



The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Fall 2024

Holder Park and James B. Wood Park Now Open

The Village of Algonquin is thrilled to announce the grand reopenings of James B. Wood Park and Holder Park, showcasing the Village's commitment to enhancing recreational facilities and improving residents' quality of life. James B. Wood Park now features a nature-themed, inclusive playground, a basketball court, and a pavilion. Holder Park, honoring Officer Larry Holder, has been revitalized with new playground equipment themed around first responders, a refurbished baseball backstop, and an updated basketball court.

"These parks reflect our dedication to creating inclusive, memorable spaces for all," said Village President Debby Sosine.

State funding, secured by Senator Don DeWitte and Representative Suzanne Ness, was instrumental in completing these projects, which are part of the Village's 10-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This year alone, the Village is enhancing 20 percent of its park system.

For more information about the Village of Algonquin's park and recreation offerings, please visit, visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.



Village President Debby Sosine and the Village Board, joined by First Responders, celebrate the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Holder Park

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, 2025.

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.

Avoid Home Repair Scams

Beware of unsolicited offers for home repairs, as scammers often promise low-cost fixes to lure homeowners. Protect yourself by getting quotes from multiple companies before committing to any project. Always verify the contractor's license to ensure they are legitimate. Avoid paying with cash or wire transfers; using a credit card offers more protection. Take your time to research and confirm that the contractor is reputable before proceeding with any work.

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 Thursday, 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:



Old Town (Washington/Harrison) Streetscape: The Village continues to work in Old Town, with the next phase focusing on Harrison and Washington Streets. Washington Street will feature a pedestrian-friendly flex-street design without raised curbs, which is ideal for public events. Road work is expected to be completed by the end of the year, with the municipal parking lot project continuing until spring 2025.

Souwanas Trail and Schuett Street: Work is progressing on this project to replace the existing asphalt roadway, replace all curb and gutter sections, complete replacement of the sanitary sewer on Souwanas, upgrade the water main on Schuett, and construction of sidewalks on both streets. Additionally, storm sewer capacity improvements and the replacement of a box culvert on Souwanas are planned. Work on this project will be completed this fall.

Willoughby Farms Subdivision: Work on this project is underway. It involves asphalt roadway removal and replacement, bike path installation near the park, curb and gutter work, sidewalk and driveway apron updates, ADA crosswalk improvements, drainage enhancements, and landscape restoration. The project is expected to be completed this fall.

Longmeadow Parkway: The new Longmeadow Parkway Fox River Bridge is substantially complete but is not open to traffic. The final section from Sandbloom/Williams Road east to IL 25 is under construction and is anticipated to be completed in late 2024. For more information, please visit www.co.kane.il.us/dot.

Algonquin Recreation Guide

The Fall 2024 Recreation Guide has been sent to Algonquin households and is available online. Check out our variety of offerings including special events, early childhood programs, fitness, athletics, dance and more! Registration is now open, learn more and register online at www.algonquin.org/recreation.

Fall Event Calendar

Get ready for a vibrant fall season in Algonquin with a lineup of exciting events that promise unforgettable experiences for all!

Algonquin Kite Fest | Sept. 29 (11A to 3P)

Algonquin Harvest Market | Oct. 5 (10A to 4P)

Old Town Trick-or-Treat Trail | Oct. 19 (4P to 6P)

For details and event information, please visit www.algonquin.org/recreation.

Miracle on Main

Kick off the Holiday season with the annual Miracle on Main on Saturday, December 7! The event includes ice sculpting, a visit with Santa's reindeer, live music and of course, no holiday event is complete without visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus. All the fun kicks off at 4:00 p.m. on Main St. where holiday cheer will definitely be in the air! Check out all the upcoming holiday events at www.algonquin.org/recreation.

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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 3 and October 25, 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 3 through December 13, 2024.** 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 847-734-6400 with questions regarding leaf and brush collection.

