

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN PRESENTS

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



2024

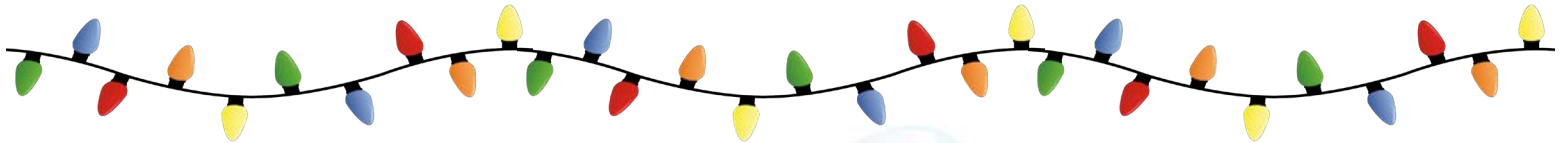
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Village Closings

The Village of Algonquin will be closed on the following dates:

November 27
November 28
December 24
December 25
January 1



 MARINE CORPS RESERVE

TOYS FOR TOTS

**THE GANEK MUNICIPAL CENTER IS NOW ACCEPTING
NEW TOYS FOR THE MCHENRY COUNTY MARINE
TOYS FOR TOTS IN THE LOBBY.**

*There is a strong need for toys for ages
0-2 years and 10+ years

**DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH 12/9/24
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00-5:00PM**





Miracle on Main

COME EXPERIENCE THE
MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 7: 4:00-7:00PM

LOCATED AT THE PLAZA ON MAIN ST.

HOLIDAY MAGIC KICKS OFF AT 4:00PM WITH LIVE MUSIC AND HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES, FOLLOWED BY THE ARRIVAL OF SANTA CLAUS AND THE LIGHTING OF THE TREE!

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING ON THE PLAZA
VISIT AND TAKE PICTURES WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

LIVE REINDEER

TRACKLESS TRAIN RIDES

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC PERFORMANCES

OLD TOWN HOLIDAY DISPLAYS

ICE SCULPTURES

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE PROVIDED BY RIVER BOTTOM

KIDS ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY LOCAL SPONSORS

LOTS OF GREAT DINING OPTIONS AT DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES!

★ MERRY MARKET ON MAIN SHOPPING OPENS AT 3:00PM ★
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BREAKFAST

With Santa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

REGISTER NOW!
TIME SLOTS ARE
FILLING QUICKLY!

MENU

- EGGS
- SAUSAGE
- BACON
- BREAKFAST POTATOES
- PANCAKES
- FRENCH TOAST STICKS
- BISCUITS & GRAVY
- FRUIT PLATTER
- MINI MUFFINS
- PASTRIES
- CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN

**MIMOSAS & BLOODY MARY'S AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

Cucina Bella
220 S. Main St.

*New this year, additional seating times! *
9:00am, 9:30am, 10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am, 12:00pm

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST
PORTRAITS WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS
CRAFTS AND MORE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR YOUR
PREFERRED SEATING TIME VISIT: [HTTPS://REC.ALGONQUIN.ORG](https://rec.algonquin.org)



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Shop over 25
Artisan Vendors for the
perfect holiday gift!

Merry Market on Main

Saturday, December 7

3:00-7:00pm

Old Town Algonquin Main Street



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ALGONQUIN

Bricks & Minifigs[®] is your one-stop aftermarket LEGO[®] toy shop in McHenry County! We are the largest toy store of our kind, specializing in only new and used LEGO[®] items. We buy and trade all LEGO[®] products, from bulk tubs to storage unit-sized collections. Enjoy our selection of individual minifigs, bulk bricks, components and accessories. Bricks & Minifigs Algonquin is owned and operated by Julie & Todd Krater. With over 40 years of Lego building and collecting experience we look forward to sharing the joy of building with you.

LEGO - My Own Creation Workshops

Come learn from the Lego expert builders how to build a holiday themed Lego set and how to create a MOC (My Own Creation). In this 1 hour class, participants will build a specific Lego set and then build their own set with guided instruction from a Lego builder. Participants leave with their Lego set and their MOC.

