



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2023

## Community Groups Secure Mineral Springs Funding

The Algonquin Village Board recognized the Algonquin Garden Club and the Algonquin Historic Commission for their total contributions of \$22,500 for the restoration of the Mineral Springs site in Towne Park. The Mineral Springs site, which is located on the south banks of Crystal Creek near Jefferson Street in Towne Park, was one of the most popular artesian wells along the Algonquin river bluffs dating back to the original settlement of the area. Work to restore the original concrete at the site and install interpretative signage will be performed along with scheduled improvement to Towne Park in 2024.

“We are truly grateful for the exceptional dedication and efforts of the Algonquin Garden Club, the Algonquin Historic Commission, and our supportive grant partners. Their collective contributions of \$22,500 towards the restoration of the Mineral Springs site in Towne Park highlight our community's commitment to preserving our historical heritage” stated Debby Sosine, Village President.



*Village President Debby Sosine pictured with the Algonquin Garden Club who provided \$18,000 of funding toward the Mineral Springs Restoration project*

For updates about the Mineral Springs restoration and Towne Park improvements, please visit [www.algonquin.org/recreation](http://www.algonquin.org/recreation).

## 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 2023 - 2024 budget. This is the twentieth 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 2023 - 2024 budget represents a balanced \$76 million financial plan, featuring a **property tax rate at the lowest level since 2010 and \$25.2 million in capital infrastructure investment**. The budget document is available for viewing at [www.algonquin.org/transparency](http://www.algonquin.org/transparency).

## Algonquin Welcomes New Businesses

Algonquin has recently welcomed several new businesses, adding a fresh dynamic to its commercial scene. From automotive enthusiasts to foodies, there's something for everyone. Check out the exciting additions to Algonquin's business landscape:

- CarMax
- Cooper's Hawk
- Dave's Hot Chicken
- Polish and Slavic Credit Union
- Popeye's
- Portillo's



*Algonquin Village Board members attend a ribbon-cutting at Cooper's Hawk*

To learn more about business in Algonquin, please visit [www.aplusalgonquin.com](http://www.aplusalgonquin.com)

## 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 and Elgin Recyclers will be offering holiday lights recycling through January 17 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.

# 2024 Calendar & Annual Report

The 2024 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 2023 and looking forward to those to come in 2024.

# Holiday Hours

Village offices will be closed on December 25, December 26, and January 1. Groot service will be delayed by one day the week of December 25 and January 1.

Please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) to access online services or for more information.

*Happy Holidays from the Village of Algonquin!*



Miracle on Main Event in Old Town Algonquin

# 2024 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 3, 2024. 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).



2023 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.

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