



THE VILLAGE OF
ALGONQUIN
ILLINOIS

2018 CALENDAR & ANNUAL REPORT

Every year, the Village of Algonquin provides an annual report to its residents and businesses in a calendar format. 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 2017 and looking forward to those to come in 2018.

Property Tax Reduction

The Village is annually recognized by professional organizations for its budget presentation, excellence in financial reporting, accountability, and transparency. The Village continues to maintain a AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor's, which is the highest rating that the agency issues.

Algonquin utilizes performance metrics and analytics for the evaluation and assessment of infrastructure, equipment, and service delivery. This performance management program aids in cost-reduction, program-prioritization, and quality improvement.

Through these efforts, combined with quality planning, transportation initiatives, and economic development, the Village Board has kept property taxes flat, reducing the total tax levy below year 2008 levels.

As important as the amount of taxes levied is where the property tax dollars are being spent. The Board has increased the amount dedicated to public safety (police officers, school resource officers, and crossing guards) by 80% since 2008 while reducing the General Corporate levy to \$0.00.

Cost-containment and tightly managed spending priorities will continue to drive decision making in the years ahead.

Environmental Initiatives

In 2017 the Village was honored by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus with an award recognizing Algonquin as a statewide leader in environmental stewardship. Specifically, the Village was recognized for its model programs in water conservation, volume-based solid waste disposal, tree preservation, and sustainability planning.

Additionally, the Village started participation in a new program through the National Wildlife Federation to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats in parks and open spaces. As a result, the Village constructed the Spella Park Pollinator Project, which involved restoring 9 ½ acres of turf grass into a wildflower extravaganza, specific to native pollinator species, with educational classes and site visits provided by the Algonquin Area Public Library. This project fits into the Village's larger initiative of restoring open spaces to native areas. Over the past 11 years the Village has undertaken over 135 acres of native restoration projects.

And finally, the Arbor Day Foundation announced that the Village was named a Tree City USA community for the 21st consecutive year. Through the professional commitment to its program, Algonquin is proudly recognized as a leader in urban forestry.

Recreation Initiatives

Algonquin provides recreational services to the community with 23 parks, a swimming pool and splash pad, community center (Historic Village Hall), and an expansive trail

system. Algonquin Recreation offers nearly 400 programs and events annually. Portions of Algonquin are also served by the Dundee Township Park District and Huntley Park District.

In 2017 the Village completed Snapper Field improvements including upgrades to the basketball/hockey rink, extension of the Lions Armstrong Memorial Pool deck that connects it to the basketball court, additional seating areas and adding a walking path. The Village also opened the Quarry View Disc Golf Course located in the Algonquin Lakes subdivision. This course is recognized by the Professional Disc Golf Association as a beginner friendly course that can be made more challenging by playing the walking paths as out of bounds.

Transportation Initiatives

Increased accessibility and mobility are key aspects to economic growth. Continued investment in our transportation network will create critical links to both new and existing central business districts, public services, employment, and commercial centers in our region. Through our strategic long-term land use planning, the Village has set aside areas for new business parks and commercial centers. These areas are designed to provide quality jobs and keep people working locally.

The Village continues to work with its neighbors and McHenry County on the 3.5 mile Randall Road Corridor project. The two-year construction project will widen Randall Road to six lanes from Harnish Drive in Algonquin north to Polaris Drive in Lake in the Hills. It also includes additional turn lanes at the intersection of Randall and Algonquin roads. Construction crews are expected to start in the summer of 2018.

The Village continues to work with its neighbors and Kane County on the 5.6 mile Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor project. The project consists of a tree-lined parkway and new Fox River bridge crossing with a landscaped median, running from Huntley Road to Il Route 62. The project passes through portions of the villages of Algonquin, Carpentersville and Barrington Hills, as well as unincorporated areas of Kane County. Construction of the section from Karen Drive to east of Route 31 is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2018. The construction of the Fox River Bridge, east of Route 31 to Route 25 is on track to begin in the Spring of 2019, and will take 2-3 years to complete.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is currently engaged in preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) to improve Illinois Route 62 (Algonquin Road) from Illinois Route 25 to Illinois Route 68. The project is located in the Village of Barrington Hills in Cook and Kane counties, but will affect Algonquin residents. The purpose of the study is to evaluate alternatives to address safety concerns and accommodate existing and projected year 2040 travel demands.

Please take the time to review the annual report contents of each month and see why the community can be proud of 2017 and excited for the prospects that 2018 brings. Your elected officials and staff remain committed to making Algonquin the best possible place to live, work, and play! Throughout the year, be sure to visit us online (www.algonquin.org) on our website or on our social media pages (Facebook @AlgonquinIL, Twitter @VlgAlgonquin, and Instagram @AlgonquinIL) to keep in the loop of community happenings.

