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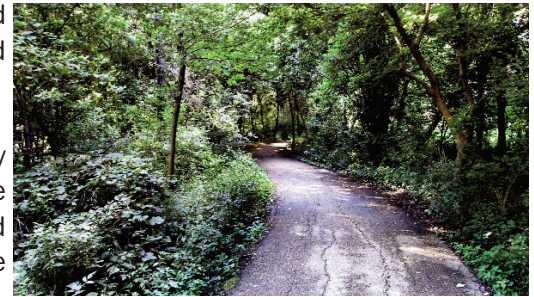
News from the Village of Algonquin

Fall 2019

Algonquin Receives \$148,000 Bike Path Grant

The Village of Algonquin has received \$148,314 in grant funding to establish a 0.142-mile trail connecting Armstrong Street to the existing Prairie Trail. The “Scorched Earth Bicycle Path” is designed to fill in the gap between the bike trail system and the highly frequented Algonquin Makers Park and the Old Town Algonquin historic district.

“This will be a great connection off of the Prairie Trail that improves accessibility to regional destinations in Algonquin” said Village President John Schmitt. “The recent pedestrian and bicycling improvements in our Old Town district, coupled with progress towards a regional bike-share program, will be a very effective tool for economic development in the area.”



A trail connection is planned at the east end of Armstrong Street to connect to the Prairie Trail

The McHenry County Conservation District Prairie Trail is a 26.6-mile trail which travels from Algonquin to the Wisconsin state line. To the south, this trail connects to the Fox River Trail, which connects users from Algonquin south to Aurora.

Funds for the Bicycle Path Grant Program, which is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, are for the acquisition of land or development of facilities for bicycle paths. Funding comes from a percentage of motor vehicle title fees. A construction schedule will be set at a future date.

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, 2020.

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 28, 2019). Winter decorations, such as blankets and wreaths, may be placed the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 23, 2019).

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

Algonquin Recognized for Performance Management

The Village of Algonquin has been recognized for its performance management efforts with a Certificate of Achievement from the International City/County Management Association for the seventh consecutive year. Algonquin is among 17 jurisdictions receiving the Certificate of Achievement and the only municipality from Illinois recognized this year.

Algonquin’s performance management program aids in cost reduction, program prioritization, and quality improvement. It also encourages accountability and transparency. To view financial and operational reports developed with performance metrics and analytics, please visit our transparency portal online at: www.algonquin.org/transparency.

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:



Sleepy Hollow Road: In early August, the project transitioned on-schedule from Stage 1 to Stage 2, allowing crews to reopen the section of roadway between Longmeadow Parkway and Wynnfield Drive, in front of Westfield Community School. Crews are now shifting focus to two new sections of roadway with detours in place from Wynnfield Drive north to County Line Road and from Longmeadow Parkway south to Grandview Drive. The final layer of asphalt for the entire Sleepy Hollow Road Rebuild project will be installed when Stage 2 is complete. Construction is expected to be completed in November 2019.

Longmeadow Parkway: Construction continues for various sections of Longmeadow Parkway east of White Chapel Lane to Illinois Route 62. Mechanically stabilized earth retaining walls and bridge beams have been installed near Illinois Route 31 while work continues on the new piers, abutments and retaining walls for the new bridge over the Fox River. Major construction activity is currently estimated to be completed by the winter 2020/2021. For more information, please visit www.co.kane.il.us/dot.

Randall Road: As of September, the Randall Road project is approximately 10 percent complete. Work will continue this fall on storm sewer installation, pedestrian tunnel construction (south of Bunker Hill/Huntington Drive), and curb and gutter installation. Construction is currently estimated to be completed by summer 2021. For more information about this project, please visit www.randallroad.info.

Algonquin Kite Fest

Join Algonquin Recreation and the Algonquin Library for the first Annual Kite Festival with Chicago Kite on September 28 at Spella Park! Bring the whole family out for a fun afternoon watching professional stunt kite flyers, giant-sized kites, and bring your own kite to fly in the participant flying area. The first 200 kids will receive a free paper kite to decorate and fly. More info at www.algonquin.org/recreation.

Howl-o-ween Dog Parade

Join us Saturday, October 26, for the ninth annual Howl-o-ween Dog Parade. Owners and their dogs are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite costumes as we parade down the street. Awards will be given for the best dog costume and best theme owner/pet costume. Fees to enter are \$5 per entry. Sign up online at rec.algonquin.org.

Miracle on Main - New!

Celebrate the holiday season with your family and neighbors at the Miracle on Main at The Plaza (2 S. Main St.) on Saturday, December 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join Algonquin Recreation for the tree lighting ceremony, craft activities, visiting with Santa and friends, listening to holiday music, and more! For complete details visit us online 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 9 and November 1, 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, 2019.** 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.