Instructor: Bricks & Mini Figs
Location: Bricks & Mini Figs
 212 Eastgate Ct. Algonquin
Fee: \$20 R / \$30 NR

Age	Day	Date	Time	Code
6-12	Su	12/15	2:30-3:30p	24-1910



Young Rembrandts



Young Rembrandts: Winter Cartooning

This winter, spark your child's imagination with a Young Rembrandts Cartooning Class! They'll discover the power of exaggeration with Cow Expressions and Elf Expressions, perfect for conveying a whirlwind of emotions. Basketball Fun will score big with sports fans, while Baking Sequence and Decorating Sequence promise seasonal fun and creativity.

Instructor: Young Rembrandts
Location: Historic Village Hall (2nd Floor)
 2 South Main St. Algonquin
Fee: \$91 R / \$101 NR

*No Class 11/28

Age	Day	Date	Time	Code
6-12	Th	11/7-12/19*	5:30-6:30p	24-3711



Rock Holiday-Style with the Saddle Shoe Sisters

Wednesday Mix

Ages 55+

Join us for a fun holiday concert and special treats with the Saddle Shoe Sisters! The Saddle Shoe Sisters celebrate the best vocal groups of all time from the 1940s-60s. Their retro clothing, harmonies, and signature shoes have been a big hit with those longing for a sweeter, purer time in music. At their holiday concert, they will blend the best holiday songs from artists such as Brenda Lee, Bing Crosby, and the Ronettes with other iconic vocal groups such as the McGuire Sisters and the Supremes.

Drop-ins are welcome! Register to receive a reminder..

Location: Algonquin Area Library

2600 Harnish Drive

Date: Wednesday, December 4

Time: 2:00-3:00p

Makerspace Drop-In Crafts

Ages: 14+

We're doing weekly drop-ins again this winter! These projects are for ages 14+ and will only be available during Makerspace open hours. No registration necessary.

Peppermint Bath Salts

December 8-14

Unwind during the busy holiday season with a soothing DIY peppermint bath salts mixture. Personalize the jar and give it as a thoughtful gift or pamper yourself with a relaxing soak.

Scented Fire Starters

December 15-21

Cold outside? Get a cozy fire going with these scented fire starters, made with seasonal ingredients. *For use in outdoor fires only.

Location: Algonquin Area Library

2600 Harnish Drive

Days and Times: Sundays 1:00-4:00p

Tuesday-Thursday 10:00-8:00p

Friday & Saturday 10:00-4:00p

**REGISTER ONLINE for
AAPLD programs at:
<https://aapld.libnet.info/events>**

Little Women at Northlight Theatre in Skokie Theater Bus Trip

Ages 18+

Join us for a bus trip to the Northlight Theatre in Skokie, where you'll experience the beloved play Little Women in an original production. Let's wrap up the year with this special holiday outing! Registration is required.

Location: Algonquin Area Library
2600 Harnish Drive

Date: Wednesday, December 11

Time: 11:00-5:00p



Slow Down and Read 2025 Winter Reading Program

All Ages

Snail into Winter Reading! Take it slow and steady with our 2024-25 Winter Reading Program for all ages, starting Monday, December 16. Whether you're as chill as a sloth, as patient as a turtle, or as sluggish as a snail, you can join the challenge to earn rewards for reading and completing fun library activities.

Sign up online through Beanstack, download the app (iOS/Google Play), or visit the library in person. The program runs through Monday, January 27—so there is no rush, take your time! Reading logs are also available to print from home.

Location: Algonquin Area Library
2600 Harnish Drive

Dates: December 16, 2024 - January 27, 2025

Baby Footprint Art: Winter Gifts

Ages: 0-2 with Caregiver

Stop in to create winter-themed art that will make a great gift for someone you love. We provide the art supplies; you provide the feet! A selection of templates and various paint colors will be available. Take advantage of this opportunity to make multiple projects to use as gifts. Most families will need 30 minutes or less to complete their projects. Drop-ins are welcome; register for an email reminder.

Location: Algonquin Area Library
2600 Harnish Drive

Date: Friday, December 6

Time: 10:00-12:00p

Messy Masterpieces

Ages: 3-5 with Caregiver

Give the gift of Art this holiday season. Create a masterpiece for someone special. Please dress for a mess. Registration required.

