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 2022 - 2023 budget. This is the nineteenth year in a row the Village has received this prestigious award. Algonquin is one of approximately 120 municipalities in Illinois that received the budget award. Algonquin’s Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 budget represents a balanced $72 million financial plan, featuring a property tax rate at the lowest level since 2011 and $28.3 million in capital infrastructure investment. The budget document is available for viewing online at www.algonquin.org/transparency.

Ted Spella Leadership School Relaunched

The leadership school, named after former Algonquin Village President Ted Spella, brings together a cross section of participants who are eager to expand their community involvement. This includes participation of “up and coming” leaders as well as existing leaders who want to enhance their role in the community. Since its inception, 47 community leaders have graduated from the Ted Spella Leadership School. The program consists of eight sessions (one per month) that provide an overview of critical community issues; readings/seminars regarding leadership concepts/ethics; and address topics of community interest and concern.

“The course helped me be better engaged and educated in my development as a village leader to contribute to the betterment of our Village as we grew and continue to grow,” stated class of 2007 alumni and current Village Trustee Jerry Glogowski.

The current Ted Spella Leadership School class has 19 students that are expected to graduate in spring. To learn more about this program, please visit www.algonquin.org/TLS.

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.

Snapper’s Field Playground Replacement

The Village of Algonquin will be replacing the playground at Snapper’s Field (599 Longwood Dr) this upcoming spring. The new inclusive playground will contain swings, slides, climbing, and sensory features. To help select which playground to install, the Village opened an online survey for residents to select between two different types of playgrounds.

We are looking forward to the completion of this project and the enhancement of the Village’s parks & recreation offerings.

Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Nextdoor!
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.

Holiday Lights Recycling

The Village of Algonquin and Elgin Recyclers will be offering holiday lights recycling through January 18 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.

2023 Calendar & Annual Report

The 2023 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 2022 and looking forward to those to come in 2023.

Holiday Hours

Village offices will be closed on December 23, December 26, and January 2. Groot service will be delayed by one day the week of December 26 and January 2.

Please visit www.algonquin.org to access online services or for more information.

Happy Holidays from the Village of Algonquin!

2023 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 5, 2023. 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.

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.