

Village of Algonquin

2013 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. Accordingly, we are pleased to present the 2013 Calendar and Annual Report for 2012. 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 2012.

Certainly, some of the most significant accomplishments of 2012 come in the form of investment in infrastructure. Edgewood Drive was fully reconstructed from Hanson Road to Illinois Route 31. Federal funding was awarded for this project through the surface transportation program, including a contribution from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program for the construction of a multi-use path on the north side of Edgewood Drive. Funding from



Edgewood Drive under construction during fall 2012

these sources comprised two-thirds of the total project cost.

Towards the north end of the Village, work completed on the Illinois Route 31 and Virginia Road/Klasen Road project. This project included the widening and reconstruction of Illinois Route 31 and the reconfiguration and signal modernization at the intersection of Virginia Road and Klasen Road. This project ties into the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass project which is currently under construction and will be discussed in further detail later in this report.

Residential and commercial development in Algonquin continues, with several major projects taking shape in 2012. Windsor Square Apartments started construction on 220 garden-style apartments in 11 buildings, with two additional mixed-use buildings on a site near Corporate Parkway. Additionally, several retailers and restaurants have opened for busi-

ness in 2012 including: Hobby Lobby, Luke's Hot Dogs, Algonquin Antiques and Uniques, The Powder Room, Rainbow Cafe, Algonquin Auto Clinic, Niko's Lodge, Village Vintner, as well as expansions of Rosen Hyundai and Diamond Physical Therapy.

Park users will certainly note some improvements to a few of Algonquin's most popular parks and facilities. The Riverfront Park basketball courts were resurfaced along with the Willoughby Farms Park tennis courts, allowing for many more years of use by residents. Additionally, Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool was repainted and various safety upgrades were also installed, which was just in time for a very warm summer in Algonquin!

Another project at Riverfront Park in 2012 included the Firefighters' Memorial, which was dedicated on September 11, 2012. The ceremony was conducted by Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District unveiling a beam from the World Trade Center to honor local firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty and to the national heroes who died on September 11, 2001.

Conservation-minded practices in Village operations remained a priority in 2012. A nationwide survey by the ICMA Center for Performance Measurement lists Algonquin second in the amount of recycling material collected as a percentage of total solid waste collected with 41.7%.

Dartmouth, MA	44.2%
Algonquin, IL	41.7%
Dover, NH	41.4%
Medway, MA	37.4%
Andover, MA	35.1%

Source: ICMA Center for Performance Measurement

The Village of Algonquin was recognized by the McHenry County Board as a recipient of the 2012 McHenry County Green Award for the Village's Fall Cleanup and Recycling Drop-Off Event held in October 2011. The award evaluates programs based on four criteria: waste reduction, item reuse, recycling, and repurchasing of recycled products. Additionally, the Village was selected by the US Environmental Protection Agency and Chicago Wilderness for a 2012 Conservation and Native Landscaping Award for the Gaslight Park Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary in Algonquin.

A new initiative in 2012 was the introduction of the Algonquin Community Survey. This scientific survey was administered to

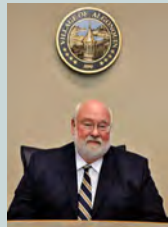
1,500 randomly selected residents who evaluated various quality of life indicators in Algonquin, as well as the effectiveness of Village services. Approximately 93.2% of respondents described Algonquin as being an Excellent or Good place to live. While 80.7% of respondents indicated Algonquin is Excellent or Good when compared to other communities in the area. A full report of survey responses will be made available in 2013.



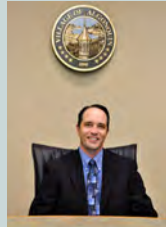
Conceptual drawing of Windsor Square Apartments

As 2012 comes to an end, the most notable change in Algonquin will be in the Village Manager's Office. Village Manager William Ganek has announced his intentions to retire in early 2013 from the post he has held since 1992. Ganek oversaw tremendous growth in the Village. In 1992, the assessed valuation of Algonquin was approximately \$211 million; this valuation grew to \$1.08 billion in 2011. The Village's population also grew from approximately 12,000 in 1992 to over 30,000 residents today. The Village also has maintained a balanced general fund budget for each of the 20 years of Ganek's service to the community. A new Village Manager will be announced in early 2013.