Location: Algonquin Area Library
2600 Harnish Drive

Date: Tuesday, December 3

Time: 9:30-10:00am or 10:30-11:00am

Gingerbread Palooza

Grades: 3-8

Create a gingerbread house out of fun non-food items! The houses will be displayed in the library during Winter Reading. No food will be present. Registration required.

Location: Algonquin Area Library
2600 Harnish Drive

Date: Tuesday, December 10

Time: 4:00-5:30 pm

Noon Year's Eve Dance Party

Ages: Families with Children of All Ages

Ring in the New Year with a family-friendly dance party! Dance along to pop hits and storytime favorites, stop by our photo booth, make a memory book, and countdown to noon and an apple juice toast! Registration required. Please register each child attending.

Location: Algonquin Area Library
2600 Harnish Drive

Date: Monday, December 30

Time: 11:30-12:15p



Kids Holiday Cookie Decorating

Get ready to sprinkle some holiday magic! Join us for a fun-filled Holiday Season Cookie Decorating Class for kids aged 7-14. Young bakers will learn how to transform plain cookies into holiday masterpieces that are almost too cute to eat! Whether your child is a budding pastry chef or just loves the holiday season, this class is a perfect way to celebrate and get creative. Each participant will leave with their own decorated cookies to share with family and friends - or to enjoy themselves! The cost includes: 5 sugar cookies, royal icing/decorations and a take-home tray for the cookies

Instructor: Rollin' in Dough
Location: Historic Village Hall (1st Floor)
 2 South Main St. Algonquin
Fee: \$33 R / \$43 NR

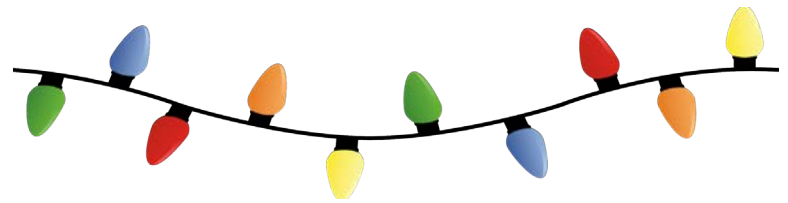
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Adult Holiday Cookie Decorating

Why should the kids have all the fun?! Trade your mittens for an icing bag and chef hat and enjoy an evening of laughs, creativity, and cookie decorating. Perfect for anyone 18+ who is ready to unleash their inner cookie artist or just wants an excuse to eat icing straight from the tube! Whether you're a cookie decorating pro, or you've never held an icing bag in your life, you'll leave with a tray of gorgeous winter-themed cookies and some great memories. The cost includes: 6 sugar cookies, 3 bags of royal icing/decorations and a take-home tray for the cookies.

Instructor: Rollin' in Dough
Location: Historic Village Hall (1st Floor)
 2 South Main St. Algonquin
Fee: \$39 R / \$49 NR

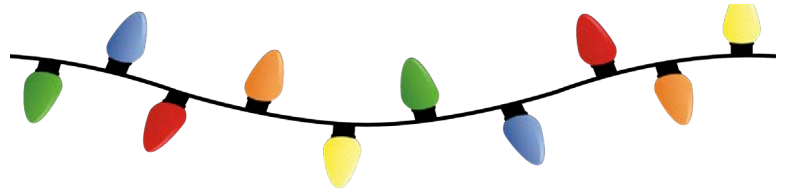
Age	Day	Date	Time	Code
18+	F	1/3	6:00-7:00p	24-3721



Holiday Lights Recycling

The Village of Algonquin, in cooperation with Elgin Recycling, will be offering holiday light recycling beginning Monday, November 20 through January 17 at Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive. The collection period has been extended for those who would like to recycle their holiday lights after this season. A container for your unusable or unwanted lights will be available in the Ganek Municipal Center 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, plastic casing, and other decoration items from the light sets before they are dropped off. Elgin Recycling will recycle the lights collected at Ganek Municipal Center and help Algonquin reduce waste sent to landfills.



Holiday Tree Collection

When its time for the holiday tree to come down, Groot has you covered with free curbside collection of Christmas trees from January 6 to January 31 on your regular collection day. Please visit www.algonquin.org/groot for guidelines on disposal.

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Snowman?*



**Send your photos to
recreation@algonquin.org
by March 9th**