

Huntley's Village Journal

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BBQ King & American Legion expansion are now under construction in Downtown Huntley

Huntley Calendar of Events

Feb 19	President's Day - Village offices closed
Mar 3	Chamber Home & Business Expo - Huntley Park Dist.
Mar 3	Indoor Farmers Market - Legion Hall
Mar 11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 20	General Primary
Mar 30	Spring Holiday - Village offices closed
Apr 2	MDC weekly yard waste pickup begins
Apr 9-20	Hydrant Flushing
Apr 21	Green & Clean Huntley Day! (recycle event)

2017 Economic Development Review

In January, staff presented an Economic Development Review to the Village Board as well as an update to Chamber of Commerce members at the annual State of the Village Address. The following information covers some highlights of the review.

Economic activity for the last five years (2013-2017) and value added to the community: Total retail sale of goods and services sold in the community has increased an estimated 32% from \$228,596,059 to a projected \$301,449,789, for a total of more than \$1.34 billion. EAV growth has increased 32% from \$673,475,479 to \$886,278,666. The private sector invested more than \$411,000,000 in new commercial and residential construction in Huntley. Seventy-five new businesses opened (or expanded) creating over 2,200 jobs. Huntley remains near the top in the region with 879 new residential housing units permitted.

2017 Development Activity Recap (Projects approved, under construction, or completed):

Hiwin Corporation opened a new \$8.1 million facility and added 43 jobs • FYH completed a \$1.9 addition, which will allow them to expand their product line and increase sales • Advocate Healthcare opened a \$10.5 million building and added 15 jobs • Centegra completed construction of the 80,000 square foot Medical Office Building (MOB) on the Centegra Healthcare Campus, which includes the following: Centegra opened the \$11 million MOB and added 213 jobs to the Village; Rosalind Franklin University invested \$3.5 million to build-out the top 1.5 floors of the MOB for a state-of-the-art Medical Simulation Center; Davita Dialysis completed a \$1.2 million buildout for a new office in the MOB • Alden will bring over 200 jobs to the community with a \$30.7 million project: The Alden Independent Living components (Huntley Horizons and the Villas) are now open. The Horizon project cost \$9.5 million and includes 64 units. Alden invested \$2.1 million for the Villas which provides a total of 15 units. Alden Memory Care is under construction and is expected to open this Spring. The memory care building is being built at a cost of \$9.5 million and will have 60 units. Alden's \$7 million Skilled Nursing facility will also open in the Spring and will ultimately serve 110 patients. • Resort Lifestyle Community's Huntley Springs project will bring 130 luxury senior apartments at an investment cost of \$21.5 million and will employ 40 people • Panera Bread will construct an \$800,000 multi-tenant building with a drive-through and will bring over 50 new jobs to the Village • Panda Express is constructing a 2,200 square foot restaurant, an investment of \$500,000 • Verizon will construct a 2,543 square foot freestanding retail store at a cost of \$700,000 • O'Reilly Auto Parts will be constructing a 7,927 square foot freestanding retail store • BBQ King is investing \$2 million in the new multi-tenant building and the restaurant expects to employ 60 people • The American Legion is investing \$400,000 to expand in the Downtown.

• **Total Private Sector Investment during 2017: \$92.8 Million with the addition of over 610 jobs**

Get Involved with the Huntley Police Department

The **Citizen Police Academy** is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 14 and will meet every Wednesday night through May 23. The Citizen Police Academy is designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Huntley Police Department. This educational and informative program allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts in the Village. The Citizen Police Academy is free and is open to individuals who are at least 18 years of age and live or work in the Village of Huntley. Advanced registration is required and seating is limited. You can learn more online at www.huntley.il.us/departments/police/index.php. If you would like additional information on this program, please contact Officer Megan Racila at (847) 515-5411 or mracila@huntley.il.us

The **Police Explorer** program allows individuals 14 to 20 years old to learn more about law enforcement while serving the community and having fun. The program offers young adults a personal awareness of the criminal justice system through training, practical experiences, competition, and other activities. Additionally, the program promotes personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship, and patriotism. If you would like more information on the program, please contact Officer Tim Heagney at (847) 515-5402 or theagney@huntley.il.us



Prevent Frozen Pipes

Winter in Illinois can be beautiful as well as brutal. It can be hard on your vehicle, your body and even your home – from your furnace over-working to your water pipes freezing and bursting.

Be pro-active when the temperatures drop. If you are leaving your home, even if only for the weekend, be sure to shut off the main water valve inside your home. If your pipes do freeze and the pressure causes them to burst, shutting off the water supply can help minimize or alleviate damage all together.

