year be sure to visit us online ([www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org)) to submit comments, questions, or to request Village services or on our social media pages (Facebook and Twitter) to keep in the loop of community happenings. The Village of Algonquin would like to wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2012!



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**John Schmitt**  
Village President  
Term: 2009 - 2013



**Brian Dianis**  
Village Trustee  
Term: 2009 - 2013



**Jerry Glogowski**  
Village Trustee  
Term: 2009 - 2013



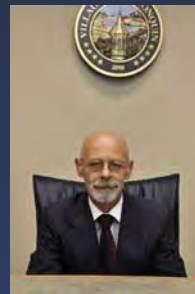
**Bob Smith**  
Village Trustee  
Term: 2009 - 2013



**Debby Sosine**  
Village Trustee  
Term: 2011 - 2015



**John Spella**  
Village Trustee  
Term: 2011 - 2015



**Jim Steigert**  
Village Trustee  
Term: 2011 - 2015



**Jerry Kautz**  
Village Clerk  
Term: 2009 - 2013

## 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."

## 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





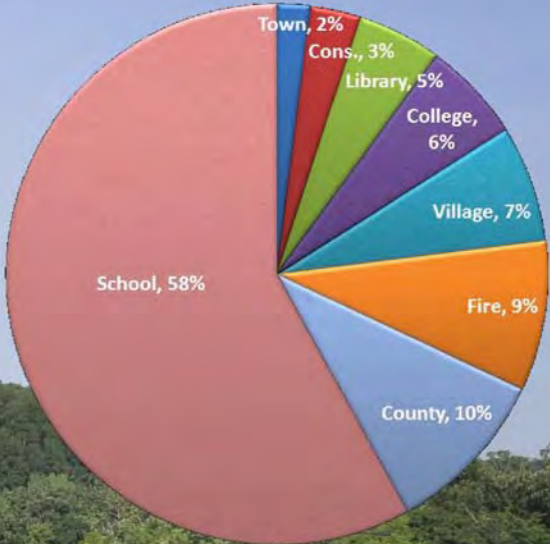
# Your Village Finances

The Village of Algonquin operates on a May 1 to April 30 fiscal year. The annual budget represents the single most important policy document adopted each year in any municipal organization. More, specifically, the budget is a tool used to assist Village officials in making sound and rational choices regarding the provision of services to the public.

In August 2011, Standard and Poor's (S&P) made national headlines when it downgraded the United States' Government rating from AAA (highest possible rating) to AA+. The rating of AA+ is equal to the rating of the Village of Algonquin by S&P. This rating signifies that Village bonds are of high grade (investment grade) and that the Village has very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. Due to this strong financial capacity, the risk for investors is significantly diminished and the Village is able to save taxpayer money by paying less interest on its bonds. This is similar to an individual with a high credit score obtaining a lower interest rate on a loan. In 2010, the Village refinanced some existing bonds and due to its high credit rating, anticipates saving approximately \$100,000 in FY 11/12.

Community	Bond Rating
Algonquin	AA+
Barrington	AA+
Crystal Lake	AA+
Elgin	AA+
Hoffman Estates	AA+
Schaumburg	AA+
Huntley	AA
Woodstock	AA-
East Dundee	A+
Harvard	A

Source: Standard and Poor's



On April 5, 2011, the Village Board approved a \$30 million total budget, which includes approximately \$18 million for general operations and \$5 million for capital and infrastructure projects. The majority of the Village's operations are funded by sales taxes (36%). An advantage of the sales tax is that a majority of the tax is paid by non-residents, therefore decreasing the overall burden on Algonquin residents. This is a primary reason why the Village overall is only a small portion of your property tax bill (7%) and why Algonquin has one of the lowest property tax rates in the region.

Algonquin continues to receive recognition for its strong financial management. In March 2011, the Village received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its FY 09/10 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit) from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This is the seventh consecutive year the Village has received this honor. Additionally in November 2011, the Village received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 11/12 Annual Budget. This is the eighth consecutive year the Village has received this award. These awards attest to Algonquin's commitment to prudent and transparent financial management.

