



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2018

Old Town Algonquin Update

The reconstruction and transformation of Old Town Algonquin has made great progress in 2018. A lot of the work may have gone unnoticed because a lot of construction happened underground including the installation of storm sewer lines and utilities. The new separated storm sewer lines now have increased capacity and the overhead utility lines are located under Main Street.

This fall visible work began with the placement of new ashlar brick pavers along the sidewalks on Main Street. These pavers have created an inviting walkway in front of businesses and in the parking lanes. The west side of Main Street was also redesigned to create more pedestrian space and visible crossing areas. These elements will create a more pedestrian friendly environment that improves safety and creates a sense of community with places for people to gather. Not to be forgotten is the new concrete road and brick paved parking stalls on Main Street that provide travelers with a smooth drive and ideal parking experience.



An ashlar brick pattern defines the expanded pedestrian areas in Old Town Algonquin

The major project remaining during this phase in Old Town is the replacement of the bridge over Crystal Creek. Originally scheduled to begin in the summer, this project has been delayed due to a utility conflict. Once the telecommunication utility lines are removed, the Village and the construction team will reevaluate the construction schedule and provide residents and business owners with updated information of when the bridge will be replaced and the new gateway entrance into Old Town can be installed.

As we move into the winter months, the Village will continue to put safety for drivers and residents first when coordinating construction activities. **For more information about the project visit www.oldtownalgonquin.org or take a stroll down Main Street to check out the progress.**

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.

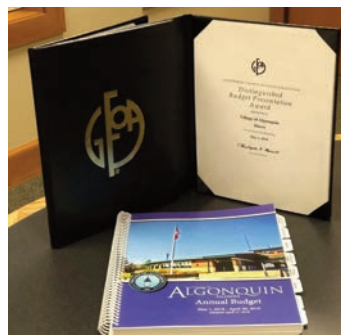
Please remember that this code pertains to all front, back, and side area sidewalks that adjoin your property. **Snow should never be blown or shoveled into the public streets as it is prohibited by Village code.** Such placement of the snow may create a driving hazard for motorists, especially if the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

Village Wins Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced that the Village of Algonquin has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 budget. **This is the fifteenth year in a row the Village has received this prestigious award.** Algonquin also received a special performance measures recognition for illustrating a clear link of operational data to financial decision making.

Algonquin's Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 budget represents a balanced \$56 million financial plan that features a property tax levy lower than 2008 levels and \$24.2 million in capital infrastructure investment.

The budget document is available for viewing online at www.algonquin.org/finance.



The 2018-2019 Annual Budget was Recognized by the GFOA

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, 2019. 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 or submit an online request for overnight street parking at www.algonquin.org/police.

Holiday Lights Recycling

The Village of Algonquin will be offering holiday lights recycling through January 21 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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Randall Road Construction

McHenry County Division of Transportation has begun work on the Randall Road Corridor Improvements project in Algonquin and Lake in the Hills. **Work will be completed from Harnish Drive north to Polaris/Acorn Drive and also include the intersection at Randall Road and Algonquin Road.**

Randall Road will be widened to provide three through lanes in each direction with up to four for the portion between Bunker Hill / Huntington Drive to Polaris Drive / Acorn Lane. Dual left turn lanes and separate right turn lanes will be provided at all signalized intersections, with the exception of Algonquin Road at Randall Road, which will have three left turn lanes, two through travel lanes, and right turn lanes on both legs of the intersection.



Construction will continue through 2018, 2019, 2020 and final completion items in 2021. For project details and updates, please visit www.randallroad.info.

Holiday Hours

Village offices will be closed on 12/24, 12/25, and 1/1. Groot will operate on a holiday schedule the week of 12/24 and 12/31, with service being delayed by one day the entire week. Please visit www.algonquin.org for more details.

2019 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 8, 2019.** 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.



2018 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 end of your driveway 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.