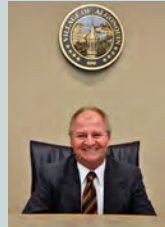
Please take the time to review the annual report contents of each month and see why the community can be proud of 2012 and excited for the prospects that 2013 brings. Your elected officials and staff remain committed to making Algonquin the best possible place to live, work, and play! Throughout the year, be sure to visit us online (www.algonquin.org) on our updated website or on our social media pages (on Facebook @AlgonquinIL or on Twitter @VlgAlgonquin) to keep in the loop of community happenings. The Village of Algonquin would like to wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2013.



John Schmitt
Village President
Term 2009-2013



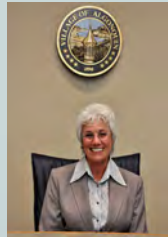
Brian Dianis
Village Trustee
Term 2009-2013



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

*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 5:00 p.m.
@ Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive*



Fiscal Responsibility



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. 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.

On April 3, 2012, the Village Board approved a \$35 million total budget, which includes approximately \$18 million for general operations and \$9.6 million for capital and infrastructure projects.

In November 2012, the Village Board approved a property tax levy decrease of one percent. Over the past four years, Algonquin's property tax levy has been stable with no increase in either 2009 or 2010, while decreasing the levy in two consecutive years during 2011 and 2012. The Village of Algonquin's property tax rate ranks among the lowest for a municipality in the regional area.

The Village receives approximately \$0.07 of every \$1.00 paid in property taxes, or seven percent of residents overall tax bill with the remainder being paid to other taxing bodies such as schools, counties, and other special districts.

Algonquin continues to receive recognition for its strong financial management. In March 2012, the Village received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its FY 10/11 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit) from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This is the eighth consecutive year the Village has received this honor. Additionally, in December 2012, the Village received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 12/13 Annual Budget. This is the ninth 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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Old Town Algonquin



With construction beginning on the Western Bypass, motorists are certainly looking forward to a relief in traffic congestion on Illinois Route 31 and Algonquin Road. However,

construction of this roadway also allows an opportunity to return Old Town Algonquin to a central community meeting place. It is the Village's intent to transform Old Town Algonquin into a vibrant business district.





In order to accomplish that goal, the Village has retained a planning consultant team led by Land Vision, Inc. to prepare a strategic action plan for enhancing downtown Algonquin as a walkable, mixed-use business district. The Old Town Planning Study was funded through a \$90,000 federal grant the Village received from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

The plan assists the Village in understanding what land use, economic development, open space, access/circulation, and aesthetic improvement opportunities exist downtown. After extensive community dialogues at several public input workshops, direction among the Steering Committee, discussion from the Economic Development Commission, Historic Commission, and Planning and Zoning Commission, the Old Town Plan was prepared which outlines a series of improvement strategies and priorities for the downtown area.

This final plan will be presented to the Algonquin Village Board for adoption in early 2013.



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Western Bypass



The Illinois Department of Transportation began construction of the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass in Algonquin in September. F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen was awarded the \$33.3 million project which includes construction of 2.11 miles of a four-lane divided highway, diamond interchange,

four new bridges, retaining walls and noise abatement walls west of downtown Algonquin. Site grading and excavation work began in April 2012 and was substantially completed by December 2012.

Towne Park closed to the public in October 2012 to accommodate the construction of the Western Bypass, along with a new 100-space parking lot, realignment of Crystal Creek, construction of a new pedestrian bridge, and integration of the park with the Prairie Path recreational trail. Towne Park is expected to reopen in summer 2014.

Construction information will be available throughout the project from the Illinois Department of Transportation and may be viewed on the Village of Algonquin's website. Individuals may also sign up for Algonquin e-News to receive monthly updates, follow us on Twitter @VlgAlgonquin, or like us on Facebook @AlgonquinIL.

In photo: (L to R) State Senator Pam Althoff, Transportation Secretary Ann Schneider, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Village President John Schmitt, U.S. Representative Don Manzullo, McHenry County Board Chairman Ken Koehler, and Joyce Dwyer break ground on the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass in Algonquin.