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# Blizzard of 2011



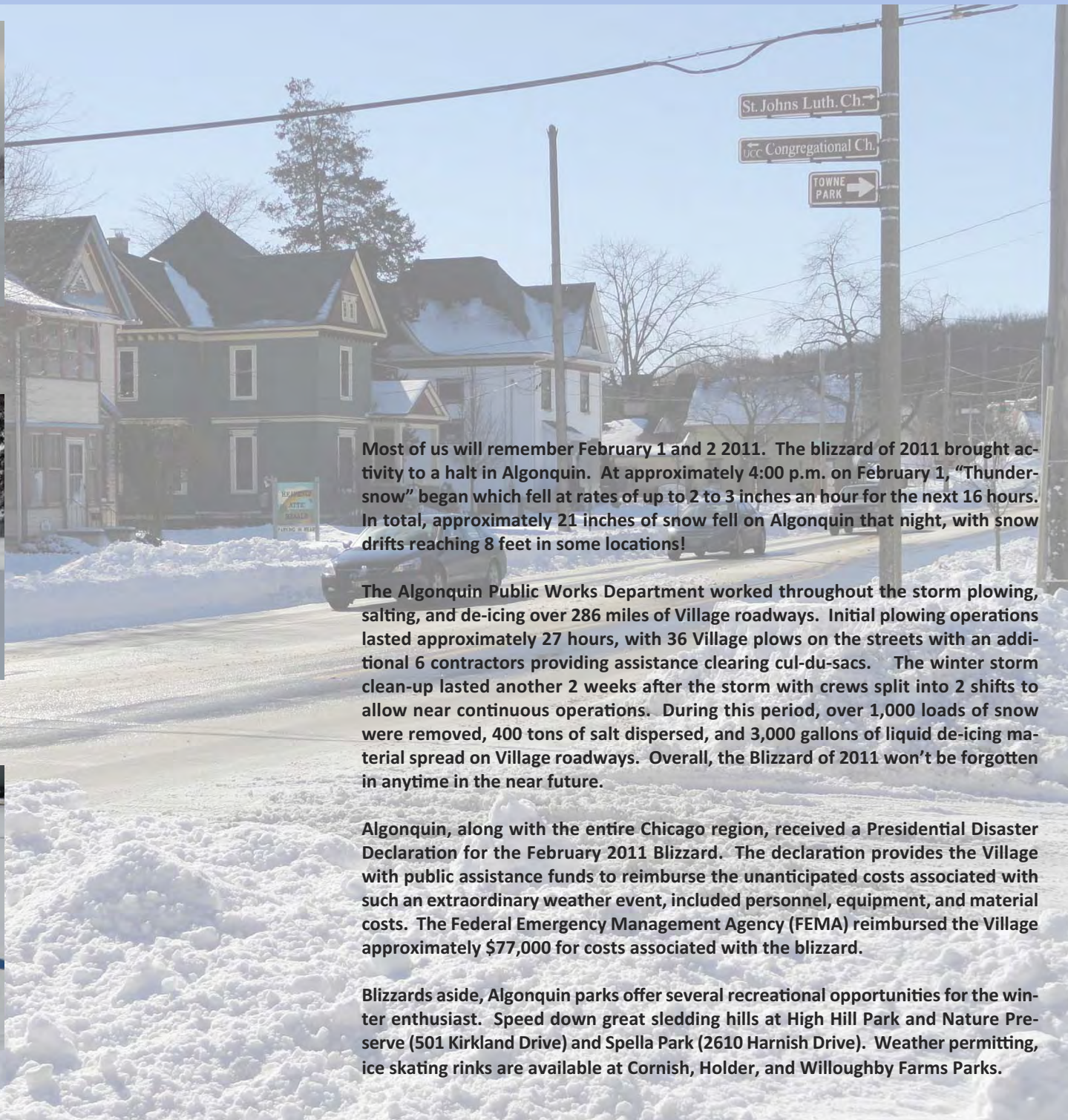
**Morning rush hour on Algonquin Road**  
Photos - Savannah Ziegelbauer, Algonquin Patch



**Plowed residential street**  
Photos - Savannah Ziegelbauer, Algonquin Patch



**Park bench buried by snow**  
Photos - Savannah Ziegelbauer, Algonquin Patch



Most of us will remember February 1 and 2 2011. The blizzard of 2011 brought activity to a halt in Algonquin. At approximately 4:00 p.m. on February 1, "Thunder-snow" began which fell at rates of up to 2 to 3 inches an hour for the next 16 hours. In total, approximately 21 inches of snow fell on Algonquin that night, with snow drifts reaching 8 feet in some locations!

The Algonquin Public Works Department worked throughout the storm plowing, salting, and de-icing over 286 miles of Village roadways. Initial plowing operations lasted approximately 27 hours, with 36 Village plows on the streets with an additional 6 contractors providing assistance clearing cul-du-sacs. The winter storm clean-up lasted another 2 weeks after the storm with crews split into 2 shifts to allow near continuous operations. During this period, over 1,000 loads of snow were removed, 400 tons of salt dispersed, and 3,000 gallons of liquid de-icing material spread on Village roadways. Overall, the Blizzard of 2011 won't be forgotten in anytime in the near future.

Algonquin, along with the entire Chicago region, received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the February 2011 Blizzard. The declaration provides the Village with public assistance funds to reimburse the unanticipated costs associated with such an extraordinary weather event, included personnel, equipment, and material costs. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursed the Village approximately \$77,000 for costs associated with the blizzard.

Blizzards aside, Algonquin parks offer several recreational opportunities for the winter enthusiast. Speed down great sledding hills at High Hill Park and Nature Preserve (501 Kirkland Drive) and Spella Park (2610 Harnish Drive). Weather permitting, ice skating rinks are available at Cornish, Holder, and Willoughby Farms Parks.