The Village of Algonquin would like to wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2018!

Elected Officials & Form of Government



Pictured left to right: *Trustee Janis Jasper, Clerk Jerry Kautz, Trustee Debby Sosine, Trustee John Spella, President John Schmitt, Trustee Jerry Glogowski, Trustee Laura Brehmer, and Trustee Jim Steigert*

The Village of Algonquin is formally organized under the Trustee-Village form of government and combines the strong political leadership of elected officials (in the form of the Village Board) with the professional experiences of an appointed local government administrator. The Board consists of a President, six Trustees, and a Village Clerk, elected at large to serve overlapping four-year terms. The Board appoints the Village Manager to carry out its directives and oversee the delivery of public services. The Village Manager also supervises the daily operations of the Village and all of its departments.

In 1995, the Board passed an ordinance that modeled the Village's government after the Council-Manager form. According to the Illinois City/County Management Association, "Under the council-manager form, power is concentrated in the elected council, which hires a professional administrator to implement its policies. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the council and has responsibility for preparing the budget, directing day-to-day operations, hiring and firing personnel, and serving as the council's chief policy advisor."

Meeting Schedule

VILLAGE BOARD

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.
at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.
at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

HISTORIC COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Workshops 3rd & 4th Saturdays of each month at 8:30 a.m.
at Historic Village Hall, 2 South Main Street, Algonquin

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

2nd Thursday of January, March, May, June, September,
and November at 7:00 p.m.
at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

POLICE COMMISSION

3rd Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at 6:30 p.m.
at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Last Wednesday of January, April, July, and
Third Wednesday of October at 5:00 p.m.
at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin





Happy New Year! See the information below as we get back into the swing of things after the holidays.

Christmas Tree Disposal: Curbside disposal occurs throughout the month of January on your regular collection day. Groot will collect Christmas Trees less than 6 feet in length (cut in half if over 6 feet). Please remove all tinsel and decorations, do not bag tree, and uncover if buried by snow.

Styrofoam Recycling: Free Styrofoam recycling is available at the Public Works Facility, 110 Meyer Drive, Algonquin. This self-service drop-off is available 24/7.

Electronics Recycling: Contact Groot (800-244-1977) at least 24 hours in advance of your scheduled service day to set an appointment. Curbside electronics collection is available for \$30.00 and includes collection of up to six (6) items.



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While we're currently not in construction season, now is the time the Village is preparing for summer. This summer you will see several local roads being resurfaced as part of our annual program. Additionally, work in the Downtown area will be underway as part of the Downtown Algonquin redevelopment project. Regionally, Kane County is expected to finalize work on Longmeadow Parkway within Algonquin's boundaries this spring. McHenry County is expected to begin construction on Randall Road in Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, and Crystal Lake this summer. For current road construction information, please visit www.algonquin.org/construction.

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Clean abundant water is one of our state's greatest treasures, whether it comes from the ground or from lakes, streams and rivers. We can't take it for granted. As population grows, demand for water increases. So does the potential for pollution. Our everyday activities increase the amount of run off and send oil, pesticides, fertilizer and sediment into nearby waters. To keep these waters clean, and make sure we have enough to go around, everyone needs to help.

Tips: Use gardening chemicals only when needed and use non-toxic products whenever possible. Apply fertilizers or pesticides when there is no chance of rain. Buy and mix only enough to do the job and always follow instructions.

Run off from your yard and driveway flows down the street, into a storm drain, through the storm sewer system, and directly into waterways – without treatment. Sometimes it gets in the groundwater through catch basins and dry wells. Leaking oil from automobiles is a major cause of water pollution. Soil, grit and debris washed from paved surfaces often carry harmful chemicals.

Tips: Recycle used oil and paint. Never dump it down a storm drain or pour it on the ground. Plant more trees, shrubs and groundcovers. Minimize impervious surfaces like asphalt and concrete. Pick up pet waste. Run off can carry pollution from it into lakes and rivers.

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Spring Cleanup: Once a year Groot will provide a scheduled curbside collection to Algonquin residents at no additional charge. Residents will have the opportunity to place unlimited items at the curb for collection. Items prohibited from collection include household garbage normally put out for weekly collection that requires a sticker, automobile parts, yard waste, white goods, household hazardous waste, electronics, and construction and demolition materials. Additional information is available at www.algonquin.org/groot.

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The Lions Armstrong Memorial Pool has undergone some major renovations in recent including adding additional deck space, sun shades, and seating areas. It's the perfect spot for a hot summer day and is conveniently located right next to Snapper's Field in Algonquin. Come check out the facility that features a 1-meter spring diving board, lap pool, interactive splash pad area, and pool deck complete with chaise lounges this summer! Early bird season pool passes go on sale April 3 through May 25. For more information, visit www.algonquin.org/pool.

