



*Serving our Community with Pride*

WINTER 2022

## Township Supervisor

**RANDY FUNK**

Season's greetings from your Algonquin Township! As 2022 winds down I wanted to highlight some of our accomplishments of 2022. The Crystal Lake Cemetery pillars got a much-needed facelift and we added a flag pole with light to commemorate the 54 veterans buried there. The **Chunn's Burial Ground** received much needed landscaping to shore up erosion that was starting to occur.



We are now accepting applications for **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** and **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)**. **AARP Smart Driver Courses** were offered in both October and November to accommodate the large number of responses.

**Touch a Truck** on August 20 was an amazing success with over 400 children in attendance. A great big "Shout Out" to the 15 organizations that brought trucks and 23 donors and sponsors that helped make this event a success!

On November 9, 2022, at the request of residents and the McHenry County Division of Environment Health, the Algonquin Township Board approved a resolution to place a binding referendum question on the April 4, 2023 General Primary ballot, that allows Algonquin Township to contract for a consolidated solid waste removal service for those who live on the unincorporated roads. Only those located on **unincorporated roads will be able to vote on whether to implement a common waste hauler.**

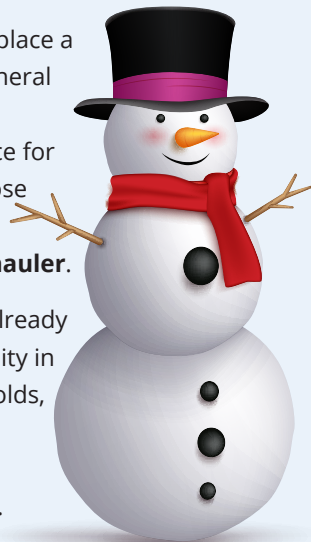
Almost 90% of the residents in Algonquin Township already have a common waste hauler based on the municipality in which they live. The other 10%, or over 3,700 households, live on unincorporated roads, have up to 4 choices of waste haulers to choose from, leaving as many as 12 trucks per week driving up and down the same roads.

As our county continues to grow, traffic congestion and road maintenance become more and more challenging and even more expensive to taxpayers.

There are **many benefits to voting "YES"** to having a common carrier for solid waste collection and it's a win-win for everyone

- **Economies of scale for pricing** - many residents are paying up to 2.5 times more than their neighbors located within a municipality who have a common waste carrier. Implementation of a Senior discount program and options for smaller containers for seniors would also be included in the contract.
- **Increased services and a larger variety of solid waste (garbage) removal services including recyclables, yard waste and large items.** Additional services could include Christmas tree recycling, shred events, etc.
- **Road maintenance costs and pot holes** - large trucks wear out roads at a far greater rate than passenger cars. Waste hauler trucks are driving over the same roads all week long with each carrier having 2-3 trucks on those roads to pick up garbage, recycling and other items - that equates to 12 trucks that could be driving in your neighborhood each week. A decrease in truck traffic would also help control maintenance costs, lead to a decrease in potholes and ultimately save tax dollars.
- **Decrease in traffic congestion and carbon emissions**

A letter will be sent to each household that this decision impacts in January 2023. The letter will contain all the information you need to make an informed decision when you go to vote, including a Question & Answer section. There will also be contact information in case you have further questions or comments.



**THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR**  
and our warmest wishes  
for a  
**HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**

## Philanthropy Spotlight

Since 1998, Senior Care Volunteer Network (SCVN) supports seniors living independently. They connect community volunteers with seniors who require assistance to maintain their dignity and quality of life. The goal is to provide services at no-cost to seniors.

Services include:

- Grocery shopping, errands, food box deliveries, yardwork projects, minor home repairs, friendly visits and phone calls.
- Medical equipment lending closet
- Transportation to medical and recreational appointments

To find out if you or a loved one are eligible for services, or to volunteer as an individual or a group, please call 815.455.3120. Check us out at [www.scvmchenrycounty.org](http://www.scvmchenrycounty.org), or email [info@scvmchenrycounty.org](mailto:info@scvmchenrycounty.org) for more information.

## Algonquin Township Assistance Programs

Financial Assistance is available for eligible residents. Contact the Township for details at 847.639.2700 x7

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Application Assistance available. The program runs September 1 – May 31 only.

**Emergency Assistance** for life threatening circumstances or to offset work-related expense to maintain employment.

**General Assistance** for basic living maintenance needs on a monthly basis.

## Township Services

There are many services offered at the Township during normal business hours. For more information, call 847.639.2700 x7

- 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Notary Service
- McHenry County Water Test Kits – available for pickup
- Main Township Building – Free Community Room Rental – 2 rooms, tables & chairs available
- Building 6B – Free Community Room Rental (Call the Road District 847.639.2700 x6 to schedule.)
- Rules of the Road Books
- Free Coast2Coast Discount Prescription Card (Illinois Association of County Board Members)
- RTA (Regional Transportation Authority) Senior & Disabled Permit Application
- Route 14 Sign Advertising
- **AARP** Tax Preparation – Call for reservations beginning January 9, 2023
- **AARP** Smart Driver Course – Registration required

## Activities

The Township continually offers a range of FREE activities for residents. Walk-ins welcome unless noted. For more details and a schedule, go to [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com)

### Bingo

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Come have a fun morning of socializing. Join us for coffee and donuts at 9 AM. Bingo starts at 10 AM.

