



# Village of Algonquin

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## **ALGONQUIN PUBLIC ART OPEN HOUSE**

### **Algonquin Public Art Program Open House**

**Event Date:** Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:00-8:00pm

**Open House Location:** Algonquin Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive

The Village of Algonquin is pleased to announce an Open House kickoff event at the Algonquin Village Hall (2200 Harnish Drive) on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm to unveil more than 30 new artworks for public display. The open house reception is free and open to the public and will be the official launch of the Village's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Public Art Program. In its first two years, the Algonquin Public Art Program won three awards from Urban Innovation in Illinois, the Illinois chapter of the American Planning Association, and the Illinois Municipal League.

Light refreshments will be served during the opening reception and many of the participating artists will be in attendance to talk about their artwork. The Algonquin Village Board and Public Arts Commission will deliver some remarks about the art display program at 7:00pm. After the open house, the artworks will be installed at 10 indoor and 6 outdoor locations throughout the Village.

All artworks for display are on loan from the artists for at least one year. The artworks were evaluated by the Algonquin Public Arts Commission and Village Board using criteria outlined in the Algonquin Public Art Master Plan.

The Algonquin Public Art Program was established in 2005 with the purpose of enhancing the community's sense of place through a celebration of art. The placement of art in public spaces is intended to enrich, stimulate, and enhance the aesthetic experience. Overall, the Public Art Program will create a richer place for residents and visitors and define Algonquin as a unique place in the region.

For more information, please contact Jeff Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager or Ben Mason, Planner, at 847-658-4184.

There will be opportunities for photographs and interviews with the artists and members of the Algonquin Public Arts Commission and Village Board.

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