



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Fall 2016

National Night Out a Success

On Tuesday, August 2, the Algonquin Police Department along with the Algonquin Area Public Library District (AAPLD) hosted the 2016 National Night Out event at the AAPLD Main Branch on Harnish Drive.

Nearly 1,000 residents and visitors stopped by to meet with Algonquin Police Officers, Algonquin Librarians, child safety experts, McHenry County SWAT team members, the Wisconsin/Illinois Search and Rescue Dog Teams, the Algonquin Police Explorers, and the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Fire Department.

"We're very happy to bring the National Night Out event back to the Algonquin community" said Police Chief John Bucci. "It's an excellent opportunity to meet with your neighbors and interact with the Police Department in a positive setting."

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Keep up-to-date on the Algonquin Police Department and community events online at www.algonquin.org/police and on the Police Department's Facebook at www.facebook.com/AlgonquinPolice.



An Algonquin youth places his handprint on a patrol vehicle symbolizing National Night Out and bringing communities together.

Back to School Safety

The long summer break can cause some drivers to forget those driving habits that enhance the safety of children traveling to school. The Algonquin Police Department offers these tips to keep in mind throughout the school year:

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

The Algonquin Police Department provides crossing guards to help children cross streets at several locations. Please take a few minutes to review these safety tips with your children.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween trick-or-treat hours in Algonquin are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31.

Remember to turn a porch light on if you are home and will be handing out treats. Have a safe, fun, and happy Halloween!

Winter Parking Regulations

Beginning **October 31**, parking will be prohibited on all public streets in the Village between the hours of **2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.** The winter parking hours will be in effect until April 15, 2017.

In addition, it is unlawful to park on the street after any snowfall of 2 inches or greater unless the street has been cleared of snow. The snowfall parking ban is in place for your safety and will remain in effect until snow removal operations have been completed. Violators will be issued tickets.

Residents with special parking issues should contact the Algonquin Police Department at 847-658-4531. Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances.

Fall Cemetery Cleanup

Fall Cleanup occurs the last Monday of October each year. Please have all fall decorations removed prior to the last Monday of October (October 31, 2016). Winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, may be placed the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 19, 2016).

For more information, visit www.algonquin.org or contact the Ganek Municipal Center at 847-658-2700.

Road Construction Update

Construction season will be going a bit further into fall this year as the Village continues to invest and replace infrastructure in Algonquin. Please see below for project information and be sure to visit www.algonquin.org/construction for updates:

Copper Oaks Subdivision: Street resurfacing in the Copper Oaks Subdivision (Cumberland Parkway, Ryan Parkway, Chase Street, Ozark Parkway, and Teton Parkway) is on-going with pavement completion scheduled in November 2017, restoration completion in spring 2017.

Countryside Drive: Resurfacing between Tanglewood Drive and Algonquin Road is expected to be completed this fall.



Highland Avenue: Reconstruction between Haegers Bend Road and Tanglewood Drive is on-going with pavement completion scheduled in November 2017, restoration completion in spring 2017. Detour routes for traffic are posted.

Huntington Drive: Resurfacing between Circle Drive and Main Street is expected to be completed this fall.

Longmeadow Parkway: Construction of the first stage (between Boyer Road and Randall Road) of the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor is expected to be completed at the end of October. Overall construction will occur in several stages and is anticipated to be complete in late 2019.

Par Drive: Resurfacing between Persimmon Drive and Reserve Drive is expected to be completed this fall.

Stonegate Road: Resurfacing between Sawmill Lane and County Line Road is on-going with pavement completion scheduled in November 2017, restoration completion in spring 2017.

Surrey Lane Drainage: Drainage improvements are on-going with road patching on Surrey Lane and Zange Drive scheduled for late October. Restoration work will be completed in spring 2017.

Harvest Hustle 5K

Join Algonquin Recreation for the fourth annual Harvest Hustle 5K Run/Walk on October 1. This walk will benefit *Recreation for ALL-gonquin*, a scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for Algonquin youth to participate in recreational activities. The event will kick off at 8:00 a.m. in downtown Algonquin. To register for the event, please visit the event page online at www.algonquin.org/HarvestHustle

Holiday Rock on the Fox

Celebrate the holiday season with your family and neighbors at Holiday Rock on the Fox at Riverfront Park on Saturday, December 3, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join Algonquin Recreation for the community tree lighting, candy cane hunt, visit with Santa and friends, listen to holiday music, and more! For complete details visit us online at: www.algonquin.org/recreation.



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Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. This exercise not only ensures proper operation of each hydrant but helps to move fresh water throughout the distribution system, improving overall water quality. **Flushing will take place between September 19 and October 28, weather permitting.** Please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks for a detailed schedule.

Fall Brush Collection

Free leaf pickup by Groot will begin on October 1 for Algonquin residents and will continue through December 15. There is no collection of yard waste from December 16 through March 2017. All leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or in reusable 32-gallon trash containers that are clearly marked. You may use a large, visible red "X" to indicate yard waste. Leaves in loose piles will not be collected.

During this time period, Groot will also provide free pickup of branches. The branches must be tied in bundles which are not more than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter, and less than 50 pounds in weight. Grass clippings and other yard waste (such as sod, dirt, or woodchips) will require a collection sticker. Any bags or cans that contain leaves mixed with other yard waste will also require a collection sticker. **Also, please remember that putting leaves or yard debris into the street or on the sidewalk is prohibited by the Algonquin Municipal Code.**