

Huntley's Village Journal

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847-515-5200

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847-515-5222

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847-515-5252

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847-515-5311

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Happy New Year, Huntley!

Huntley Calendar of Events

January 20	Martin Luther King Day (Village offices closed)
February 1	Indoor Farmers Market 9 am - 1 pm Legion Hall (11712 Coral Street)
February 17	Presidents' Day (Village offices closed)
March 7	Indoor Farmers Market Home, Biz & Wellness Expo

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
- \$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.

United States Census 2020 - Shape Your Future

The 2020 Census will begin with a first round of mailed invitations in mid-March which will describe the various means for response (online, by phone or by mail) as well as options for different languages and those with hearing and vision impairments. In May, census takers will visit all households that have not yet responded to collect responses in person.

Responses to the census are protected by law. No matter how you respond, your information remains protected. Whether you respond online, by phone, by mail or with a census employee at your door, your information is collected, transmitted and kept secure throughout the process.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads and other resources based on census data.

For more information on the census, please see www.2020census.gov.



New Water Bills Released

Village of Huntley residents will notice a new look to their water bills due to the Village's new utility billing software. Some notable enhancements and 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.

For additional details on the new bill, please see at www.huntley.il.us. Should you have any other questions, please contact us at 847-515-5200.

Home, Biz & Wellness Expo - March 7

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 7 from 9 am to 4 pm. Learn more at www.huntleychamber.org.



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

Tufano's Pizzeria 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

Huntley Area Library Expansion

The Plan Commission and Village Board recently reviewed and approved 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.



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 begin this winter, with full construction anticipated in the Spring 2020.



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

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.

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.

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.

Green & Clean Huntley Day

Save the date of April 25 for the popular Green & Clean Huntley recycling event. Huntley residents can take advantage of services such as electronics recycling, document destruction, spring cleaning drop off, medication take back, and much more.

Additional details on services, restrictions and times will be posted to www.huntley.il.us soon.



January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Human Trafficking involves transporting someone into a situation of exploitation. This can include forced labor, marriage, prostitution and organ removal. This kind of exploitation is known by a few different names, such as human trafficking, trafficking of persons and modern slavery.

It's estimated that **internationally there are between 20 million and 40 million people in modern slavery** today. Assessing the full scope of human trafficking is difficult because cases so often go undetected. Estimates suggest that internationally only about .04% survivors of human trafficking cases are identified.

Human trafficking earns global profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers, \$99 billion of which comes from commercial sexual exploitation. Globally, an estimated 71% of trafficked people are women and girls. Estimates suggest that about **50,000 people are trafficked into the US each year**, most often from Mexico and the Philippines.

In 2018, **over half (51.6%) of the criminal human trafficking cases active in the US were sex trafficking cases involving only children**. Reports indicate that a large number of child sex trafficking survivors in the US were at one time in the foster care system and/or a victim of domestic violence. Advocates report a growing trend of traffickers using online social media platforms to recruit and advertise targets of human trafficking. The average age someone enters the sex trade in the US is 12 to 14 years old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children.

Understanding this issue is the first step in stopping it. It is important to remember that people of all ages, genders, races and socioeconomic backgrounds can fall prey to human trafficking. Traffickers are operating in both rural and urban settings, in our schools, businesses and tourist areas. Trafficking cases have been reported across Illinois and no community is immune - including Huntley.

The Huntley Police Department is an active member of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office's Taskforce to address this expansive problem throughout the county. If you have any questions, please contact local law enforcement.