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# February



# Working Together



**Algonquin Police Officer assists Crystal Lake Police with overweight truck enforcement**  
Photo - Village of Algonquin



**Algonquin Mechanic performing maintenance on fire engine**  
Photo - Village of Algonquin



**Algonquin Building Inspector performing inspection in Carpentersville**  
Photo - Village of Algonquin

Regional cooperation between governmental agencies help address big issues that local governments face in an efficient manner. The Village of Algonquin is proud to be a leader in regional cooperation among various local agencies. By pooling resources, governments are able to provide cost-effective services while saving taxpayer money.

Algonquin Public Works provides vehicle maintenance services to the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District and the Village of Pingree Grove Police Department. The Village employs five National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified personnel who are able to perform maintenance work on this specialized public safety equipment. The Village currently maintains its own fleet in-house and is able to accommodate additional external vehicles due to Algonquin's preventative maintenance approach that minimizes unscheduled vehicle service and keeps its fleet in operation. This approach saves the Fire District and Pingree Grove time and money as they are able to utilize a local operation to minimize downtime of their fleet resources. In 2011, the Village of Algonquin performed over 1,000 vehicle maintenance jobs for both the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District and Pingree Grove Police Department ranging from oil changes, tires, and lights to brakes, exhaust, and engine work.

Additionally, Algonquin's Community Development Department shares building inspection and plan review services with the Village of Carpentersville. Certified building inspectors and plan reviewers from the Village assist Carpentersville to provide timely review services. The intergovernmental agreement with Carpentersville was executed in March 2011 and since that time the Village has provided three development plan reviews and approximately 15 hours of building inspection services.

Another area in which the Village offers assistance to local jurisdictions is in information technology. The Village is a strong user of technology to improve service delivery to Algonquin residents and businesses. Investments in information technology have led to considerable cost-savings for the Village. In 2011, the Village executed two intergovernmental agreements with the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District and the Village of Huntley Police Department to provide technology support services. This includes managing existing software and equipment as well as network administration. To date in 2011, the Village has provided approximately 155 hours of technology consulting to the fire district and Huntley.

Overall, working together to provide core public services lowers costs and provides a modest revenue source for the Village of Algonquin.



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# March



# Help Keep Algonquin Green!

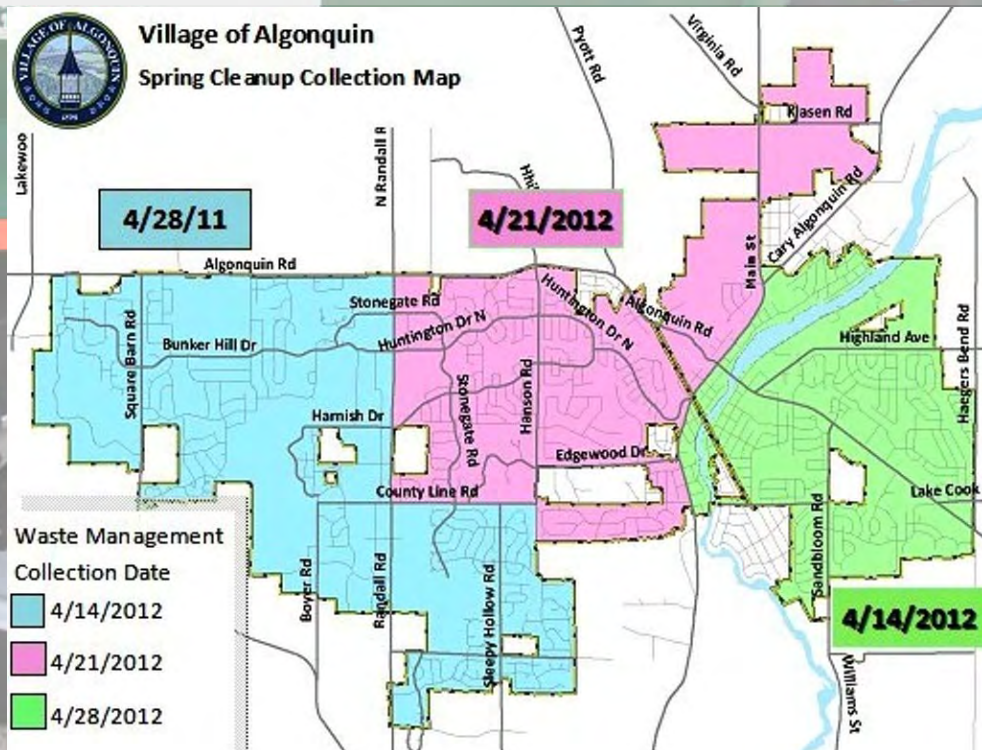
The Village of Algonquin is constantly working on new ways to encourage residents to recycle. In 2011, the Village extended their contract with Waste Management to include more recycling options. Not only did the Village implement multi-family recycling, Fall Clean Up/Recycling Extravaganza was added for residents. With these added recycling opportunities the Village is hoping to boost our recycling/diversion rate by 5-10%.

