



2020

THE VILLAGE OF  
**ALGONQUIN**  
*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 2019 and looking forward to those to come in 2020.

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

### **Old Town Redevelopment**

Downtowns are the heart of a community and Algonquin is no exception. Algonquin is in the midst of a multi-year, \$30 million reinvestment in the Old Town area. In the first phase, the Village completed the Main Street corridor project, which has transformed the area into a thriving destination for residents to shop, dine and gather. Residents and visitors are now greeted in an Old Town dressed in the finest of brick pavers, convenient pedestrian amenities, nearby parking, and the nicest lighting and landscaping. Old Town is the heart of our Village and we are very proud of the improvements that enhance and compliment the character and history of the area.

### **Parks and Recreation**

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 Barrington Hills Park District, Dundee Township Park District and Huntley Park District. As we look ahead to 2020, the Village will be looking even further as we update our Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide our future park improvements to align with the service expectations of the community.

### **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.

### **Randall Road Corridor**

The Village continues to work with its neighbors and McHenry County on the 3.5-mile Randall Road Corridor project. The limits of this project run from the intersection with Harnish Drive north to the Polaris Drive/Acorn Lane intersection. Randall Road is being widened to provide three through lanes in each direction with up to four for the portion between Bunker Hill/Huntington Drive just up to Polaris Drive/Acorn Lane. Dual left turn lanes and separate right turn lanes are being provided at all signalized intersections. The cross streets at the signalized intersection are being widened as well to allow vehicles to enter Randall Road more efficiently. Algonquin Road at Randall Road will have three left turn lanes, two through travel lanes, and right turn lanes on both legs of the intersection. A pedestrian underpass is being constructed just between Harnish Drive and Bunker Hill/Huntington Drive. A path will be built linking the existing paths in the area as well as the new path along Randall Road. Construction will continue through 2020, and final completion items in June 2021. We encourage you to visit [www.randallroad.info](http://www.randallroad.info) to sign up to receive regular email updates and stay informed.

### **Longmeadow Parkway**

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-62. The project passes through portions of the villages of Algonquin, Carpentersville and Barrington Hills, as well as unincorporated areas of Kane County. Construction began in early 2016. The last section, from IL-31 to IL-25 and a new bridge over the Fox River, is anticipated for completion in winter 2020/2021.

Please take the time to review the annual report contents of each month and see why the community can be proud of 2019 and excited for the prospects that 2020 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](http://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 2020!



# 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 Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.  
and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:45 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

January 22, April 29, July 29, and November 4 at 5:00 p.m.  
at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin





Harper Drive Bike and Walking Trail



# JANUARY

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South Main Street





Sleepy Hollow Road Construction





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Parkway Tree Planting on Harnish Drive

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Lion's Armstrong Memorial Pool has been and continues to be a summer staple in Algonquin. The facility features a 1-meter spring diving board, lap pool, interactive splashpad area, and pool deck complete with chaise lounges. During the summer season, guests can take advantage of daily open swim hours, swimming lessons, lap swim, and aquatic fitness programs. Opening Memorial Weekend and closing Labor Day weekend of each year, thus allowing for plenty of summer enjoyment. More information is available at [www.algonquin.org/pool](http://www.algonquin.org/pool).



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## DID YOU KNOW?

This stream and oak savannah restoration on Surrey Lane reflects the on-going efforts of the Village to preserve and restore our natural spaces. The goal of ecological stream restoration is to restore the stream ecosystem's physical, chemical, and biological composition as close as possible to the native state given the permanent alterations to the watershed from development. Implementing these methods helps to improve water quality from urban stormwater runoff and provides improved habitat and reduced flooding.



# JUNE

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Touch-A-Truck Event at Towne Park





## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The oak savanna was once one of the most common vegetation types in the Midwest but is today highly endangered. Intact oak savannas are now one of the rarest plant communities on earth. A savanna is generally defined as a plant community where trees are a component but where their density is so low that it allows grasses and other herbaceous vegetation to become the actual dominants of the landscape. Some degraded oak savannas still remain and can be restored. This example of a restored savannah can be seen in the Surrey Lane Preserve.



# AUGUST

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The Plaza in Old Town Algonquin



# SEPTEMBER

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		Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				
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Pool & Splash Pad Closes for the Season	Village Offices Closed Labor Day	Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m.		Trash and recycle collection delayed by one day Thursday collection will be on Friday and Friday collection will be on Saturday.		Kite Fest
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## DID YOU KNOW?

The detention basin pictured, located in the Creeks Crossing Riparian Corridor, is an example of a stormwater facility that has been naturalized. A detention basin is designed to temporarily store stormwater runoff and then let it slowly drain out between rainfall events. When naturalized, the basin provides greater water quality and habitat benefits relative to standard dry-bottom (turfgrass) detention basins because it filters stormwater pollutants such as fertilizers, oil, grease, gas, and other household waste. An open water basin, such as this one, allows solids to drop out of suspension in the water column, releasing cleaner water downstream.



# OCTOBER

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														Fall Cemetery Cleanup October 26 through November 20																																										Overnight Parking Restrictions Begin  Trick-or-Treat Hours 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Halloween						





Spella Park Open Space





# NOVEMBER

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# WATER SYSTEM STATUS

Check signs posted throughout town, check the Village's website ([www.algonquin.org](http://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.

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.

# 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

## 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

## School Districts

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

## Library

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

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