

HUNTLEY'S Village Journal

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THE HUNTLEY TOWN SQUARE IS ALL LIT UP FOR A VERY MERRY HUNTLEY, AN ANNUAL TRADITION OFFERING FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES. VISIT THE SQUARE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND STROLL THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS.

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

Christmas Holiday
December 24-25

New Years Holiday
January 1

Holiday Greetings from the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees

Happy Holidays to all of you! While 2020 has certainly been a year of challenges and difficulties, we look forward to the new year and moving past the pandemic and gathering once again with our families and friends. We thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe, as well as for continuing to support our local businesses. Please also remember to support your favorite local charities as they serve those in need in our community.

In spite of the negative headlines we all see on a daily basis, there are also many exciting things happening here in Huntley. Jewel Osco has just opened a brand new store at Reed's Corner, a 100-room Hampton Inn is under construction south of Culver's, Thorntons Gas and Convenience Center is ready to open at Kreuzer Road and Rt. 47, Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen new restaurant is nearing completion, and Wendy's will be opening next year at Drendel's Corner. The Village continues its efforts to attract new businesses and investment.

If you haven't had a chance to drive through the downtown, be sure to do so soon. The Square is beautifully decorated with holiday lights and an old fashioned sleigh is set up on the west end, offering a great location for a photo opportunity.

While this time of the year can be hectic, it is also an opportunity for reflection and appreciation of our loved ones and the many blessings we have experienced throughout this difficult year. As Mayor and Board of Trustees, we are thankful for all of you making Huntley a great place to live. We wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season, and an even better New Year!

Huntley Holiday Decorations

Visit the Special Events page on Huntley.il.us for a list of the businesses and homes that entered the A Very Merry Huntley Home and Business Decorating Contest. Contest winners will be announced on December 17. Thank you to all that participated! Take a drive, enjoy the sparkling lights and festive sights!



Shop Huntley for the Holidays

The holidays are a great time to support our local businesses. Grab dinner and pick up a gift card for someone on your holiday list. Having a service done? Grab a gift card. Treating yourself to your favorite goody - grab a gift card. Shopping for yourself - what a great time to grab a gift. Visit *Shop Huntley for the Holidays* on HuntleyFirst.com for a shopping directory. With all of Huntley's great businesses, you'll be finished shopping in no time!



Farmers Market

Join us on the second Saturday of each month through May and continue enjoying homegrown and homemade items from our local family farms and vendors.

This year, the indoor markets are held in the Legion Hall (11712 Coral Street) and outside the building from 9 am to 1 pm. Booths are socially distanced and masks must be worn by all. Curbside delivery is also available. Learn more at www.huntley.il.us.

Wreaths Across America

On December 19, a local and nationwide ceremony will take place as fresh wreaths are laid on the graves of our veterans. The Huntley Cemetery, located on Dean Street, is honored to be a host of Wreaths Across America 2020. The Fox River Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has sponsored the wreaths for the Huntley Cemetery. Huntley Legion Post #673 has sponsored the wreaths for the veterans at the St. Mary Cemetery and will also participate in the event. The generosity of both groups is greatly appreciated. Additional information is available on the Village of Huntley [Cemetery page](#).

Christmas Tree Disposal & Recycling



Huntley Park District Tree Recycling: Bring your tree to Sun Valley Farm at Betsey Warrington Park (12201 West Main Street) between December 26 and January 31, free of tinsel and decorations. The trees will be used as mulch in our beautiful parks. There is no charge for this service.

MDC Environmental Services: For all residential areas in the Village, excluding Sun City and apartments, MDC will pick up discarded trees through the month of January beginning on Monday, January 4. Simply place your tree at the curb. Trees larger than 10 feet tall must be cut in half. Please note that trees will not be recycled and will be taken to the landfill. Tinsel and decorations need not be removed. There is no charge for this service.

Waste Management: In Sun City, Waste Management provides pick-up of Christmas trees during the month of January. Tinsel and decorations need not be removed as these trees will be discarded in the landfill with other waste. Trees may be a maximum of 6 feet tall. There is no charge for this service.



From the Huntley Police Department - Don't Fall for a Gift Card Scam

As the holidays approach, many people will be purchasing gift cards for a convenient and popular present for loved ones. Unfortunately, gift cards have also become a popular way of scamming people out of their money. Please remember, **gift cards are for gifts, not for payment**.

Gift card scams have many variations. The scammers can hack email address and phone numbers to make it appear they are a government agency, a large company or even a friend or family member. Scammers may claim to be the IRS demanding back taxes, a law enforcement agency demanding bond, or a retailer demanding payment for an order. They will continue to change their tactics and use any means necessary to get your money. It can be hard to keep up with all the scams out there, but one important thing to remember is that gift cards cannot ever be used to pay bail, taxes or court fines. If anyone contacts you asking for any kind of payment via gift card, you should immediately suspect it is a scam. Hang up the phone and contact the agency/company directly instead of purchasing gift cards. Additional information is available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/paying-scammers-gift-cards>. You can also contact local law enforcement if you have additional questions.

Development Updates

Jewel Osco - Jewel's second Huntley location, located at Reed Road on Route 47, is now open. Visit the new store for your grocery and pharmacy needs. Drive Up & Go and delivery services available. <https://local.jewelosco.com/il/huntley>

Rte 47 Liquors - Now open on Route 47 in Huntley Towers.

Premier Car Wash - Now open on Vine Street, the car wash features three touchless automatic wash bays and features a bay specifically for larger vehicles. [Facebook@Premier-Car-Wash-Huntley](#).

Popeyes - Located between O'Reilly Auto Parts and Panda Express on Route 47, Popeyes plans to open before year end.

Thorntons and Car Wash - The gas station plans to open in late December at the northwest corner of Kreutzer and Route 47. The car wash construction is slated to begin in 2021.

Wendy's - Locating at the southeast corner of Route 47 and Oak Creek Parkway (in the former Denny's) - opening 2021.

Hampton Inn & Suites - Construction is underway on Huntley's first hotel, located just east of Route 47 south of Powers Road.

Winter Weather is Here

The Village Public Works team clears snow on approximately 132 centerline miles of roadway and 173 cul-de-sacs or eyebrows. Please help keep the roads free of snow and ice as much as possible by following some simple guidelines:

Parking: On-street parking is currently prohibited between the hours of 2:00 am through 6:00 am and at any time within eight (8) hours after a snowfall of two (2) inches or more has occurred.

Driveways: Depositing snow from driveways and walks into the street is prohibited by Village ordinance and creates a traffic hazard by leaving windrows or piles of snow in travel lanes. When clearing driveway aprons, property owners are encouraged to deposit snow in the parkway to the right side of the driveway (as you face the street) and as far away from the curb-line as possible. This will limit the amount of snow that the Village plow deposits into driveways as the streets are cleared.

To learn more, please visit the Public Works page on the Village [website](#) to view the Snow and Ice Control Plan and the Snow Removal Frequently Asked Questions.



Congratulations Village of Huntley Public Works



On December 2, 2020, the Village of Huntley received the VUEWORKS Award of Excellence for Environmental/Community Impact. The Village's Public Works and Engineering Team was recognized for innovation in the handling of the Village's Pedestrian Access Route Inspection and Repair Program. This award considers the impacts on citizens and the community involved, environmental factors and profit or value delivered to the community through services or organization. Great work!