### Bridge

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Fox Valley Bridge Group. Call 847.639.2700 x7 for information.

**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Crystal Lake Duplicate Bridge Club is ACBL-sanctioned.

### Simple Strength Class

**TUESDAYS 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

This FREE exercise class will use your own body strength to give you a full body workout.



### Line Dancing

**TUESDAYS 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM BUILDING 6B**

So much fun! Bring a partner or make a new friend line dancing. All levels are welcome. FREE

### Personal Computer Class

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY (1 HOUR, BETWEEN 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM)**

FREE, personalized, computer classes are available. Call 847.639.2700 x7 to schedule an appointment.

### Striders, Walkers and Talkers (SWAT)

**WEDNESDAYS 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Would you enjoy meeting for some fresh air and conversation? Meet in the kitchen of the main building for coffee at 9 AM, then walk through the Hollows.

### Warriors in the Wild

**1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00 PM**

This FREE yoga class is available to all levels. The class is held outdoors, weather-permitting.

### Chair Yoga

**THURSDAYS 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

This FREE class includes slow gentle movement, meditation, and conscious breathing practices in a chair, or standing using the chair for support.

### TOPS IL 2106 Crystal Lake

**TUESDAYS 6:15 PM Weigh-in, Meeting 6:45 PM -7:45 PM**

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly - TOPS IL 2106 Crystal Lake.



## Road District

**DANIJELA SANDBERG**  
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER



The Algonquin Township Road District maintains Township roads and offers a variety of services. Go to [www.algtwsp.com](http://www.algtwsp.com) for details and schedules for the following services. You can also call 847.639.2700 x6 or find us on Facebook at "Algonquin Township Road District."

### Christmas Tree Recycling

December 27, 2022 – January 30, 2023

### Year-Round Recycling

The Township offers extensive recycling on site: cell phones, glasses, hearing aids, retired flags, broken down cardboard, paper, plastic, glass bottles, aluminum and metal cans. Tires (nominal fee) and Styrofoam M - F 7:00 AM – 2:30 PM. We have expanded our clothing and shoe recycling to include household items, toys and accessories - visit our website or Facebook page to learn more!

### Free Mulch & Sand Bags

Mulch is available at the township for residents to pick-up for home use. The mulch pile is accessible every day. Sand bags & sand are available for water and flood emergencies.



## Assessor's Corner

**RICHARD S. ALEXANDER, CIAO**

The Township Assessor establishes values on all parcels of property within Algonquin Township. Our office is the best place to go for assessment related questions.

In the meantime, you may review your property information at <http://property.atasr.org>. If you find an error with our information, please contact our office directly.

Please make sure you check your assessment notice for your eligibility for exemptions. Exemptions equal tax savings!



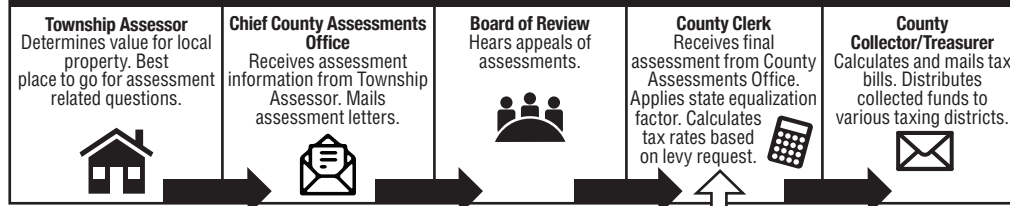
### ASSESSOR TIPS:

- Do you have multiple parcels? The combining of parcels eliminates the need to generate multiple assessment notices and tax bills. It is free to combine parcels, while reducing the cost of government service.
- During appeal season (Fall) property owners do not need to hire an attorney or tax consultant to file an appeal. The Algonquin Township Assessor's office will guide you through the process. If you have any questions, please call, 847.639.2700 x5, or email your questions to [assessor@atasr.org](mailto:assessor@atasr.org).
- Algonquin Township is here to help with property tax exemptions for Senior Citizens, Veterans and Disabled homeowners. We are available Monday – Friday 8 AM – 4 PM and no appointment needed.

