

# Huntley's Village Journal

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*Tables are now available in the Town Square to enhance our restaurant and bar carry-out service options.*

*Pick up your favorite food and beverages and enjoy dining alfresco while supporting local business. Read more on the back page.*

## From the Desk of Village President Charles H. Sass

The COVID-19 pandemic, described as unprecedented and uncharted, is certainly something not experienced in our lifetime. To those of you who have lost loved ones or friends to this virus, we extend our sincere condolences. We know others may be battling the virus, dealing with a job loss, looking after elderly parents, or just trying to buy groceries and stay safe. We have all been impacted in various ways. Face coverings, social distancing, and cancelled popular public events are just a few of those impacts. Due to Governor Pritzker's Stay-At-Home Executive Order, all Village buildings were closed to the public, an idea that just a few weeks ago was unimaginable. However, I am very proud of how our employees have responded during this crisis and have continued to provide a high quality level of service to our residents and those seeking to do business here.

I am happy to report that as of June 8, Village Hall opened again to the public. You may notice some changes when you come back to the building. These include safety measures such as sneeze guards at the front counter, social distancing markings, signage reminders to not enter the building if you are sick and to wear a face covering, hand sanitizer dispensers, and staff wearing face coverings. While this may not seem to fit with being the friendly Village with country charm, these measures will be necessary as we move forward.

We want to say a special thanks to all of those on the frontlines of this battle – the healthcare workers, police and fire first responders, grocery store and pharmacy employees, and others making sure we are safe and have access to food, medicine and other necessary supplies.

We also want to thank all of you for supporting our local restaurants and breweries by continuing to visit the drive-through, ordering for delivery, picking up takeout, and enjoying the new outdoor dining opportunities. Without your continued support, these businesses may not survive.

Lastly, we thank you all for your many acts of kindness such as making and donating face masks, shopping or running errands for neighbors, and many others too numerous to name.

We hope you all have a chance to stop by the Farmers Market held weekly at the Town Square. This popular community event recently kicked off the 2020 season and will continue throughout the summer. In regard to other summer events, we have rescheduled the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display to September 5, Labor Day weekend. We continue to monitor State guidelines regarding other community events such as Concerts in the Square and a new event called First Fridays. We will follow all recommendations regarding such events, including cancellation if required. Updates will be posted on the Village website at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) and on our Facebook page. Regular updates and resources related to COVID-19 are also posted on the website and Facebook. Business resources can be found on the Huntley First website at [www.huntleyfirst.com](http://www.huntleyfirst.com)

As we all enjoy the warmer weather and the opportunity to get outside, please remember to do so safely, follow social distancing guidelines, and use a face covering as needed.

## Thank You to Former Village Manager Dave Johnson

The Village Board accepted the resignation of Village Manager Dave Johnson at the April 9, 2020, Village Board meeting. Dave served as Village Manager since 2008, was the Assistant Village Manager prior to that, and overall served the Village for 23 years. Mayor Sass commented that "Dave's accomplishments over his tenure are too long to list. The growth of the community, the transformation of the downtown, the \$60 million full interchange, the new hospital and the collaboration with the other agencies in the community are just some of the highlights of his career here in Huntley. I think I can speak for all of the Board, staff and residents of the Village that you will be greatly missed and we wish you all the best in your new endeavor." Dave thanked the Mayor, Board of Trustees and residents for the opportunity to serve and be part of the many great things that have happened in the community. Dave now serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Aurora University.

## Special Events in Huntley

### Weekly Farmers Market

This essential business is held each Saturday on Coral Street, Church Street and the Town Square through October 3. Shop for the best homegrown and homemade items weekly.



### 1st Fridays in the Square

New for 2020, the series begins on August 7 and continues through October 2. This evening event will feature a different theme each time, and is geared towards adults looking for a fun night on the town!

### Concerts in the Square

This all-ages evening event begins on July 7 and continues through August 18. The concerts always deliver a fun-filled evening of family entertainment!

### July 4th Fireworks - Postponed

The fireworks display has been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, September 5, Labor Day weekend.

### ALL SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULES ARE TENTATIVE

Check [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) often for the most up to date scheduling information, full details and additional upcoming events.

## Huntley Dining Updates

As a part of Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan, many restaurants have opened their outdoor seating areas and others have worked with the Village to expand and create new outdoor seating options. Please be respectful of the new guidelines in place. Our restaurants are working hard to provide safe, delicious dining options!

We have also added many tables in Town Square as part of the **Outdoor Dining Program**. Pick up your favorite food and beverage and grab a table. To enhance Huntley's restaurant and bar carry-out service options, the Town Square will be open from 11 am - 9 pm. Groups of 6 people or less may utilize a table for up to 60 minutes. Consumption of alcohol is allowed by those 21 and older and open containers of alcohol may not be carried into or out of the Designated Public Space. No vaping or smoking is allowed. Please remember to properly dispose of your garbage when dining at the Town Square.

Now more than ever, ALL Huntley restaurants need your support. Consult our **Huntley Restaurant Guide** at <https://bit.ly/2xbTGA0> for updated information on local restaurants and their services.

## Slow Down Through Neighborhoods

The weather is getting nice, and that means more people will be outside. When you drive through neighborhoods please be aware of kids playing, people riding bikes and animals outside.



The speed limit through neighborhoods is 25 mph. Residential areas are meant to be safe for all parties. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 87% of speeding-related fatalities occurred on non-interstate roadways - including roads through neighborhoods.

Reminders while driving through the neighborhoods:

- Always obey the posted speed limit.
- If you see people outside, give them courtesy and slow down.
- If you can't see them, they can't see you. Always check your blind spots.
- Be extra cautious for children while you back-up.

Let's work together to keep our residential areas safe for everyone. If you feel there are issues in your neighborhood, please give the police a call. Don't chase the vehicle. You can also request extra patrols if there are constant issues in the neighborhood. Try to gather as much information as possible, such as the car make and model, driver description and license plate number.

Be courteous of your neighbors - slow down and keep our neighborhoods safe.

## Development Updates

**Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen** - The Village Board recently approved plans for a new 2,454 square-foot Popeyes with a drive through. The restaurant will be located just south of the Panda Express on Route 47. The Popeyes franchisee, HZ Props RE Ltd, plans to begin construction this summer and hopes to open later this year.

**Street Slice Pizza Café** - Huntley native Brad Sterk is excited to announce his new concept, Street Slice Pizza, which will be opening soon in the space just west of Morkes Chocolates on Main Street.

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