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The Algonquin Public Arts Commission holds its annual "Art on the Fox" fine art show each year over Father's Day weekend. The event takes place in Riverfront Park located in downtown Algonquin at 201 N. Harrison St. In addition to artist booths with artwork for sale, event activities include live music, artist demonstrations, and children's art projects. Make plans to stroll along the Fox River and see some fantastic artwork on a beautiful summer day in one of Algonquin's premier parks. For updated event information, check out www.artonthefox.com.



J. JANAK
FARM IMPLEMENTS
EST. 1882

We Hope You
Enjoyed Your Visit!

Thank You For
Keeping Your Parks
Clean!

Have A Great Day!

Questions or comments regarding your facilities?
Please contact the Village of Algonquin
Parks and Forestry Department at (847) 658-2754

The Algonquin Summer Concerts are held at Riverfront Park in Downtown Algonquin on Thursday nights during the summer months. Families and friends are welcome to come and enjoy live music and food trucks on the riverfront. For this year's concert and food truck line-up visit www.algonquin.org/summerconcerts or check in on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AlgonquinLive.

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Taking on a home improvement project this summer? Check out the Village's enhanced online services which allows you to apply for a building permit and schedule a building inspection online at www.algonquin.org/building. You can also find video tutorials for common residential permits. All printable permit forms are also available online.

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Algonquin has over 2,200 fire hydrants within its distribution system. As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Algonquin flushes hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. This exercise not only ensures proper operation of each hydrant but also helps to move fresh water throughout the distribution system, improving overall water quality for our customers. For additional information, please visit us online at www.algonquin.org/publicworks.

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Each year since 2012, the Village randomly selects 1,500 households to complete a survey of various public services and quality of life topics that help shape Algonquin's future direction. The Algonquin Community Survey assists the Village in evaluating and prioritizing public services provided to the community. The survey asks questions about quality of life measures, perceptions of safety, quality and importance of Village programs and services, performance of Village employees, and general demographic information. To review past and current survey results visit www.algonquin.org/survey.

OCTOBER

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Overnight parking regulations are in effect October 31 through April 15 of each year. Parking is prohibited on any public street in the Village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. 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. Residents may submit overnight street parking requests and vacation watch requests online by visiting www.algonquin.org/police.

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It is easier than ever to report a non-emergency maintenance issue by using the Village of Algonquin's "Algonquin Fix It" mobile app. This app uses your phone's GPS to recognize your location and offers a menu of common quality-of-life conditions to select from. You can easily upload pictures or video, which helps the Village quickly identify and address your concern. The mobile app may be used to report concerns such as street light issues, street maintenance, graffiti, damaged trees, and more. You may also track the status of requests submitted by you or other members in the community. Visit www.algonquin.org to report a problem or to download the app.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Village of Algonquin

EMERGENCY	911
Ganek Municipal Center - Village Services	847-658-2700
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	847-658-4531
Water and Sewer Billing	847-854-3440
Pool (Summer Only)	847-458-7677
Recreation	847-658-2716
Historic Commission	847-658-4322

Fire Protection Districts

EMERGENCY	911
Algonquin / Lake in the Hills	847-658-8233
Huntley	847-669-5066
Carpentersville / Countryside	847-426-2131
Cary	847-639-2121

County Sheriffs

EMERGENCY	911
Kane County Sheriff	630-232-6840
McHenry County Sheriff	815-338-2144

Townships

Algonquin Township	847-639-2700
Dundee Township	847-428-8092
Grafton Township	847-669-3328

School Districts

Community Unit School District 300	847-426-1300
Consolidated School District 158	847-659-6158

Park Districts and Departments

Village of Algonquin Recreation	847-658-2716
Barrington Countryside Park District	847-783-6722
Dundee Township Park District	847-428-7131
Huntley Park District	847-669-3180

Library

Algonquin Area Public Library District - Main Branch	847-458-6060
Algonquin Area Public Library District - Eastgate Branch	847-658-4343

Non-Municipal Utilities

AT&T	800-288-2020
Comcast	800-COMCAST
ComEd	800-EDISON -1
Nicor	800-NICOR4U
Groot	800-244-1977
J.U.L.I.E.	811

WATER SYSTEM STATUS

Check signs posted throughout town, check the Village's website (www.algonquin.org), call 847-658-2700 to check the current water status. Status regulations are as follows:

Conservation: Green signs indicate outside water use is permitted except for watering landscaping and lawns, which is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Even/Odd: Yellow signs indicate even/odd days for watering before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days, before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm.

Even/Odd 6:00-9:00 AM: Orange signs indicate even/odd days for watering only between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 am. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

Restricted: Red signs indicate no outside water is allowed at any time. This includes all use of water outside, such as washing vehicles, power washing, and watering landscaping.

The Village has a zero tolerance policy for illegal watering and tickets will be issued for illegal watering.



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