

Huntley's Village Journal

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847-515-5252

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Terry Hitpas checks fittings as brew tanks are installed at Sew Hop'd Brewery in Huntley

Huntley Calendar of Events

Feb 18	Presidents' Day - Village offices closed
Feb 26	Consolidated Primary Election
March 2	Chamber Home, Biz & Wellness Expo
March 2	Indoor Farmers Market
April 6	Indoor Farmers Market
April 27	Green & Clean Huntley Day

Two Microbreweries Targeted to Open in Huntley

Attention beer lovers, Huntley is joining the craft brewery market with two new microbreweries opening this year. Sew Hop'd Brewery will open on the north side of the Village in the Union Special complex and MORE Brewing will open on the south side of the Village off Freeman Road. While the two breweries vary in terms of space and offerings, they both have a lot to offer the Huntley community.



Sew Hop'd Brewery: The owners of Union Special (Terry Hitpas, Tom Bartel and Lance Lamb) have taken their love of beer and brought it right to the office. The three owners have partnered with longtime employee Doug Vandewalker (Development Engineer and Head Brewer) and are currently renovating the southeast corner of the plant to create a wonderful new 2,700 square foot space for Sew Hop'd Brewery. In addition to the production of craft beer, operations include a taproom and outdoor patio (80 seats inside and 30-40 seats outside), and eventually they plan to distribute beer to local restaurants. While this brewery will not have a restaurant, customers are welcome to bring their own food (BYOF).

Sew Hop'd is also working with many local eateries to get on their list for delivery to their hungry patrons. Live music will be a regular occurrence. The four partners are proud to be opening Sew Hop'd Brewery in Huntley and have stated it will be a kid-friendly environment where the entire family can feel comfortable and have fun. Sew Hop'd Brewery plans to begin brewing in February and hopes to open in April.

Sew Hop'd Brewery, 1 Union Special Plaza, Huntley, IL www.sewhopd.com
Facebook: [@sewhopdbrewery](https://www.facebook.com/sewhopdbrewery)

Fun Fact - Right after the repeal of Prohibition, the *Catty building* located at Church and Mill was utilized as a brewery and sold beer brands Huntley Maid, Bel Boy and Copperhead.

**MORE
BREWING COMPANY**

MORE Brewing Company: MORE Brewing currently operates a popular brewery/brew pub restaurant in Villa Park that is owned by brothers Sunny and Perry Patel and Head Brewer Shaun Berns. The Huntley facility, located in the former Chevy dealership on Automall Drive, will be their second production facility and will allow MORE to increase production and distribution of beer that cannot currently be handled by the Villa Park location. MORE Brewing will be renovating the 25,000 square foot building, which includes an 11,000 square foot area for the production of beer and packaging, and 14,000 square feet for a taproom/brew pub restaurant. The facility will include a full kitchen, special events area for private dining, a large outdoor patio and open outdoor space for large special events and overflow parking. MORE Brewing has won numerous brewing awards in just one year, including best in show at the Chicago Festival of Barrel Aged Beers. The owners look forward to sharing their love of beer (and food!) with the Huntley community. According to General Manager Evan Morris, renovations are expected to begin soon and MORE hopes to begin brewing in late spring and open in late summer of this year.

MORE Brewing Company, 13980 Automall Drive, Huntley, IL www.morebrewing.com
Facebook: [@morebrewingco](https://www.facebook.com/morebrewingco) **Instagram:** [@morebrewing](https://www.instagram.com/morebrewing) **Twitter:** [@MoreBrewing](https://twitter.com/MoreBrewing)

Casa Rubi-os Mexican Kitchen & Bar

Longtime Huntley residents Patricia Rubio and husband Gus Espejel are happy to announce the opening of their new full-service Mexican restaurant at 11900 Freeman Road. Casa Rubi-os Mexican Kitchen & Bar is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, serving traditional Mexican specialties (with a few American fare options). Casa Rubi-os also opens early on Sundays to serve full American and Mexican breakfasts (9 am - noon only) and offers their lunch/dinner menu for the remainder of the day.

Casa Rubi-os Mexican Kitchen,
11900 Freeman Rd., 847-669-8966

Now Open - O'Reilly Auto Parts

O'Reilly Auto Part's 7,900 square foot retail store, located just north of the stop light at Huntley Crossings and Route 47, is now open for your automotive supply needs. **O'Reilly Auto Parts, 12380 S. Route 47,** 847-802-5901 www.oreillyauto.com

Beef Shack - Update

Construction is complete and equipment and furnishings are being installed. Owners of Beef Shack (home of the cheesy beef!) hope to open the Huntley restaurant in late February or early March. **Beef Shack,** 12372 Princeton Dr., www.beefshack.com

See Flashing Lights - Move Over

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 126 officers died by being struck by a motor vehicle in the last decade. On average, 2 emergency responders per day are struck by passing vehicles. This issue has unfortunately gained attention recently with the tragic death of Illinois State Police Trooper Chris Lambert, who was struck by a car while assisting motorists on January 12. To help prevent accidents like this from occurring, all 50 states have a version of Scott's Law (which is also known as the Move Over Law).



