



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2016

Algonquin Highlighted for Local Government Efficiency

Transform Illinois is a collaborative of local elected officials, civic organizations, and research institutions dedicated to promoting and supporting local government efficiency efforts in Illinois. Algonquin received the 2016 Local Transformer Award for its creative use of innovative intergovernmental agreements with neighboring communities to insource building inspection, fleet maintenance, and information technology services utilizing existing resources. By embracing a business-like mentality of providing services to its customers, village leaders quickly identified several new ways to be more efficient with available resources, including sharing staff and pooling resources with neighboring communities to create more effective operations.

“Our goal is to provide better services without increases in taxes or reductions of other governmental services” said Village President John Schmitt. “The shared services model has allowed the Village and its partners the flexibility and cost-containment necessary to reduce budgets but still deliver effective services.” For more information on Algonquin’s Local Transformer Award, please visit www.transformillinois.org.



Village President John Schmitt accepts the Local Transformer Award on behalf of the Village of Algonquin

Algonquin Recognized for Performance Management

The Village of Algonquin has been recognized for its performance management efforts with a Certificate of Achievement from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Center for Performance Analytics. Algonquin is among ten jurisdictions receiving the honor this year. The certificate program assesses a local government’s performance management program and encourages analysis of results by comparing to peers and gauging performance over time. Algonquin’s performance management program aids in cost reduction, program prioritization, and quality improvement. It also encourages accountability and transparency. To view financial and operational reports developed with performance metrics and analytics, please visit the transparency portal under the Government section of www.algonquin.org.

Algonquin Launches New Website

In November, the Village launched its redesigned website www.algonquin.org. The new website features a mobile-friendly design that allows users to easily navigate through the site on their preferred device, be it a smart phone, tablet, or desktop computer. The new site was developed with user-ease and services in mind, supported by analytics on user behavior when visiting. Additionally, a simpler navigation designed specifically for mobile users is presented in a more visually appealing format.



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Comments and feedback regarding the new website may be submitted to the Village using the online chat feature located at the bottom of www.algonquin.org.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

With winter weather officially here, please remember that the Algonquin Municipal Code states that any person occupying and/or owning a property within the Village shall remove snow and ice accumulating on the adjoining sidewalks within 24 hours after any snowfall has ceased. If snow and ice cannot be removed, the surface shall be sanded or otherwise treated to lessen the hazard for pedestrians until weather permits removal.

Please remember that this code pertains to all front, back, and side area sidewalks that adjoin your property. **Snow should never be blown or shoveled into the public streets as it is prohibited by Village code.** Such placement of the snow may create a driving hazard for motorists, especially if the Village plows have already passed through the area. The Municipal Code is available online at www.algonquin.org.

Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor!

Winter Parking Regulations

Don't forget that winter parking regulations are in effect and **parking is prohibited on any public street 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.

Holiday Lights Recycling

The Village of Algonquin will be offering holiday lights recycling through January 19 at the Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive. A container for your unwanted lights will be available in the first floor lobby during normal business hours. Items that will be accepted include mini-lights, C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords of any length. Please be sure to remove all tinsel, garland, and other decoration items from the light sets before they are dropped off. Elgin Recyclers will recycle the light sets collected and help reduce waste sent to landfills.

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Adopt-a-Hydrant Program

Algonquin has over 2,200 fire hydrants in need of adoption. Winter storms often bury fire hydrants, making it difficult to locate quickly. It becomes impossible to keep all hydrants clear of snow in a timely manner, which costs firefighters valuable time to locate and access. By adopting a fire hydrant closest to your home or business and keeping it clear of snow, you can help to keep the community safer.



When maintaining a hydrant, a three-foot area should be cleared around the entire hydrant and a path shoveled from the roadway to the fire hydrant. This will allow fire department personnel to quickly locate the hydrant and obtain a water supply.

Thank you for keeping the fire hydrants clear of snow and the community safer! More information about the Adopt-a-Hydrant program is available online at www.algonquin.org/PublicWorks.

Holiday Hours

Village offices will be closed on 12/23, 12/26, and 1/2. Groot will operate on a holiday schedule the week of 12/25 and 1/1, with service being delayed by one day the entire week. Please visit www.algonquin.org for more information.

2017 Snowman Photo Contest

Build the best snowman in town this year! Get your family together and make a snowman during one of this year's snowfalls. After you have built your snowman, stand next to it and have someone take a picture.

Submit photos to recreation@algonquin.org (electronic photos only). Photos are due by March 10, 2017. Winners will be published in a future recreation guide and on our website.

For more information or to browse and register for recreation programs, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.



2016 Snowman Photo Contest Winner

Christmas Tree Collection

Groot will collect Christmas trees at no charge on your normal collection day throughout the month of January.

In order for a tree to be collected, it must be placed at the curb or the edge of the road by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. All lights and decorations must be removed. Trees should not be placed in plastic bags, and any trees over six (6) feet tall should be cut in half so one person can handle them. Also, trees should be placed on top of the snow. Trees buried under snow could result in Groot not collecting them. Please contact Groot Customer Service at 1-800-244-1977 with any refuse or recycling inquiries.