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Algonquin Recycles



In 2012, the Village held three special recycling events to increase overall recycling in Algonquin. Starting in January, residents had the opportunity to drop off their old holiday lights and extension cords at the Village Hall. Residents took advantage of this event by dropping off over 463 pounds of lights and cords. The program began again in November 2012 and will run through January 2013.

In May 2012, the Village held its annual e-Waste recycling event at the Algonquin Public Works Facility. This event allowed residents to dispose of their unwanted electronics for recycling. During the four-hour collection period, over 575 vehicles dropped off approximately 30,751 pounds of electronics for recycling.

In October 2012, the Village held its second Fall Cleanup and Recycling Drop-Off event, partnering with Waste Management, Vintage Tech Recyclers, Charity Pickup Services, and a Styrofoam recycling collector. This event allowed residents to bring electronics to be recycled as well as larger recyclable items that cannot be recycled curbside, such as old wood furniture, large plastic toys, old clothes, grills, and much more. At the fall 2012 event, 451 vehicles dropped off two full trucks of used clothes, a cargo van full of Styrofoam, approximately 14,000 pounds of recyclable materials (wood, plastic, metal, etc.) and over 16,000 pounds of electronics. Overall, the 2012 Fall Cleanup and Recycling Drop-Off event enabled residents to divert close to 22 tons of waste from landfills.

A solar powered waste compactor and recycling container were installed at Cornish Park (picture) in 2012 to introduce recycling options at this location and reduce collections of waste, as it can be compacted on regular intervals.





April

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	1	2 FIRST Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7	8 Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:30 p.m.	9 Election Day Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	10 NEW	11	12	13 Spring Cleanup East
14	15 Winter Parking Restrictions End	16 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	17	18 LAST	19	20 Spring Cleanup Central
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Summertime Activities



With record heat and dry conditions during the summer of 2012, the Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool was open a record 99 days out of the total 103 day season. Located at 599 Longwood Drive, Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool

provided much needed relief from the dry, hot summer of 2012. During the 2012 swim season, approximately 369 season membership passes were sold. These passes included both individual and family passes for a total of 1,410 swim pass members. Also in 2012, pool staff brought back featured theme nights which included "80's Night," "Hawaiian Luau," "Safari Night," "Sports Night," and "Western Night." Pool patrons were able to enjoy games, giveaways, and fun family-oriented activities during the theme night swims.

Pool membership passes for the 2013 swim season go on sale May 1. Early bird discount pricing for season pool passes is available May 1 through May 24.


The Summer Concert Series was very successful in 2012 drawing hundreds of people to Riverfront Park on Thursday nights to enjoy various types of music by local entertainers. New to 2012 was the Lunchtime Entertainment Series, which provided kid-friendly entertainment for families to enjoy in the park over a picnic lunch.

For more information on upcoming events, recreation classes, and swimming, visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.





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Water Conservation



Water quality and availability are of great concern for many communities, including Algonquin. Recognizing the need to protect this most valuable resource and ensure sustainability for the future, the Village Board adopted a water conservation

ordinance in 2003 intended to protect vulnerable groundwater sources, maintain high water quality, provide adequate fire flow protection, and ensure future generations will have adequate water supplies.

Through education, enactment of conservation practices, the proper management of groundwater sources, and the construction of new infrastructure, the Village of Algonquin has built a model conservation program, recognized as a leader in the state, and an example for many of its neighboring communities. Because of the water conservation efforts and the acceptance of such efforts by the community, water usage has seen a reduction. In 2003, water consumption was estimated at 115 gallons/person/day. In 2012, water conservation was estimated at 95 gallons/person/day!

Conservation measures you can use inside your home include: fixing leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc., replacing old plumbing fixtures with water-saving devices, taking shorter showers, and not letting the water run while brushing your teeth or shaving.

Conservation measures you can use outside your home include: watering the lawn and garden in the early morning or evening, using mulch around plants and trees, using water-saving nozzles, and using water from a bucket to wash your car and save the hose for rinsing.