## FREE LEAF & BRUSH REMOVAL

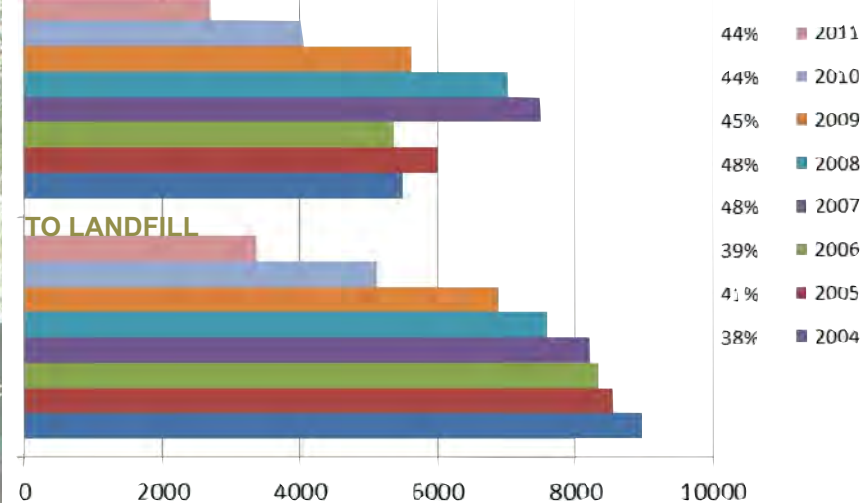
Free leaf and brush collection will take place April <sup>2</sup> through April <sup>27</sup>, <sup>2012</sup>, and again October <sup>1</sup> through December <sup>14</sup>, <sup>2012</sup>. Leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or reusable trash containers that are clearly marked with a red "X" on both sides and not exceeding <sup>50</sup> pounds. Leaves placed in loose piles will not be collected.

## SPRING CLEANUP

Annually in April, the Village, 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 lumber and brick. All items must be curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your cleanup date. Please see the map to the right to determine your "Spring Cleanup" date.



## DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL



## FALL CLEANUP

On October 10, 2011 the Village held its first Fall Cleanup Event. Residents were able to drop off unwanted items at Presidential Park for proper disposal. This event encouraged residents to bring recyclable material (that would not normally be placed in their curbside recycling containers) as well as larger items such as mattresses, dressers, couches, batteries, etc. During this drop off event the Village collected 18,247 pounds of electronics, 9,680 pounds of lumber, 3,100 pounds of metals, 1,500 pounds of plastic, 2,300 pounds of cardboard and 21,060 pounds of unwanted household items.

## e-WASTE

In 2009 the Village held its first Electronic Waste Collection Event. This event was such a success in the previous years, to allow more participation the Village open this event for an additional hour in 2011. In the last three years the Village collected over 182,426 pounds.

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# April



# *What Would You Like to do Today?*

Algonquin is proud to provide a vast array of community events which adds to the high quality of life found in the Village.

