

Huntley's Village Journal

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Important Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall:
847-515-5200

Water Billing:
847-515-5200

Public Works:
847-515-5222

Development Services:
847-515-5252

Police non-emergency:
847-515-5311

Police emergency dial 911

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Huntley Calendar of Events

December 24-25	Christmas holiday (Village offices closed)
January 1	New Year's Day (Village offices closed)
January 4	Indoor Farmers Market Legion Hall (11712 Coral Street) 9 am - 1 pm
January 20	Martin Luther King Day (Village offices closed)
February 1	Indoor Farmers Market

New Water Bills Coming

Village of Huntley residents will notice a new look to their water bills. The Village's new utility billing software allows for the changes and enhancements to the bill. Some notable updates include:

- Each 12-digit account number has been updated to a 13-digit number with an additional 0 in the last three digits. **If you use online banking, please be sure to update your account number appropriately.**
- Residents with Water Irrigation accounts will no longer receive two utility bills. Water Irrigation Meter numbers, readings and charges are now on one utility bill.
- The Consumption History graph will provide residents with their usage history for the past twelve billing cycles. Please note this will be the first usage history recorded with the Village's new utility billing software.

For more information on the new bill and to view a sample, please see www.huntley.il.us. Should you have any other questions, please contact us at 847-515-5200.

2020 Annual Operating and Capital Budget Approved

In accordance with Illinois State Statute and direction received from the Village Board of Trustees, the 2020 Annual Operating and Capital Budget was approved on December 5. Through the budget preparation and review process, operational and capital projects goals were identified for completion in 2020. Goals were approved in support of the mission, vision, and values statement of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

The 2020 Fiscal Year (FY20) Operating and Capital Budget totals \$26,161,812 in expenditures for all funds. Major projects for 2020 include: \$1,985,000 Annual Street Improvement Program for resurfacing of streets in the Northbridge Subdivision (\$1,675,000) and pavement patching, crack sealing, seal coating, and pavement marking at various locations throughout the Village, including Sun City Neighborhood 12 and Coventry Lane in Neighborhood 15; \$1,050,000 in planning and engineering design expenditures for downtown revitalization that include the passenger rail project (AMTRAK), Catty property redevelopment, and South Church Street Streetscape enhancements; and \$175,000 for participation in a Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Training Center/Gun Range for required weapons training. In accordance with Village Financial and Budget Policies, the budget for the General Operating Fund is balanced with \$12,672,393 in revenues and expenditures.

MDC Environmental Services Updates

Mailing Address - Effective November 30, the MDC Environmental Services address of PO Box 742695 Cincinnati, OH 45274-2695 was closed. If you sent your payment to this address, it will be returned to you.

In order to avoid having your future payments returned to you, please take a moment to update your online banking or accounts payable records to reflect the following new payment remittance address:

MDC Environmental Services
PO Box 535233
Pittsburgh, PA 115253-5233

If you should have any questions, please contact MDC Environmental Services at 815-568-7274.

New Recycling Options - Residents within the Village limits who are customers of MDC Environmental Services (excluding Sun City and apartments) now have the opportunity to recycle electronics on garbage day. This program gives residents an option for more immediate removal of items directly from the residence.

Residents will need to contact MDC Environmental Services directly at 815-568-7274 to arrange the pickup and fees will apply. More information on the program (including fees) is available on the Village website at www.huntley.il.us/residents/garbage/index.php.

The Village of Huntley will continue to hold the annual Green and Clean Day recycling event in April.

Development Update

Huntley Springs - Now Open

Huntley Springs Retirement Resort opened in November and offers a new alternative for senior living. The facility includes 128 apartments for rent in studio, 1, 2 and 3-bedroom options at one monthly price. Residents can enjoy the convenience of an in-house fitness center, game room, 150-seat theatre, gift shop, salon and more. All inclusive amenities include a 24-hour Chef's pantry; happy hour lounge; full-service dining, casual buffet, on-the-go snacks and room service; daily health and wellness programs; social invitations and activities; travel program; and more.