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Emerald Ash Borer



As many are aware, the Emerald Ash Borer has had devastating effects on Algonquin's (and the nations) ash tree populations. Currently, the borer is found in all areas of the Village and is impacting us with substantial ash tree losses. To date, the

Village has lost 2,249 of our 5,022 publicly-owned ash trees. Proudly, Public Works Parks and Forestry Division employees have adjusted schedules and services in order to perform this work with in-house crews as opposed to hiring contractors, which has dramatically preserved budgets. Since 2009, staff has preserved over \$900,000 in contractual tree removal costs and \$253,000 in tree planting costs. While this natural disaster is a difficult and imperfect challenge, Algonquin is a regional leader in confronting and addressing the issue professionally and, more importantly, with fiscal responsibility.

Despite these challenges, the Village remains committed to forestry in Algonquin. In 2012, the Village was again recognized as a Tree City USA for the 16th consecutive year, making Algonquin one of the longest standing recipients of this award in both Kane and McHenry Counties.





For more information on the emerald ash borer in Algonquin, please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks.



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Prescribed Burning



Since the Village began creating and restoring its natural areas over five years ago, one of our most important management tools has been to reintroduce fire to the landscape. The process of applying fire knowledge to achieve land management objectives is called prescribed burning.

Prescribed burning helps improve wildlife habitat as new shrub, grass, and flower sprouts capture the quick flush of nutrients into the soil after a fire and are often more nutritious and palatable than older plants. Fires also promote flower, seed, and fruit production, thus increasing available food supplies for wildlife. Burning different areas at different intervals and in different seasons produces a diversity of landscapes, animal food, and cover sources.

Additionally, prescribed burning assists with the management of competing vegetation. Unwanted species crowd out or suppress native trees, shrubs, and prairie plants. They also grow in rapidly and very thick which blocks valuable sunlight from reaching the desirable vegetation. Since non-native species have not adapted to periodic fire, they cannot survive a controlled burn. Thus, they die off and leave space for the prairie to flourish.





Successful land conservation requires protecting natural areas throughout their range on multiple interconnected scales ranging from small remnants to entire prairie landscapes. This will ensure that populations of plants and animals can be maintained along with the natural processes on which they depend on. Accomplishing this requires people participating in direct management, stewardship and restoration, just as human involvement was essential in the pre-European landscape.

Past prescribed burning activities have occurred in the Woods Creek Riparian Corridor, Lake Drive South and Arquilla Naturalized Stormwater Facilities, Arbor Hills Nature Preserve, Ratt Creek Tributary Stream-bank Stabilization, Pioneer Park Natural Area, and Yellowstone Woodland and Naturalized Detention.





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Recreation



Algonquin Recreation hosted its first road race in May 2012. This 10-mile race included a challenging run up Huntington Hill and winding through Algonquin with racers getting a view of many of the parks within the Village. About 100 runners participated in the race with the first place participant finishing in 1:03:01 and the final runner crossing the finish line in 2:04:47.

All participants finished the 10-mile challenging run through Algonquin, and 94% indicated they would run again in 2013. Many Village departments collaborated on this effort, which helped to produce a safe and fun event for racers and spectators alike.

Algonquin Recreation continues to offer a variety of programs to the community in areas including adult, early childhood, youth variety, athletics, seniors, dance, gymnastics, martial arts, and fitness. The Village is offering various new special events and programs that include the Harvest Hustle, day trips in partnership with Coach USA, all level yoga, extended early childhood offerings, and various other programs.

Be sure to check out the guide online at www.algonquin.org/recreation. Algonquin Recreation is always looking for new program offerings. If there is a class or program that you would like to take but do not see offered please, e-mail your suggestions to recreation@algonquin.org.





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Office of Adjudication



In 2012, the Village of Algonquin began its fourth full year of operations in the Office of Adjudication. It serves as a quasi-judicial tribunal for the adjudication of municipal ordinance violations that were previously heard in the Kane and McHenry County Circuit Courts. This process expedites prosecutions, reduces expenses, and allows the Circuit Court to focus on the most serious offenses.

Some of the most common offenses heard at administrative adjudication hearings in Algonquin include overnight parking, vehicle seizure, retail theft, and consumption of alcohol by a minor.