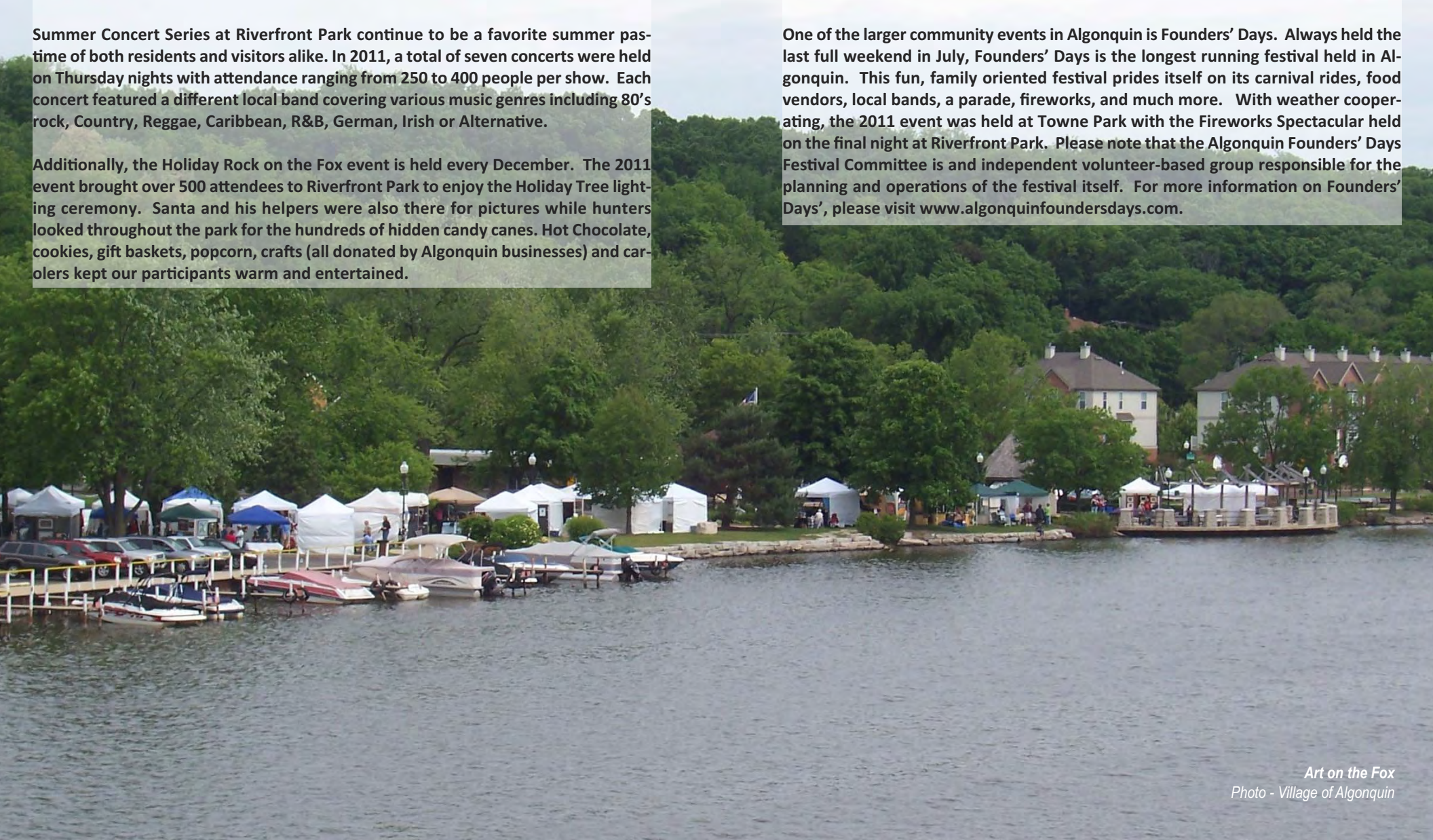
The Village's Events and Recreation Division provides programming for a variety of special events found throughout the year in Algonquin. Every spring, the Egg Hunt provides families an opportunity to meet the Bunny and collect as many eggs as possible. In 2011, the Egg Hunt was held at Presidential Park. Despite a rainy start, over 300 children rushed to collect the 10,000 eggs scattered throughout the park.

Summer Concert Series at Riverfront Park continue to be a favorite summer pastime of both residents and visitors alike. In 2011, a total of seven concerts were held on Thursday nights with attendance ranging from 250 to 400 people per show. Each concert featured a different local band covering various music genres including 80's rock, Country, Reggae, Caribbean, R&B, German, Irish or Alternative.

Additionally, the Holiday Rock on the Fox event is held every December. The 2011 event brought over 500 attendees to Riverfront Park to enjoy the Holiday Tree lighting ceremony. Santa and his helpers were also there for pictures while hunters looked throughout the park for the hundreds of hidden candy canes. Hot Chocolate, cookies, gift baskets, popcorn, crafts (all donated by Algonquin businesses) and carolers kept our participants warm and entertained.

The Village of Algonquin's Public Art Program entered its seventh year in 2011. The program encourages local artists to display their artwork throughout the community for residents and visitors to enjoy. Each summer, the Art on the Fox event is held at Riverfront Park. This two day event attracted over 40 artists to display and sell their artwork. Additionally, the annual Public Art Open House is held every fall to preview the upcoming art program. In 2011, over 35 art pieces were on display at the show held at Village Hall. The 2012 Public Art Program is available online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

One of the larger community events in Algonquin is Founders' Days. Always held the last full weekend in July, Founders' Days is the longest running festival held in Algonquin. This fun, family oriented festival prides itself on its carnival rides, food vendors, local bands, a parade, fireworks, and much more. With weather cooperating, the 2011 event was held at Towne Park with the Fireworks Spectacular held on the final night at Riverfront Park. Please note that 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 on Founders' Days, please visit [www.algonquinfundersdays.com](http://www.algonquinfundersdays.com).



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# May



# Water Conservation

**OUTSIDE  
WATER  
USAGE**  
**CONSERVATION**

Green signs indicate outside water use is permitted except for watering landscaping and lawns, which is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**OUTSIDE  
WATER  
USAGE**  
**EVEN/ODD  
RESTRICTION**

Yellow signs indicate even/odd days for watering before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. 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.

