Huntley's Village Journal

November 15, 2019

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Huntley Calendar of Events

November 28-29 Thanksgiving holiday (Village offices closed)

November 30 Small Business Saturday

December 6-7 A Very Merry Huntley

December 12 Ladies Night Out - Holiday Edition

December 24-25 Christmas holiday (Village offices closed)

January 1 New Year's Day (Village office closed)

A Very Merry Huntley

Ring in the holiday season on **Friday**, **December 6 and Saturday**, **December 7**. Be sure to check www.huntley.il.us for the full schedule for our hometown holiday celebration.

Friday, December 6

Municipal Complex (10987 Main Street)

3 - 8 pm

- Kris Kringle Market
- Tree Decorating Contest voting bring spare change for voting (ALL donations go to the Grafton Food Pantry)

4 - 8 pm

- Kids activity room (free)
- · Visit with Mrs. Claus
- Live reindeer
- Hot chocolate sponsored by First National Bank of Huntley (free)

Huntley Area Public Library (11000 Ruth Road) $3:00-8:15 \ pm$

Free tickets are required for this event. Learn more at the Library website at: www.huntleylibrary.org.

- Photos with Santa
- Book sale
- Basket raffles
- Kids Treasure Hunt

Saturday, December 7

1st Congregational Church (11628 E Main Street) 9 am - 2 pm

- Indoor Farmers Market & craft fair
- Cookie Walk (until noon)
- Free kids craft making (starting at 10 am)

12 pm

• Handbell Choir performance

Trinity Lutheran Church (11008 N Church Street) 12 - 2 pm

- · Free family games
- Scholastic Book Fair

Town Square Events

3 - 6 pm

- Huntley Holiday Express train rides (free)
- Free hot chocolate

3:30 - 5 pm

Caroling with the Merry Maskers

<u>4 - 7 pm</u>

 Community pasta dinner at Legion Post 673 (11712 Coral Street)

<u>4:45 pm</u>

- Christmas Tree Decorating Contest winners announced
- Santa arrives on a fire truck
- Lighting of the Town Square and the Christmas tree in the Gazebo
- Holiday fireworks show
- Pictures with Santa in the Gazebo

Ladies Night Out - Holiday Edition

Gather your friends, sisters, moms for a night of pampering and special promotions on **December 12** from 5-8 pm.



Check in at the Legion Hall (11712 Coral Street) to receive your game board and map of participating businesses. At the end of the evening, come back to the Legion Hall for the free drawings and more fun!

The first 300 ladies at check-in will receive extra goodies. Pre-registration is not required. Visit www.huntley.il.us for additional information.

Development Update

Blessed Little Kitchen Now Open

The new bakery at 10436 Route 47 (near Pub 47 and Huntley Floral) held their grand opening on November 2. Blessed Little Kitchen owner Mary Holzkopf has developed her own recipes for a variety of delicious cookies, pies, pastries and other sweet treats. Additionally, they serve specialty coffee and tea. Custom cookies and cakes are also available for special orders. Be sure to stop in soon to see all they have to offer!



Blessed Little Kitchen 10436 Route 47, Huntley IL

Telephone: 847-529-5457 Website: www.blessedlittlekitchen.com Facebook: @blessedlittlekitchen
Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 am – 5:30 pm, Wednesday 8 am – 2 pm, Saturday 8 am – 4 pm

Shop Local, Eat Local

November 30 is Small Business Saturday, a holiday shopping tradition that celebrates small businesses. Let's make shopping and dining at local businesses a priority all year. When you spend \$100 at a local business, roughly \$68 stays in our local economy, compared to \$43 for the same spending at a large business.

When you shop small on Small Business Saturday, and all year long, it can help add up to a big impact. Patronizing the small businesses in our community is an important way to get real value, personal service, and strengthen the local economy.



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.



*Note: The December 7 market will be held from 9 am to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the 1st Congregational Church as part of A Very Merry Huntley (see front page for additional information).

Yard Waste and Leaf Pick Up

Huntley residents (excluding Sun City) are reminded that MDC Environmental Services will continue to pick up yard waste through November. Grass clippings and leaves will only be accepted in Kraft bags or specially marked cans.



Sun City residents can purchase stickers for yard waste collection at the CAM desk in Sun City. Leaves must be placed in Kraft bags with stickers attached. Place bags at the curb on your regular garbage collection day through November.

Stay Connected

The Village strives to provide timely information to all residents. This information is available through a number of channels.

Nixle Alerts - This free services allows you to receive emergency and community messages via text or email. Sign up at www.nixle.com.

Huntley Connections - These email messages keep you up to date on community happenings. Sign up at www.huntley.il.us.

Facebook - Like us at @HuntleyIllinois, @HuntleyFarmersMarket and @HuntleyPolice.

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Prepare for Winter Driving

Every year we prepare our homes for the cold but often we overlook the importance of our vehicles - a place where many of us spend way too much time every day. The roads become a dangerous place when the snow begins to fall. Preparation is key to safe winter driving.



VEHICLE PREP

Tires that are properly inflated with good tread life will make driving in the winter much safer. Check them regularly and replace before they lose traction.

Make sure that your wipers are in good working order. They should actually clean your windshield and not just move the dirt around. Thoroughly scrape the windshield of ice and snow to extend the life of your wipers.

Basic vehicle maintenance is important year round but especially in the winter. For example, say your coolant is only good to a temperature of -10 and its now -15 outside. At best your vehicle will not start, at worst your engine block will crack. Make sure you're up to date on your maintenance before a problem occurs.

DRIVER PREP

Don't be in a rush on the road. This could lead to you being the cause of an accident. If you must travel during inclement weather, plan on leaving early and taking your time.

Don't allow yourself to be distracted by a cellphone. It can wait until you get to your destination. If it's an emergency find a safe place to stop, like a parking lot.

According to IDOT there were 50 deaths in the McHenry/Kane county area last year and 25% of those were weather related. So don't forget to buckle up!

Make safe decisions and enjoy the holidays!

School District Seeks Feedback

Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate in Destination 158, a citizen-led community engagement program bringing parents and District residents together to develop a plan to keep the schools moving in the right direction.



Destination 158 is holding a series of two-hour community engagement sessions where participants will learn more about District 158 programs, curriculum, staffing, finances and more and participate in interactive work activities with fellow community members to come to general agreement on the goals and priorities for the schools. The results of these work activities will serve as the foundation for the District's strategic plan.

Upcoming engagement session dates include: November 19, January 21, February 18, March 10. For more information on Destination 158 and to RSVP to an upcoming engagement session, please see www.district158.org/destination158.