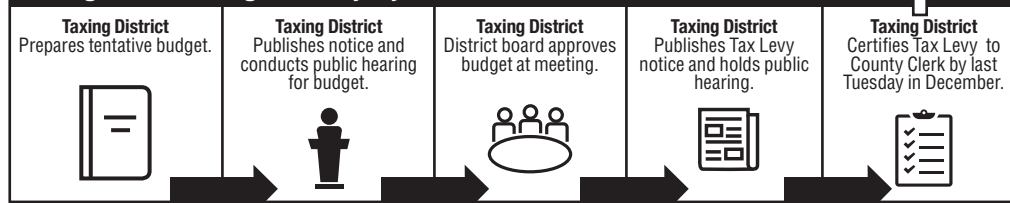
Go to [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com) and visit the Assessor page to find valuable information and links to additional resources.

### THE PROPERTY TAX CYCLE

#### Assessment Valuation & Tax Bill Process



#### Taxing District Budget & Levy Cycle



### Prizes Generously Donated By:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Color Me Mine           | Raising Canes         |
| Julie Ann's             | Jewel (Cary)          |
| Dolphin Swim Club       | Chicago Cubs          |
| Focus Martial Arts      | Chicago Bears         |
| Goldfish Swim School    | Country Donuts        |
| Cary Gymnastics         | Alg Twn Supervisor    |
| Kane County Cougars     | Starbucks (Rt 14 CL)  |
| Battle House Ops Center | Cabay & Co.           |
| Rockford IceHogs        | Cary Park Dist        |
| Windy City Bulls        | H.R. Stewart Inc.     |
| Jersey Mike's Subs      | I.T. Connection, Inc. |
| Around The Clock        |                       |

### Thank you to the sponsors and donors for Touch a Truck.

There were over 15 organizations that brought trucks, more than 20 donors and sponsors, along with the DJ that kept the momentum hopping!

## Township Shuttle Service

The Algonquin Township provides rides within the Township to senior citizens and disabled residents. The cost is \$3 one-way or \$6 round-trip. The bus has room for up to 2 wheelchairs.

For details or to request service, call 847.639.2700 x6.



# Township Board Meeting

Township Board Meetings are open to the public and are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Township Office, 3702 US Hwy 14, Crystal Lake.



*Algonquin Township*

3702 US Highway 14  
Crystal Lake, Illinois

## Algonquin Township Office

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Phone: 847.639.2700  
Fax: 847.639.4529  
[www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com)

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**Highway Commissioner**, Danijela Sandberg  
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847.639.2700 x6

**Township Clerk**, Maureen Huff  
[mhuff@algonquintownship.com](mailto:mhuff@algonquintownship.com)  
847.639.2700 x8

**Township Trustees**  
Teresa Sharpe Decker  
Millie Medendorp  
Theresa Fronczak  
Edward J. Zimel Jr.



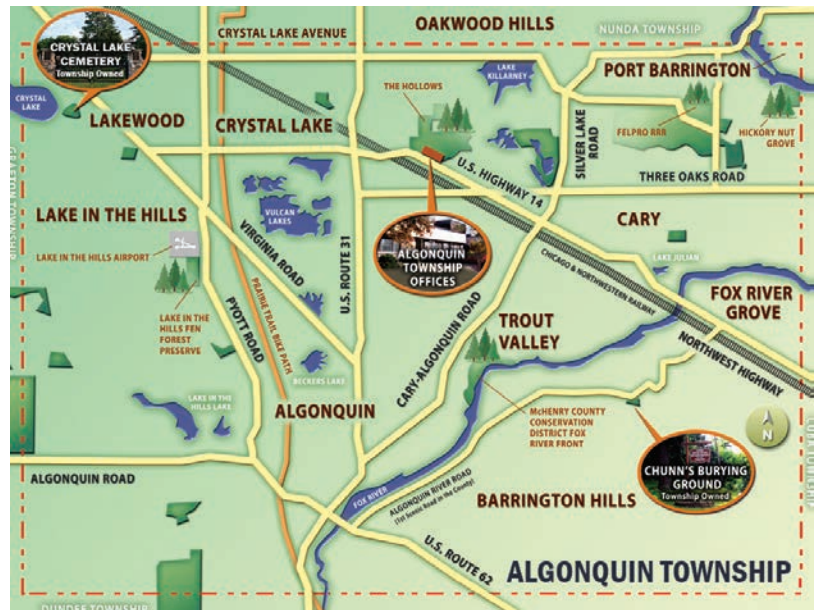
### Stay in the Know:

Go to the [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com) homepage to sign up for email reminders about upcoming events.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

## Calendar of Events

- December 14** Monthly Township Board Meeting 7 PM
- December 27- January 30** Christmas tree recycling 24/7 drop off
- January 9** AARP Tax Preparation, appointment setting begins
- January 11** Monthly Township Board Meeting 7 PM
- February 8** Monthly Township Board Meeting 7 PM
- March 8** Monthly Township Board Meeting 7 PM
- April 1** Shred Event & Food Drive 9 AM – 11 AM
- April 11** Annual Town Meeting 7 PM
- April 12** Monthly Township Board Meeting 7 PM



**Go to the Algonquin Township website for recurring events at the Township, including classes and services.**