**OUTSIDE  
WATER  
USAGE**  
**EVEN/ODD  
6AM TO 9AM**

Orange signs indicate even/odd days for watering only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**OUTSIDE  
WATER  
USAGE**  
**NO OUTSIDE  
USAGE**

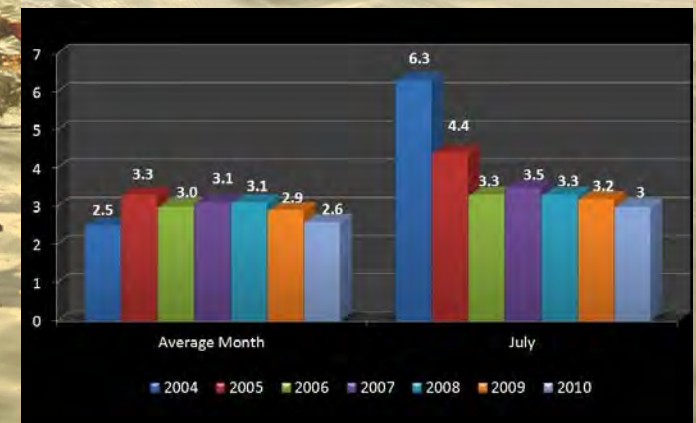
Red signs indicate no outside water use is allowed at any time. This includes all use of water outside, such as washing vehicles, power washing, and watering landscaping.

For many years now, Algonquin has been a water conservation community. As we rely on groundwater for our drinking needs, water conservation regulations are in place to ensure the Village has enough water to meet the needs of today and tomorrow's population.

Throughout the Village are signs identifying the current water "status" based on current municipal water supplies. Increased demand for water, typically in warmer months, reduces water supplies. The water regulations in place help minimize this type of volatility and ensure we use water at a sustainable level.

The graph below shows water use over a seven year period, both average monthly and the month of July (which water use is typically at its highest). After the water surcharge for high consumption users was implemented in 2005, the peak usages dropped significantly. Further, despite a growing population, current water usage levels are nearly identical as they were in 2004.

Again, water system status signs (as displayed to the left) are located throughout the Village. The current status, water conservation tips, and regulations are available online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).



*Ducks on the Fox River*  
Photo - Shari Fellows

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Committee of the Whole  
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Conservation  
Community Day

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Committee of the Whole  
7:30 p.m.

Summer Concert Series



# June



# Parks and Recreation

Algonquin is fortunate to have vast amounts of pristine park space throughout town. A solid mix of passive and active parks is available for the leisure activity of your choice. The Events and Recreation Division offers various programming and events at Algonquin parks to provide maximum enjoyment to the community,

The Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool and Splashpad provides the cure to the hot summer heat! Located at 599 Longwood Drive, the pool is typically open between Memorial Day and Labor Day each summer. The summer of 2011 took a while to get here with a stormy and cool June, but did follow with a hot and humid July. For the 2011 season, approximately 375 season passes were sold for the pool. These passes include individual and family passes, which resulted in 1,438 swim pass members. Also, the 2011 season brought back designated lap swimming in addition to the general open swim hours.

The Events and Recreation Division continues to offer a variety of programs to the community which consists of special events, early childhood programs, youth variety, athletics, senior trips, dance, gymnastics, martial arts and fitness. For the 2012 year, the Village is offering various NEW special events and programs that include: Lunch Hour Entertainment Series, Run for Recreation 10-Mile race, Adult Extended Trips, and various new Fitness programs. Be sure to check out the Events and Recreation Brochure online at [www.algonquin.org/recreation](http://www.algonquin.org/recreation) for detailed program information.

Additionally, don't forget that the Village has affordable facilities and park rentals available for meetings, birthday parties, weddings, and other events.

Historic Village Hall, our only indoor facility, at 2 South Main Street can be reserved by the hour. Rental includes the use of conference tables, chairs, refrigerator, microwave, and a kitchenette. This facility holds up to 50 people on the first floor and 30 on the second. The Village begins accepting reservations in January of each year. In 2011 this facility was reserved for 64 birthday parties, community group meetings, and bridal/wedding showers.

Cornish Park and Riverfront Park gazebos are available to reserve for the day. These picturesque parks, with public play areas and plenty of parking, are a great place to hold any family gathering.

Towne Park is our most popular park to reserve. When reserving Towne Park, you have priority of the pavilion and the adjacent baseball diamond. The public playground and open space are great areas to spread out and enjoy your friends and family.

In 2011, there were 63 reservations for park facilities. For more information on reserving a facility, call 847-658-2700 or visit our website at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).



Gaslight Park  
Photo - Shari Fellows



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# July



# Community Development

Algonquin's Community Development Department is responsible for the land use planning and economic development of the Village. Community Development works to create a built environment that is attractive and conducive for businesses to grow and prosper.

Commercial real estate activity in Algonquin remains strong despite a sluggish national housing market. Through December 2011, approximately 45 new businesses opened in Algonquin. These new businesses include larger format retailers in Algonquin Commons and several shops and restaurants in Historic Downtown and along the Algonquin Road corridor. A Hobby Lobby store began construction near the Esplanade development with an expected opening in 2012. Also Rosen Hyundai is expanding their building on Randall Road to include sales and service of Hyundai's new Equus auto brand.

Community Development has also been instrumental in securing grant funding to enhance transportation options throughout the Village. In October 2011, the Village secured approximately \$3.7 million in federal transportation funding for the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Algonquin. Specifically, the projects awarded in the Algonquin include \$554,000 for a new trail to be installed along Edgewood Drive from Main Street to Hanson Road, as well as \$3,160,000 for the Randall Road pedestrian crossing connecting Golden Eagle Drive and Stonegate Road.