In 2012, the Office of Adjudication heard approximately 500 cases, of which 57% were for police matters, 11% were for building/property maintenance matters, and 32% were for red light camera enforcement matters.

Administrative hearings are held the last Wednesday of each month at Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive.

For more information about the Office of Adjudication, please visit:
www.algonquin.org/VillageManager.



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Gardening Design



Located at the entrance to our community, the Wastewater Treatment Facility is one of the first visual impressions of Algonquin from those coming north on Illinois Route 31. A design consideration for this facility included landscaping a concrete wall (an approximately 200 foot section) with a





vertical garden, utilizing perennial vines for color and textural interest, while maintaining low maintenance costs. To achieve the vertical garden, a support structure was constructed. Utilizing volunteers and staff support, a metal fence was erected the full length of the wall to a height equal to the top of the wall with grid work, allowing plant vines to attach themselves and cover the wall.

While determining the type and species of perennial vines to be used, a suggestion was made to grow vegetables, which could benefit those in need in the area. The Village worked with the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry, and, within three weeks of the initial meeting, the original dedicated garden area was doubled. Vegetables were quickly planted, with the guidance and oversight of Laurie Selpien, the lead gardener for the project, using the assistance of volunteers from the food pantry to plant, fertilize, and harvest. A cooperative effort between the Village of Algonquin and the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry was born. The garden featured vegetable plants, including a variety of tomatoes, basil, green peppers, cucumbers, pole beans, pumpkins, zucchini, and several types of squash.

The inaugural year of the garden was challenging with a summer of drought conditions, which was also experienced by those with home gardens. Despite the challenges, a total of 906.5 pounds of food was produced for the food pantry and its recipients, with a dollar value of approximately \$1,500.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p> NEW</p> <p>3</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Election Day</p> <p>Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p> FIRST</p> <p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
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Traffic Enforcement



The Algonquin Police Department regularly works with other agencies on enforcement issues and for funding to obtain special traffic enforcement. In 2012, Algonquin police officers were deployed to assist public safety agencies outside of the Village on 29 instances.

Additionally, the Police Department secured over \$65,000 in funding during 2012 for the deployment of DUI Enforcement Zones, Seatbelt Enforcement Zones, Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Roadside Safety Checks, as well as enabling Algonquin community service officers to perform child safety seat checks. Overall, during these enforcement zones and safety checks, Algonquin police officers issued 594 citations in 2012.

Additionally, the Algonquin Police Department would like to remind vehicle operators of construction zone safe driving tips, in 2013 and 2014 the Village will have several construction projects underway. Motorists are advised to stay alert and minimize distractions such as changing the radio station, using a mobile phone, eating, or other distractions that can remove your concentration from the road. Motorists should also obey all posted signs and follow instructions from flaggers. Be sure to follow other vehicles at a safe distance and watch for workers, construction vehicles, and equipment while in the work zone.

Motorists are reminded that Illinois law prohibits drivers from entering intersections unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection to accommodate the vehicle being operated without obstructing the passage of other vehicles. This is particularly important in slow moving construction areas where traffic may remain stopped for lengthy periods of time.

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



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NEW	3 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Holiday Rock on the Fox
8	9 FIRST Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:30 p.m.	10 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Free Leaf and Brush Collection Ends	14
15	16	17 FULL Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter
22	23	24 Village Offices Closed Christmas Eve	25 LAST Village Offices Closed Christmas Day	26 Trash and recycle collection delayed by one day. Friday collection will be on Saturday.	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve			November 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	January 2014 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

CONTACT INFORMATION

Village of Algonquin

EMERGENCY	911
Village Hall	847-658-2700
Community Development	847-658-4184
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	847-658-4531
Public Works	847-658-2754
Water Billing	847-854-3440
Pool (Summer Only)	847-458-7677
Recreation	847-658-2716
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 Sherriff	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 Recreation	847-658-2716
Barrington Countryside Park District	847-783-6722
Dundee Township Park District	847-428-7131
Huntley Park District	847-669-3180

Library

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

Non- Municipal Utilities

AT&T	800-288-2020
Comcast	800-COMCAST
ComEd	800-EDISON -1
Nicor	800-NICOR4U
Waste Management	800-796-9696
J.U.L.I.E.	800-892-0123



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