

Huntley's Village Journal

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Huntley Calendar of Events

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| May 23 | Weekly Outdoor Farmers Market begins
<i>Memorial Day Parade— cancelled</i> |
| July 3 | 1st Fridays schedule begins in the Square |
| July 4 | Independence Day Fireworks Show |
| July 7 | 2020 Concerts in the Square begin |

All events are subject to cancellation. Please check www.huntley.il.us for full event details, schedule changes and additional upcoming events.

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, cancelled public events and no haircuts have become the new normal for now. Due to Governor Pritzker's Stay-At-Home Executive Order, all Village buildings have been 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.

You may notice some changes at Village Hall when we once again open our doors. 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, hand sanitizer dispensers, and staff wearing face coverings and gloves. 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.

Also, thank you for supporting our local restaurants and breweries by continuing to visit the drive-through, ordering for delivery or picking up for takeout. Without you, these businesses may not survive. Please continue to support all of our local businesses.

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 remain cautiously optimistic that community events including the July 4th fireworks, Concerts on the Square, a new event called 1st Fridays, and others will go on as planned; however, we will follow all recommendations regarding such events, including cancellation if required. The outdoor Farmers Market is defined as an Essential Business under the Governor's Executive Order. We are evaluating how the market can be conducted safely and meet social distancing requirements. We anticipate this popular community event to take place throughout the summer. Updates regarding these events will be posted on the Village website at 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.

As we all look forward to warmer weather and the opportunity to get outside, please remember to do so safely while following social distancing and face covering guidelines.

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

Huntley's Weekly Farmers Market

This essential business begins on May 23 and continues through October 3. The market is held each Saturday on Coral Street, Church Street and the Town Square. Stop by and shop for the best homegrown and homemade items.



1st Fridays in the Square

New for 2020, the series begins on July 3 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!

ALL SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULES ARE TENTATIVE.

Check www.huntley.il.us often for the most up to date scheduling information, including full details and additional upcoming events. Please verify all event information on the website closer to the event date.

Development Updates

Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen - The Plan Commission and Village Board are currently reviewing 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 Pops 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. Follow them on FB.

Why Not Order Out Tonight? Now more than ever, ALL Huntley restaurants need your support. Consult our **Huntley Restaurant Guide** at <https://bit.ly/2xbTGA0> for up to date info on our restaurants.

Lock it or Lose it

The Huntley Police Department has recently investigated several burglaries to motor vehicles that have resulted in property being stolen from our residents. We will continue to actively patrol your neighborhoods at all hours of the day in attempt to prevent this from happening to you. However, there are some steps you can take as vehicle owners to prevent criminals from stealing property out of your vehicle.



While we have responded to burglaries to motor vehicles in which the vehicles have been damaged, the majority of these types of incidents involve unlocked vehicles with no forced entry. Criminals are opportunistic and will check on door handles until they find an unlocked vehicle. Therefore, make sure your vehicle is locked and do your best not to leave valuables inside of an unattended vehicle.

Doorbell cameras and security camera footage has been extremely helpful in our investigations. This may be something to consider if you do not have some sort of security cameras on your property. Additionally, a visible camera may be a crime deterrent. If a criminal sees a camera on the property they may move on to another location.

Do not hesitate to call police if you see something suspicious. This can give officers the opportunity to locate offenders quickly and prevent criminal activity.

Shape Your Future

As of May 1, approximately 81% of our residents have already responded to the 2020 Census (well over the 61% response rate for all of Illinois). Keep up the good work! It has never been easier to respond, there is no need to meet a census taker in person—reply online at my2020census.gov, over the phone at 844-330-2020, or by returning your reply in the envelope provided with the paper questionnaire. Be counted!