With preliminary construction work beginning on the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass, there is an opportunity to examine land use and accessibility in the Old Town District and any impacts by this new roadway. The Village of Algonquin secured a \$90,000 grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for a planning study to be conducted in this area. Consultant selection took place in 2011 with the scheduled project start slated for 2012.

For more information about the Community Development Department, please visit [www.algonquin.org/development](http://www.algonquin.org/development).





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# August



# Your Urban Forest



*Vista Drive Before Emerald Ash Borer*  
Photo - Village of Algonquin



*Vista Drive After Emerald Ash Borer*  
Photo - Village of Algonquin

The Village of Algonquin was recognized as a Tree City USA for the 15th consecutive year in 2011, making Algonquin one of the longest standing recipients of this award in both 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.

While Algonquin's commitment to the Tree City USA program help developed one of the premier urban forests in the region, the continued destruction of the Emerald Ash Borer will challenge it. All public and private trees will most likely fail within the next few years. In Algonquin, this pest has been found in every neighborhood. In 2012, Algonquin will start to really see some dramatic failure of ash trees, and subsequently, some dramatic appearance changes to more of our neighborhoods.

As of October 2011, Village arborists have removed approximately 1,130 ash trees (parkway and parks) with another 3,000 in the Village showing signs of failure. By the end of 2011, the Village will have planted over 1,000 replacement parkway trees to partially offset the tree loss in 2011. The images on this page show a before and after view of Vista Drive, which predominantly consisted of ash parkway trees. Village arborists are working continuously to keep up with the damage caused by the Emerald Ash Borer and appreciate our resident's patience as we work to manage this challenge.

Once a Village parkway tree is identified as infested, the tree is marked with a ribbon and a work order is generated in our database system. The work order is put in the queue of trees needing to be removed. Removal of trees typically occurs in the order that they are received. Because this list is always large, and growing larger, it may take several weeks, or even months, for the removal to occur. Once the tree is removed, the site is added to the stump grinding list (another large and increasing list). Stumps also are ground in the order that they are received. If the site is identified as qualified for the installation of a new tree, the site is added to the reforestation list. Trees are planted in order as well. Currently, trees are planted within a year of removal. As the destruction of the Emerald Ash Borer accelerates the replacement schedule may be extended.

More information about the Emerald Ash Borer and Algonquin Parks and Forestry is available at: [www.algonquin.org/publicworks](http://www.algonquin.org/publicworks).



**TREE CITY USA®**

*Huntington Drive North Parkway Trees*  
Photo - Shari Fellows



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# September



# Conservation Minded

The Village of Algonquin is committed to its role in the conservation of our community. Through many years of work, the Village has restored many native wetlands and preserved nature areas. From an operational perspective, the Village is continuously reducing its carbon footprint by using less energy. The reduction of energy use is not only a good conservation practice, but a prudent financial strategy.

In 2011, the Village was a co-recipient of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) grant to perform a watershed study on the Woods Creek Watershed. The Village is working collaboratively with Lake in the Hills, Crystal Lake, and the Crystal Lake Park District. The ecological quality of the Woods Creek Watershed was long thought to be in good condition. However, intense urban sprawl in southeast McHenry County within the past 15 years is beginning to degrade the water quality within the watershed. Many stakeholders including individual landowners, organizations, and governments will work together as part of this project and to initiate projects that improve water quality and enhance natural resources and open space.

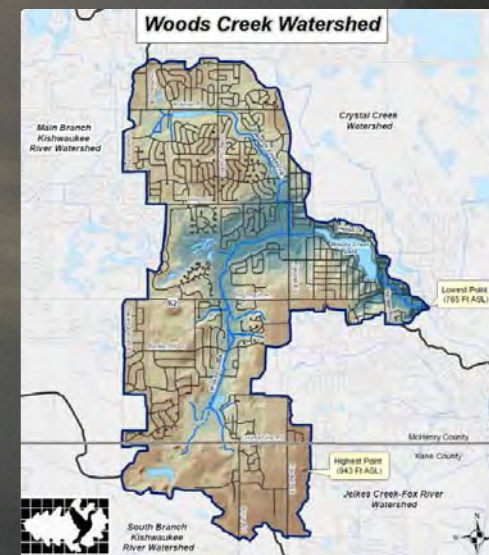
The Village continues to perform thermal imaging surveys and energy audits on its facilities. The Public Works Department has personnel who are trained in thermal imaging surveys to help identify areas of heat loss in buildings. These surveys helped the Village secure an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) to add insulation and weather-stripping to Historic Village Hall. Also, the Village retained the services of SEDAC (Smart Energy Design Assistance Center) to perform energy audits on public facilities, which are provided at no-cost to the Village. All three of Algonquin's Water Treatment Plants were performed in 2011, with recommendations provided to reduce energy costs up to 15%.

