



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Fall 2020

Remembering Village President John Schmitt

We at the Village are still very saddened by the sudden passing of Village President John Schmitt. President Schmitt's love and passion for Algonquin was undeniable, and his legacy is evident throughout the community he selflessly served. President Schmitt was first elected to serve as Village Trustee on the Algonquin Village Board in 1993. He was appointed Village President in 2002 and was elected to his first full term in 2005; he has remained in this position ever since. Schmitt, a Vietnam-era veteran and Pennsylvania native, spent his private-sector career in technology and management in addition to serving the Village of Algonquin.

During his time serving the Village, Schmitt oversaw tremendous growth in Algonquin. In 1993, the assessed valuation of Algonquin was approximately \$233 million; this valuation grew to \$1 billion today. The Village's population also grew from approximately 12,000 in 1993 to over 30,000 residents. Under Schmitt's leadership, fiscal management and transportation were policy priorities. Algonquin has maintained balanced budgets for Schmitt's entire tenure on the Village Board, with a property tax rate nearly identical to when he started. Additionally, many regional transportation projects, including the IL-31 Western Bypass, Longmeadow Parkway, and the expansion of Randall Road, came to fruition supporting economic development in Algonquin. Our deepest condolences to his wife Cheryl, his children and grandchildren, his extended family, his many friends, as well as the community that he loved serving.



Village President John Schmitt speaking at the IL-31 Western Bypass ribbon-cutting ceremony

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, 2021.

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.

Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances. Residents may request parking permission online at www.algonquin.org/police or by contacting Police Department at 847-658-4531.

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 26, 2020). Winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, may be placed the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 21, 2020).

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

Sosine Elected Acting Village President

The Algonquin Village Board elected Trustee Debby Sosine as Acting Village President at their meeting on August 4. Acting Village President Sosine will fill the remainder of late-Village President John Schmitt's term (May 2021).



Acting Village President Sosine

Acting Village President Debby Sosine has served on the Village Board since 2007, after previously serving appointed positions on the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission and Economic Development Commission. Sosine served on the McHenry County Council of Government's Transportation Committee and also many volunteer and advisory committee roles for Community Unit School District 300, including currently on the D300 Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween trick-or-treat hours in Algonquin are from **3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, 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!

Road Construction Update

Please see below for project information and be sure to visit us online at www.algonquin.org/construction for updates:



Illinois Route 62 Bridge: The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) continues work replacing the concrete surface and repairing the steel structure to the Illinois Route 62 bridge that carries traffic over the Fox River. Work is expected to be completed in late October.

Please allow for extra time when traveling through the work zone or utilize alternative routes. The Village is coordinating local construction projects with IDOT's schedule to reduce impacts to residents. For more information about this project, please visit www.idot.illinois.gov.

Longmeadow Parkway: Kane County Division of Transportation continues work on Longmeadow Parkway. The roadway is now open from Huntley Road to Illinois Route 31. Work east of Illinois Route 31, including the bridge of the Fox River is expected to be completed this fall, while the remaining section between Sandbloom Road and Illinois Route 25 is expected to be completed in late 2021. For more information, please visit www.co.kane.il.us/dot.

Randall Road: As of August, the Randall Road project is approximately 50 percent complete. Work will continue this fall on the northbound lanes of Randall Road and the westbound lanes of Algonquin Road. Construction is currently estimated to be completed by summer 2021. For more details about this construction project, please visit www.randallroad.info.

Village Clerk Referendum

On August, 11, 2020, the Algonquin Village Board authorized a binding public question on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot to ask voters "Shall the Clerk of the Village of Algonquin be appointed by the Village President, with the advice and consent of the Village Board, rather than be elected, effective May 1, 2021?" The position of Village Clerk of the Village of Algonquin is currently an elected position.

Algonquin Recreation Guide

The safety and comfort of our participants is our top priority as we continue our in-person programming. To better serve you during these times, instead of our mailed seasonal guides, we will be developing monthly guides. Learn more online at www.algonquin.org/recreation.

COVID-19 Information

The Village of Algonquin continues to work with local, state and federal health partners to take all preventative steps available to limit the spread of COVID-19. Let's all work together to help break the cycle of spread. Please keep in mind that every action we take as individuals during this time affects the entire community. Make good choices for you, your family, and your community. Learn more on current safety guidelines and Village service delivery at www.algonquin.org/COVID19.

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Hydrant Flushing Schedule

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin Utilities Division flushes fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. This exercise not only ensures proper operation of each hydrant, but improves overall water quality by moving fresh water throughout the distribution system. **Flushing will take place between September 7 and October 30, weather permitting.** Please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks for a detailed schedule.

Fall Brush Collection

Groot will provide free collection of leaves and branches, on your scheduled collection day, October 1 through December 11, 2020. Branches must not exceed 2 inches in diameter and should be tied in bundles that are not more than 4 feet in length, 24 inches in diameter and 50 pounds in weight. Leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or reusable containers that are clearly marked with a red "X" on the outside. Place reusable containers or bags at the curb on your regular collection day. Leaves placed in loose piles will NOT be collected.

Grass clippings and other yard waste will still require a collection sticker. Any bags or cans that contain leaves mixed with other yard waste will also require a collection sticker. The stickers for garbage and yard waste are interchangeable.

Please contact Groot Customer Service at 800-244-1977 with questions regarding leaf and brush collection.