

# HUNTLEY'S

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## 2024 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED

In accordance with Illinois State Statute and direction received from the Village Board of Trustees, the 2024 Annual Operating and Capital Budget was approved on December 7, 2023. The 2024 Fiscal Year (FY24) Operating and Capital Budget totals \$41,167,098 in expenditures for all nineteen funds. Compared to the Amended FY23 Budget, the FY24 Budget proposes \$15,141,574 (27%) less in total expenditures. The FY24 General Fund.

expenditures are \$18,483,567 or 45% of the total budget for all funds. Of the other major funds, the proposed expenditures and percentages of the overall budget are as follows:

- Street Improvements and Roads & Bridges Fund \$5,049,400 (12%)
- Water Operating Fund \$3,069,386 (7%)
- Wastewater Operating Fund \$3,024,016 (7%)
- Downtown Tax Increment Financing District \$2,295,075 (6%)

Twenty-nine percent (29%) of the proposed budget is dedicated to investing in the Village's infrastructure assets and downtown enhancements. Most importantly, the FY24 Budget is reflective of and focused on the Village's vision of being the premier location in the region offering a healthy, well-balanced, prosperous, safe and friendly community for all. The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget is available for review on the Village website at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us)



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## SPRING 2024 RESIDENTIAL PARKWAY TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

If you wish to plant a parkway tree, you may be eligible for the Village's Spring 2024 Residential Parkway Tree Replacement Program. The cost is \$100. Orders will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted. The order deadline is April 15. Weather permitting, trees will be planted in May. The location of the tree to be planted is solely at the discretion of the Village of Huntley. Watering and maintenance will be the responsibility of the homeowner. To learn more, view the Village's Residential Parkway Tree Replacement Program webpage.

## VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES REDEVELOPMENT OF FORMER VILLAGE HALL BUILDING

Earlier this month, board members approved a purchase and sale agreement as well as a redevelopment agreement for the former Village Hall building with True North Properties, Incorporated. The approval of this agreement allows True North Properties, Incorporated to convert the building into a new restaurant. The proposed tenant of the restaurant is Café Roma which would be Café Roma's second restaurant location, with their existing restaurant located in Elgin. The addition would also include a public restroom located in the rear and be accessible from the exterior of the building, for use during downtown events. For additional details, please visit the Village website.



## HUNTLEY INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

Join us on the second Saturday of each month through May from 9am-1pm in the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall on Church/Main Street. Shop local and support small business! For upcoming dates and vendor information visit [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us).



## HUNTLEY HISTORY

Did you know the first gazebo was built in the town square in the late 1800s and was referred to as a bandstand? It was later rebuilt in 1910 and again in 1994. The 2001 Huntley Sesquicentennial time capsule is currently enclosed inside. Look for a fresh coat of paint and some minor repairs to be made to the gazebo this summer.

## FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

One in three teens in the U.S. will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by someone they are in a relationship with before they become adults. Educating your teen on healthy relationships can help keep them safe now and set them up for more successful adult relationships.



Parents should talk to their kids about setting appropriate boundaries and encourage them to communicate these boundaries to anyone they are in a relationship with. Both partners should know each other's wants, goals, fears and limits. You should feel comfortable honestly communicating your needs to your partner without being afraid of what they might do in response. If your partner tells you that your needs are stupid, gets angry with you or goes against what you're comfortable with, then your partner is not showing you the respect you deserve.

- **Emotional boundaries** include when and how a partner says "I love you" and the amount of time spent together. Each partner should be able to express him or herself freely, including the need to spend some time apart.
- **Physical boundaries** should be discussed and communicated throughout the relationship. Each partner should feel comfortable with any physical contact and understand that sex is not a currency. Before entering a relationship, everyone should understand the concept of consent. They need to be able to assert their feelings as well as respect those of others. Consent is a clear and enthusiastic yes. If someone seems unsure, stays silent, doesn't respond or says "maybe..." then they are not saying yes.
- **Digital boundaries** ensure the digital privacy expectations of each partner are met. This includes keeping passwords private and communicating respectfully through messaging apps. No one should feel pressured into sexting and sharing nude photos (including receiving unsolicited nudes). Sexting can also have legal consequences. Any nude photos or videos of someone under the age of 18 could be considered child pornography, which is illegal to own or distribute.

Sometimes teens find it difficult to discuss these types of issues with their parents. Remind them there are other resources, such as the school social worker or counselor, their School Resource Officer (SRO), Turning Point ([turnpt.org](http://turnpt.org)) or the National Domestic Violence Hotline ([thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org) or 800-799-7233).

For more information on teen dating violence, including warning signs and resources to help start a conversation with your teen, please see [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org).

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizen Police Academy is a ten-week program designed to give the participants more knowledge about the Huntley Police Department. It consists of a series of interactive classes held each

Wednesday, March 13 - May 15, from 6:30-9pm at the Police Department.

This free program provides an overview of the various areas of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law

enforcement efforts in the Village of Huntley. Limited seats are available. For more information and the program application, please scan the QR code below with your phone camera.

