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A LETTER FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT HOEFT

As we embark on another summer in Huntley, I'm excited to share the events our Village has planned. The Village Board and the entire Huntley team extend warm wishes for a Happy 4th of July! This holiday is deeply meaningful to our community, and we eagerly anticipate celebrating it with you each year. In just two short years, our Village will proudly celebrate its 175th anniversary, coinciding with our nation's 250th Independence Day celebration. Join us for the Independence Day Fireworks Show at Deicke Park. The show kicks off around 9:30 PM, so arrive early to partake in the festivities!



But that's not all! On July 6th, from 10:30 AM to 3 PM, come to Culver's to support Special Olympics. The Huntley Police Department will be on-site supporting the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Illinois Special Olympics. During "Tip a Cop," members of the Police Department and Special Olympic Athletes will be there to collect donations and raise awareness for Special Olympics. To close out July's special events, the Village is teaming up with the Huntley Area Public Library on July 19th to present a free Movie in the Park! Head to Parisek Park for a screening of Disney's Moana. The Hawaiian Food Truck and Kona Ice will be available for purchase from 6:00 PM, offering delightful treats before and during the movie, which starts around 8:15 PM.

Summer provides the perfect occasion for our Village to unite in celebration and support. We look forward to seeing you at these events, sharing in the joy of our fantastic community. Your participation makes Huntley a vibrant and welcoming place to live.

Warm Regards,

Timothy J. Hoeft Village President of Huntley

VILLAGE LAUNCHES LIVE CHAT FEATURE

We're excited to announce a new way to connect with the Village of Huntley – introducing, live chat! Look for the new "chat with us" bubble in the lower right corner



of your screen on the Village website to connect with the Huntley Assistant any time you'd like.

- Online chat with a real person! Staff from all departments are available and ready to help during regular business hours.
- Get quick answers to frequently asked questions with our 24/7 Virtual Assistant. And, if your question requires additional assistance after hours, simply type your inquiry and we'll get back to you using your preferred contact method. Chat with you soon!

*Online Chat is for non-emergency matters only. For emergencies, please call 911.

DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD FOR THE FY24 BUDGET

The Government Finance Officers Association announced for the 21st consecutive year that the Village of Huntley has received a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY24 Budget. The award represents a significant achievement and reflects the commitment of the Village and its staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The budget also received special recognition for strategic goals and strategies. Special recognition is given when all three budget reviewers give the highest possible score in particular categories.



WATER AMBASSADOR AWARD

The Village's Public Works and Engineering Department was recently awarded the Water Ambassador Program Gold level status, the highest achievable status, through the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association (ISAWWA).

The ISAWWA Water Ambassador Program was created to increase public perception, knowledge, and consumer education of the water industry. Participating water agencies accomplish the program goals each year by communicating educational articles and graphics to their customers through their website, social media channels, and publications. Look for new water ambassador street signs to be posted at the entrances of the Village this summer.



OUTDOOR WATER SAVING TIPS

Do you consider yourself efficient when using water outdoors?

Remember to use water saving measures such as:

- Ensure sprinklers are not spraying paved surfaces.
- Water only when needed, or soak areas once a week, rather than on a schedule.
- Remember to weed your lawn regularly. Weeds compete with grass for water, light and nutrients.
- Sweep outdoor surfaces with a broom instead of using a hose.
- Water early! When temperatures are high, water can easily evaporate during the day. Beat the heat and water early in the morning.
- Reuse the water by collecting it in rain barrels attached to rooftop gutters.

CONCERTS ON THE SQUARE



Mark your calendars for our 2024 Concerts on the Square! Concerts take place in Town Square from 7–8:30 pm every Tuesday from June 25 to August 13. Visit the Village website for additional details.

OUTDOOR MOVIE IN THE PARK

On Friday, July 19, join us at Parisek Park, across from Village Hall, as the Village of Huntley and Huntley Area Public Library present a free Movie in the Park featuring Disney's Moana! Before the movie starts at 8:15pm, dive into the fun at MinilinksetheLibrary inside the Huntley Area Public Library from 5:30–7:30pm. Plus, indulge in delicious Hawaiian cuisine from The Hawaiian Food Truck and chill out with refreshing treats from Kona Ice!

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

Celebrate Independence Day with a bang! Join us for the Village of Huntley's spectacular 4th of July fireworks display at Deicke Park. The show starts at 9:30 PM, so bring your family, friends, and a blanket to enjoy an unforgettable night under the stars. See you there!



JUNE IS PET PREPAREDNESS MONTH

The Village of Huntley reminds you that having a backpack with a few pet preparedness items could make all the difference with safety and comfort in a disaster for your favorite family pets.

During an emergency, a well-organized family evacuation plan that includes your family pet is important to ensure safety for everyone. Do not leave your pets behind. If you are not home, you should have a plan in place for a neighbor, relative, or trusted friend to care for your pets with your preparedness kits until you can reunite at a safe location.

Some items for your pet preparedness kit include:

- Non-perishable food and favorite pet treats
- Water and water bowls
- Waste bags, cat litter, and pan
- Blanket/bedding and favorite pet toys
- Leashes, harnesses, or carriers
- Pet medications and a first-aid kit
- Copies of medical records including vaccination records and pet identification

Most shelters or other emergency centers cannot accept pets because of health and safety concerns, so it is crucial that you plan ahead for your pets' care.

ATTENTION ALL HUNTLEY HIGH SCHOOL INCOMING FRESHMEN

Registration is now open for the HHS Summer Forum! This free, 3 day program helps prepare kids for the transition to high school and beyond.

Learn more at https://bit.ly/HHSSummer Forum

PUBLIC WORKS DAY AT THE FARMERS MARKET

The Village of Huntley Public Works & **Engineering Department** will host a Ťouch-A-Truck Event downtown Huntley in coordination with the Farmers Market on July 13th from 8am-1pm. The event will offer a behindthe-scenes look at the skills, tools and equipment required to maintain the Village. Staff will be available to answer any questions on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Phase II program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22: Helen Keller Day at the Farmers Market

June 25: Concerts on the Square Begin

June 29: Family Fun Day at the Farmers Market

July 4: Independence Day Fireworks

July 6: Tip a Cop at Culvers

July 13: Public Works Day at the Farmers Market

July 19: Movie in the Park

August 4: Bike Huntley

August 6: National Night
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September 7: D158 Foundation Glow 5K Hootenanny