



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2019

Old Town Algonquin Ribbon Cutting Celebration

The Village of Algonquin is thrilled to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the Old Town Algonquin Revitalization Project! Local business owners, merchants and residents joined Village officials for a special ribbon cutting ceremony under the new archway on Main Street to commemorate this milestone. Village President John Schmitt and Public Works Director Robert Mitchard provided remarks highlighting the history of this project and the many improvements that have transformed the Old Town District.

“This project’s concept did not happen overnight,” Mitchard said. It began nearly two decades ago, when a Downtown Revitalization Plan was created to offer a guide for physical improvement and development within Old Town Algonquin. From this plan, new projects and studies evolved. One of those projects was a study that focused on the completion of the Downtown Planning Study and Downtown Streetscape Master Plan. In 2018, the Revitalization Project began.

“This plan provided a roadmap to transition downtown Algonquin from a car dependent environment, into a pedestrian friendly environment, all while preserving the historic characteristics this community is known for,” President Schmitt added.

At the completion of the event, local businesses welcomed the public to extended hours and offered special discounts.

This multi-year project has added new streetscape features and traffic calming enhancements to create a beautiful and safe environment for the community. While this project is substantially complete, some final punch-list work remain in progress. Please visit OldTownAlgonquin.org to learn more.



The Village Celebrated a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Old Town Revitalization Project in November

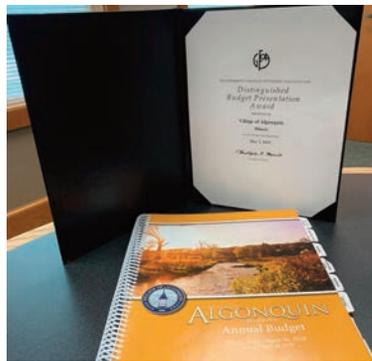
Village Wins Budget Award

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 2019 - 2020 budget. **This is the sixteenth year in a row the Village has received this prestigious award.**

Algonquin is one of approximately 90 municipalities in Illinois that received the budget award.

Algonquin’s Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 budget represents a balanced \$66 million financial plan that features a property tax levy lower than 2008 levels and \$28.1 million in capital infrastructure investment.

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



The 2019-2020 Annual Budget was Recognized by the GFOA

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.

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, 2020. 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 22 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 Recycling will recycle the light sets collected and help reduce waste sent to landfills.

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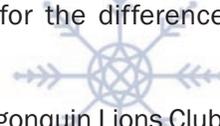
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Special Thanks to our Community Organizations

As this year comes to an end, we would like to thank all of the nonprofit organizations for the difference they have made in our community.



One group in particular, the Algonquin Lions Club, has raised over \$60,000 through their annual Lions-Buffalo Wild Wings Charity Bean Bag Tournament, which has been supported by 115 area businesses. The proceeds from the event, as well as the 5K Turkey Run and Christmas Tree sales, are used to provide an educational award to Algonquin-area students and support local food pantries.

We appreciate all of your hard work and look forward to all of your success to come in the new year. To learn more about community organizations, visit www.algonquin.org and keyword search "community organizations."

Holiday Hours

Happy Holidays! Village offices will be closed on 12/24, 12/25, and 1/1. Groot will operate on a holiday schedule the week of 12/23 and 12/30, with service being delayed by one day the entire week. Please visit www.algonquin.org for more details.

2020 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 9, 2020.** 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.



2019 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.