Algonquin Receives $400,000 Grant for Presidential Park

The Village of Algonquin has been awarded a $400,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the State of Illinois to assist in the redevelopment of Presidential Park. The initial phase of improvements at Presidential Park, tentatively scheduled to begin in 2023, will include a new sports-themed playground, updated challenge course and fitness equipment, improved multi-use and soccer fields, and an upgraded open-air pavilion with restroom facilities.

“We are very grateful to receive funding for the improvements at Presidential Park through this very competitive state-wide grant process,” stated Debby Sosine, Village President. “The improvements to current amenities and construction of new features at Presidential Park will have a positive, lasting impression on our community.”

Presidential Park was identified as a priority park improvement site by residents and stakeholders in the Village’s Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, which was adopted in 2021.

For more information about the improvements at Presidential Park, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

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, 2023.

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 31, 2022). Winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, may be placed the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 19, 2022).

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

Back to School Safety

The long summer break can cause some drivers to forget those driving habits that enhance the safety of children traveling to school. The Algonquin Police Department offers these tips to keep in mind throughout the school year:

• In school zones, speed limits are 20 m.p.h.
• Use of cell phones is prohibited in school zones.
• Stop for school buses that are loading/unloading children.
• Stop for school crossing guards and do not move until the crossing guard is completely out of the intersection.

The Algonquin Police Department provides crossing guards to help children cross streets at several locations. Please take a few minutes to review these safety tips with your children.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

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

Around and About Main Street: An extension of the Old Town Algonquin project, Around and About Main Street will improve traffic flow and safety for road users of North Main Street. Work is expected to be completed by the end of 2022. For more information about this project, please visit oldtownalgonquin.org/around-about-main-street.html.

Riverwalk and Streetscape Project: The Old Town Algonquin Riverwalk and Streetscape Project is in the second phase of planned initiatives to revitalize Old Town Algonquin through the transformation of adjacent downtown blocks, Washington and Harrison Streets. It is anticipated that the Old Town Algonquin Riverwalk and Streetscape Project will be built in five stages with construction beginning early Spring 2022 and ending late 2023/early 2024. For more project information, please visit the project website at oldtownalgonquin.org/riverwalk-and-streetscape-project.html.

Longmeadow Parkway: Kane County Division of Transportation continues work on Longmeadow Parkway. The final section from Sandbloom/Williams Road east to IL-25 is currently under construction and is anticipated to be complete sometime in 2023. Work will also continue on the tolling infrastructure during this time. For more information, please visit www.co.kane.il.us/dot.

Fall Brush Collection

Groot will provide free collection of leaves and branches, on your scheduled collection day, October 1 through December 16, 2022. 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.

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 6 and October 28, weather permitting. Please visit www.algonquin.org/publicworks for a detailed schedule.

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