Scott's Law was put in place to add a "buffer zone" between motor vehicles and various emergency workers. It requires drivers to slow down or change lanes when approaching any vehicle with its lights flashing. This law protects not only the emergency responders, but also the motorists they are trying to assist. Scott's Law was named after Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while assisting at a crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway in 2000. A violation of this law could cost up to \$10,000 in fines and a suspended license.

People often associate this law with police and fire vehicles but it also includes commercial trucks and cars that are lawfully equipped with amber or yellow lights. Examples of covered vehicles include: police, fire, EMT, tow trucks, roadway maintenance vehicles. Whenever you see a vehicle on the side of the road, particularly with flashing lights, be sure to slow down, change lanes if it is safe to do so, and use extra caution in that area.

Next time you're driving and notice an emergency or maintenance vehicle on the side of the road doing their job, please give them room and slow down. It's the law and it could save a life.

211 Service Connects to Human Services

Residents of McHenry and Kane counties can now call 211 to be connected to a live specialist who can provide assistance finding various human services. 211 is a free service intended to inform callers where they may find support for a variety of potential issues. Specialists are on hand twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Translation is available in over 150 languages.



211 can offer access to the following types of resources:

Basic Human Needs: food banks, clothing, shelters, rent assistance, and utility assistance.

Physical and Mental Health: crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention, Medicaid and Medicare, services specific to cancer, early childhood development, domestic violence assistance, and more.

Employment Support: unemployment benefits, financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance, and education programs.

Support for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities: home health care, adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care, transportation, and homemaker services.

MCRide Updates

MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County. It is an "on-demand" travel service available to residents of Huntley. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and drop-off destinations. Call **1-800-451-4599** to schedule a ride. Select "McHenry County" from the automated prompt and a live person will help you to schedule a ride.

The MCRide operation schedule is 6 am to 7 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 5 pm on weekends. For the general public, the base fare is \$3 for the first 5 miles and \$0.25 for each additional mile. For seniors (60+) and individuals with a disability, the base fare is \$1.50 for the first 5 miles and \$0.25 for each additional mile.

Green & Clean Huntley Day - April 27

Mark your calendars and begin preparing for the biggest recycling event of the year. Huntley residents can take advantage of the following Green & Clean programs on April 27:

- Electronics recycling
- Paper/document destruction
- Spring cleaning drop off
- Lions Club eyeglass collection
- Medication takeback
- Used book drive
- Wastewater Treatment plant tours
- Free mulch pick up
- Culver's kids Arbor Day coloring contest



For program locations and additional details, visit www.huntley.il.us.

Conserve Water with Rain Barrels

Rain barrels are available for sale through a local non-profit land trust, The Land Conservancy of McHenry County. The barrels come in a variety of colors and sizes. Visit www.conservemc.org to place your order from March 1 - May 6, or call 815-337-9502. Please check with your Home Owners Association prior to ordering. All proceeds benefit The Land Conservancy. Orders will be available for pick up at Hennen Conservation Area, 4622 Dean St, Woodstock, IL on May 10, 10 am - 3 pm; and May 11, 9 - 11 am. You can learn more about conservation at a free TLC program at the Huntley Public Library on March 27.



Electric Aggregation Reminder

In 2017, the Village of Huntley DISCONTINUED its Electric Aggregation Program as ComEd's rates were lower than any rate received through the electric supply companies that participated in the bid process through the Village's consortium. At that time, all customers who were part of the Village program automatically reverted back to ComEd. **Currently, the Village does NOT have an electric supply contract with ANY company.** If you would like to research electric supply companies on your own, go to www.pluginillinois.org/OffersBegin.aspx. If you decide to go with another supplier, it is recommended that you consider if there is a fixed rate for the term of the contract and if you can get out of the contract at any time with no additional fees.

Indoor Farmers Market

Join us on the 1st Saturday of each month through May to continue enjoying the homegrown and homemade items from our local family farms and vendors. The next indoor market is March 2. All indoor markets are held in the Legion Hall (11712 Coral St.) from 9 am to 1 pm. For a list of vendors, please see www.huntley.il.us.



Home, Biz & Wellness Expo - March 2

The annual Home, Biz & Wellness Expo sponsored by the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce is an excellent opportunity to visit over 100 local businesses and learn more about what they can do for you. This expo is free and open to the public. It features businesses, services, special events for all ages, as well as the Expo Café featuring area restaurants.



The Expo will be held at the Huntley Park District's Rec Center (12015 Mill St.) on Saturday, March 2 from 9 am to 4 pm. Learn more at www.huntleychamber.org.