Huntley Springs Retirement Resort 11700 Samantha Lane
www.HuntleySpringsRetirement.com 847-802-5900



Huntley Area Library Expansion

The Plan Commission and Village Board are currently in the process of reviewing the expansion plans for the Huntley Area Library. The plans will add ±19,698 square feet to the existing 15,000 square foot building at 11000 Ruth Road. The expanded building will have a total area of 34,698 square feet, and will create a larger children's library, larger fiction and non-fiction areas, new program rooms and additional office space. The existing portions of the building will be converted into a community hub that will include tutoring tables, teen area, teen gaming area, music studio and conference/makers space. A dedicated pick-up/drop-off window will also be created at the southwest corner of the existing building. A groundbreaking is tentatively set for February 2020 and construction is expected to begin this Spring. The entire renovation project is expected to be complete in 2021.



Blessed Little Kitchen - Now Open

The new bakery at 10436 Route 47 (near Pub 47 and Huntley Floral) opened in November. Blessed Little Kitchen owner Mary Holzkopf has developed her own recipes for a variety of delicious cookies, pies, pastries and other sweet treats. Custom cookies and cakes are also available for special orders.

Blessed Little Kitchen 10436 Route 47 847-802-4543
www.blessedlittlekitchen.com Facebook: @blessedlittlekitchen



Shepherd Premier Senior Living

The Village Board recently approved plans for Shepherd Premier Senior Living to construct a 96-bed assisted living and memory care development on the 7.2 acre parcel located on the east side of Farm Hill Drive and south of Regency Parkway. The plans include six single-story residence buildings and an administrative office building. The architectural style of the buildings resemble single family homes and are situated in a way as to create a sense of "home life" while providing the health and safety features of assisted living/memory care. Each residence building will contain 16 beds, living and dining areas, screened porch, multi-purpose room, kitchen, library, laundry, nurses' office and an outdoor courtyard. Some preliminary ground work could be begin this winter, with full construction anticipated in the Spring 2020.



Shepherd Premier Senior Living
www.shepherdpremierseniorliving.com 224-333-6247

Tufano's Pizza Adds Dining Room

Tufano's Pizzeria recently completed an expansion of their business by extending into the adjacent storefront. The renovations are now complete and customers can enjoy their pizza and other great Italian dishes in the new dining room. Tufano's now serves beer and wine, and they continue to offer a complete catering menu as well.

Tufano's Pizzeria 10385 Vine Street
www.tufanopizzeria.com 847-515-3333



Indoor Farmers Market

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

Indoor markets are held in the Legion Hall (11712 Coral Street) from 9 am to 1 pm. Learn more at www.huntley.il.us.



Christmas Tree Disposal & Recycling

Huntley Park District Tree Recycling: Bring your tree to Sun Valley Farm at Betsey Warrington Park (12201 West Main Street) by 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 6. 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.

Celebrate Responsibly

The holidays are a time for family and friends to come together and celebrate. Unfortunately, for far too many families they become a time to mourn due to impaired driving tragedies that are completely preventable.

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that more than 10,000 people die on U.S. roads because of impaired driving throughout the year - that's equal to 20 jumbo jets crashing. **An average of 27 people die each day in December due to impaired driving wrecks.** The rate of impaired driving fatalities increases by 34% during the holidays, killing about 300 Americans each year in the handful of days surrounding the Christmas and New Year's holidays. A couple of factors that contribute to the higher rates are more parties and days off from work at this time of year, along with the tendency for the roadways to be hazardous due to weather.

Remember that all law enforcement agencies tend to step-up DUI enforcement this time of year. **The Huntley Police Department will have special patrols dedicated to impaired driving enforcement during the holiday season.** We will be out looking for traffic violators so we can all get to our destination safely.

We ask everyone to do your part to keep our roadways safe as well. Arrange for a sober driver before you begin your celebrations. Encourage your friends and family to do the same. Call a friend, a cab, or a ride-share service for a sober ride - or else you may get a really expensive ride in the back of a police car.

Additionally, we need your help in reporting impaired motorists. Please be alert while driving and be mindful of weather and roadway conditions. Don't hesitate to **call 9-1-1 if you witness questionable driving abilities** that could be associated with an impaired motorist.

Keep yourself safe, and consume alcohol responsibly. Have fun with friends and family but please do not drive impaired.