In addition to our actions, the Village of Algonquin holds various public events throughout the year to promote conservation. Conservation Community Day, held on June 17, drew a crowd of 130 people to its 2011 event. The Village of Algonquin teamed up with 18 environmental organizations with the theme "How Big is Your Footprint?" tying into the Village's efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. Participants learned about reducing your carbon footprint, recycling, reducing energy by walking/bicycling, ways to conserve water and why our natural areas are important.

It's Our River Day was also held again in 2011 on September 17, at Cornish Park. The About 70 volunteers including Eastview Elementary School Earth Club, a Boy Scout Pack, and students from Woodstock High School helped to make the event a success collecting 41 pounds of trash and 83 pounds of recyclables. For more information on the Village's conservation practices, please visit [www.algonquin.org/ECO](http://www.algonquin.org/ECO).



Thermal Image of Historic Village Hall  
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Woods Creek Watershed Map  
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# October



# Communicating with Technology

To take advantage of cost-savings and ever growing technology, the Village of Algonquin has significantly expanded its communications strategy to technology-driven media to maintain more timely and effective communication with residents and businesses. Technology plays a critical role in emergency communications with the community and the transparency of overall Village operations.

In 2011, Village staff worked to develop a new design and functionality to [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org). The last comprehensive web update was performed in 2006. The new design allows full functionality for all major web browsers including mobile, Real Simple Syndication (RSS), and a more interactive design. Web traffic is on pace for 124,000 unique visitors in 2011, up from 79,000 in 2007. The Village plans to launch the new website in the first quarter of 2012.

Algonquin e-News continues to be a popular source for Village information. In 2011, approximately 715 subscribers received e-News in the inboxes, with several more viewing e-News on the Village website. This service is free to enroll and users may sign up at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

You may have noticed a strange bar code on the latest edition of The Algonquin Citizen or other marketing materials from the Village. QR or "quick response" codes are scanned using a smart phone and links you to web content, which typically provides more information on the item. The advantage of this method is that the Village is able to communicate additional and up-to-date information to the public on posters and newsletters that are distributed in paper format. Look for more QR in 2012!

Social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter allow for real-time, interactive communication with the Village and the community. The Village's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/AlgonquinIL](http://www.facebook.com/AlgonquinIL)) and Twitter page ([twitter.com/VlgAlgonquin](http://twitter.com/VlgAlgonquin)) allow follows access to the most updated Village information, weather alerts, and other valuable information.

For more information on the Village's communication materials, please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).



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New Village Website  
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The Algonquin Citizen Newsletter  
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# November



# Your Police Department

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. In addition to patrol and investigative duties, the APD is involved in various other specialized programs to maintain community relationships and keep Algonquin safe.

In 2008, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police established the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) to provide law enforcement agencies evaluation standards to help them ensure high quality service delivery in their operations. At the end of 2011, only six police departments in the state have achieved ILEAP Accreditation. Algonquin has completed over 80% of 180 tier two standards in 2011 and plans to complete the remainder in the near future.

To help keep children safe while riding in vehicles, the APD offers free child safety seat inspections to Algonquin families. Our trained technicians help inspect child safety seats for safety and to ensure they are placed in the vehicle correctly. In 2011, the Police Department provided approximately 175 child safety seat inspections. Those interested in obtaining a child safety seat inspection should contact the Algonquin Police Department.

The D.A.R.E program is an integral part of the Police Department's crime prevention program. Algonquin's belief is that the best way to prevent crime is to intervene before a problem begins. The D.A.R.E. unit consists of full-time officers who have been certified in this specialized area of law enforcement expertise. In 2011, approximately 365 students are enrolled in the D.A.R.E. program from Conley, Westfield, Neubert, Eastview, Algonquin Lakes, St. Margaret Mary, and St. John schools.

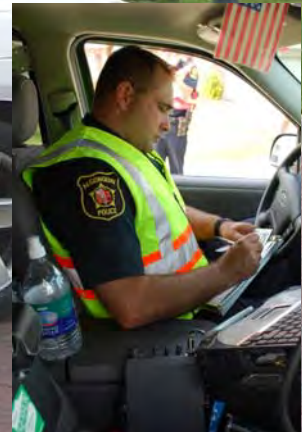
In 2011, the Village of Algonquin was awarded approximately \$45,000 in grant funding for various specialized traffic enforcement. Through the five enforcement periods conducted through November 2011, Algonquin Police have issued 464 safety belt citations, 89 child safety seat citations, 79 speeding citations, 119 other citations, and made 14 arrests. Various grant-funded enforcements will continue to take place in 2012.

For more information about the Algonquin Police Department, please visit: [www.algonquin.org/police](http://www.algonquin.org/police).

*Traffic Control for Founders' Days Fireworks*  
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*Child Safety Seat Inspection*  
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# Contact Information

## *Village of Algonquin*

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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*

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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*

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

## *Townships*

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

## *School Districts*

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

## *Park Districts and Departments*

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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*

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

## *Non-Municipal Utilities*

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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



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