Other tips and ideas on how to help prevent damage due to burst pipes are available online at <https://disastersafety.org/freezing-weather/frozen-pipes/>

MCRide Expands Service Area

Beginning January 1, 2018, the following areas were added to the MCRide service area: Chemung Township, Richmond Township, Village of Richmond, and McHenry County Conservation District sites (Brookdale Conservation Area, Glacial Park - Lost Valley Visitor Center, and the Hollows Conservation Area).



As a reminder, all residents of Huntley within Kane and McHenry counties are included in the MCRide service area. MCRide Dial-A-Ride is a curb-to-curb, demand-response public transit service available to residents traveling within and between partner communities. Riders call the Pace Call Center 800-451-4599 to schedule a trip the day before they need a ride or up to seven days in advance for seniors and individuals with a disability. The fare is based on distance traveled. Detailed information with links on how to ride can be found on the Huntley website at www.huntley.il.us (Go to the RESIDENTS drop down menu and look for the Public Transportation link.)

Save the Date

Huntley Indoor Farmers Market

Join us on the 1st Saturday of each month from now through May and continue enjoying the homegrown and homemade items from our local family farms and vendors. All remaining Indoor Farmers Markets are scheduled to be at the American Legion Hall located at 11712 Coral Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Home & Business Expo - March 3rd

The annual Home and Business Expo sponsored by the Huntley Chamber is an excellent place for residents to visit over 100 local businesses and learn more about what they can do for you. This expo is open to the public and features businesses, services, special events for all ages and includes the Expo Café featuring area restaurants.



The Expo will be held at the Huntley Park District's Rec Center, located at 12015 Mill Street, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 3rd. Admission is free. Bring the family as there is something for everyone at this event. Learn more at www.huntleychamber.org

Green & Clean Huntley Day - April 21st

It's time to get ready for the year's biggest recycling event. Huntley residents can take advantage of the following programs:



Electronics Recycling * Paper/Document Destruction * Spring Cleaning Drop Off * Used Book Drive * Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours * Free Mulch Pick Up * Polystyrene Foam #6 Recycling * Culvers Kids Arbor Day Coloring Contest

For program locations and additional details, please see https://www.huntley.il.us/departments/village_managers_office/special_events.php

Is it Love - or a Scam?

Millions of Americans visit online dating websites every year hoping to find a companion or even a soul mate. You should be aware that criminals often use dating sites, too. Thousands of people have been victimized by online romance scams and wind up not only embarrassed but with financial losses. In 2016, almost 15,000 complaints were reported to the FBI. The average financial loss is between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The victims are mostly women over 40 who are divorced, widowed, and/or disabled - but keep in mind that every age group and demographic is at risk. As many as **1 out of 10 profiles belong to a scammer** on some dating sites.



Scammers create their profiles based on information they find in a potential victim's profile. For instance, a fifty year-old woman with a love of horses may receive messages from an individual claiming to be a sixty year-old business executive who owns a ranch. They commonly represent themselves as models, wealthy foreign businessmen, or deployed military service members. Often these profiles claim to be Americans traveling or working abroad. Interaction starts out harmless but after a few weeks the scammer may start expressing deep feelings. They are good at dodging requests for Facetime or Skype. Once a strong connection is established, the scammer will make a request for money.

Spotting the Warning Signs

Scammer Grammar Most of the time English is their second language and their messages contain frequent misspellings and poor grammar.

Too Good to be True Beware if the individual seems too perfect. Scammers' profile pictures are incredibly good looking because they have stolen the picture from an online modeling site.

Mailing Address Request Victims are told their lover would like to send gifts or to come visit and therefore need the victim's mailing address, but the true purpose may be to set up a reshipping scam or some other variety of con.

Requesting Financial Assistance We advise everyone to be leery about lending money to anyone, especially someone you have never met in real life.

Avoid Becoming a Victim

Stick to Legitimate Sites More established websites have security measures in place for catching fake profiles.

Go Slow and Ask Lots of Questions

Google Your Matches

Be Cautious with Your Personal Information Do not share personal information with someone you have never met. Refrain from including personally identifiable information on your profile such as your date of birth, phone number, email address, medical history or employment history.

Never Send Anyone Money Especially overseas or by wire transfer. The chances of recovering your money are very slim.

Talk with Friends and Family They can provide honest advice.

If you do fall victim to online dating scam don't be ashamed to report it. The FBI and Internet Crime Complaint Center are the first places you should turn. For more information you can visit www.ic3.gov. You can also contact local law enforcement if you have question or concerns about this type of activity.