



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2021

## Harnish Drive Construction Complete

The Village of Algonquin recently completed construction on Harnish Drive from Randall Road to Hanson Road. As part of this project, the Village repaired and resurfaced roadways, as well as improved drainage, patched driveway/curbs and addressed ADA improvements such as striping of pedestrian crosswalks.

The project also included improvements to Chatham Circle, Flora Drive, Sutcliff Court, Sandpiper Road and Fairfield Lane.

To keep current on other road construction projects in the Village, please visit [www.algonquin.org/construction](http://www.algonquin.org/construction).



*Newly completed ADA improvements at the corner of Harnish Drive and Stonegate Road*

## 2022 Calendar & Annual Report

The 2022 Calendar and Annual Report for the Village of Algonquin has been delivered to resident households and is also available online. Your Village elected officials and staff hope this document serves as a valuable tool in the new year while reflecting on the many accomplishments of 2021 and looking forward to those to come in 2022. Need an extra copy? Stop by the Ganek Municipal Center and we'll gladly provide one to you.



## Algonquin Recognized for Performance Management

For the ninth consecutive year, the Village of Algonquin has been recognized for its performance management efforts by the International City/County Management Association. Algonquin is one of eleven jurisdictions throughout the country to receive a Certificate of Distinction, as well as the only jurisdiction from Illinois to receive national recognition. "Performance management guides Village operations to achieve outcomes set by the Village Board and ensures services are effective and efficient," said Village President Debby Sosine. "Being recognized as a national leader in this area is another great accomplishment for the Village." For more information, please visit the Village's Transparency Portal at [www.algonquin.org/transparency](http://www.algonquin.org/transparency).

## Police Department Receives Reaccreditation

The Algonquin Police Department has received Tier Two Accreditation from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. This is an ongoing process that agencies evaluate policy and procedures against established criteria and have compliance with those criteria verified by an independent and authoritative body, the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Council. The Algonquin Police Department has been accredited since 2013, making this the third Accreditation review. To learn more, please visit [www.algonquin.org/police](http://www.algonquin.org/police).



## 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](http://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. 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](http://www.algonquin.org/police).

## 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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## Towne Park Master Plan

Located in the heart of Old Town Algonquin, Towne Park is a 12-acre park located right off Main Street. Towne Park is one of the Village's most popular and heavily used parks. The Park facility currently includes a baseball diamond, playground, benches, bathrooms and picnic area. Unfortunately, these park elements are beyond their useful lives and without improvement could provide safety concerns.



In April 2021, the Village of Algonquin adopted a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that identified improvements to address over the next decade. Towne Park is one of the 21 park sites the Village maintains and was identified as a priority in the plan. Due to the importance of this park to the community and Old Town Algonquin, the Village has begun a Master Plan Study for improvements at the Park. To learn more about this project, please visit [www.towneparkalgonquin.org](http://www.towneparkalgonquin.org).

## Holiday Hours

Village offices will be closed on 12/23, 12/24, and 12/31. Groot service will not be impacted by the holidays. Please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) to access online services or for more information.

## 2022 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](mailto:recreation@algonquin.org) (electronic photos only). Photos are due by March 11, 2022. 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](http://www.algonquin.org/recreation).



2021 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.