

# HUNTLEY'S

# Village Journal

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#### Calendar of Events

**Martin Luther King Day**  
*Village offices closed*  
January 18

**Farmers Market**  
February 13

**Presidents Day**  
*Village offices closed*  
February 15

**Farmers Market**  
March 13

**Daylight Saving Begins**  
March 14

## Happy New Year from the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees

Happy New Year to all of you! While 2020 was certainly a year of challenges and difficulties, we look forward to the new year and moving past the pandemic and gathering once again with our families and friends. We thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe, as well as for continuing to support our local businesses. Please also remember to support your favorite local charities as they serve those in need in our community.

In spite of the negative headlines we all see on a daily basis, there are also many exciting things happening here in Huntley. Jewel Osco has just opened a brand new store at Reed's Corner, a 100-room Hampton Inn is under construction south of Culver's, and Thorntons Gas and Convenience Center is now open at Kreuzer Road and Rt. 47. Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen new restaurant has recently opened and Wendy's will be opening later this spring at Drendel's Corner. The Village continues its efforts to attract new businesses and investment.

We are also pleased to announce the return of David Johnson as Village Manager effective January 15. We look forward to working with Dave again as we focus on our 2021 goals and the future of Huntley.

As Mayor and Board of Trustees, we are thankful for all of you making Huntley a great place to live. We wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

## Wreaths Across America

Thank you to everyone who made Wreaths Across America a success in the St. Mary and Huntley Cemeteries on December 19. This local and nationwide ceremony included fresh wreaths laid on the graves of our veterans. A special thanks to the Fox River Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Huntley Legion Post #673 for sponsoring the wreaths. Thank you to the volunteers, speakers and spectators that participated in the touching ceremony giving thanks to those who served. Additional photos are posted in the Picture Gallery on the Village of Huntley [Cemetery page](#).



## 2021 Annual Operating and Capital Budget Approved

In accordance with Illinois State Statute and direction received from the Village Board of Trustees, the 2021 Annual Operating and Capital Budget was approved on December 10. Through the budget preparation and review process, operational and capital projects goals were identified for completion in 2021. Goals were approved in support of the mission, vision and values statement of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan. The 2021 Fiscal Year (FY21) Operating and Capital Budget totals \$29,412,564 in expenditures for all funds. Major projects for 2021 include:

- \$2,429,000 Annual Street Improvement Program that will provide for roadway resurfacing in the Covington Subdivision (\$2,114,000) and pavement patching, crack sealing, seal coating and pavement marking at various locations throughout the Village, most notably in Sun City Neighborhood 11
- \$2,100,000 in water main replacement work on IL Route 47 between Main Street and Mill Street; Mill Street from IL Route 47 to Dean Street; and Dean Street from Mill Street south to Martin Street
- \$1,500,000 in the Downtown TIF Fund for the construction of stormwater improvements near Church Street and Mill Street
- \$200,000 for repair of the Freeman Road culvert east of the Weber Global Distribution Center
- \$170,000 for partial Phase II Engineering for realignment and widening of Kreutzer Road, with a three-lane cross section, from Walmart east to Halig Road (6,500 feet), including realignment at the railroad crossing, box culvert improvements and a multiuse path to improve traffic flow and provide an off-road pathway for pedestrian traffic
- \$491,200 for the replacement of police vehicles, public works vehicles and equipment, and computers and network components

In accordance with Village financial and budget policies, the proposed budget for the General Operating Fund is balanced with \$12,938,389 in revenues and expenditures.

### 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.

**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. 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.

**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.

### Development Updates

**Popeyes** - Now open between O'Reilly Auto Parts and Panda Express on Route 47. Home of the popular chicken sandwich!

**Thorntons and Car Wash** - The gas station is now open at the northwest corner of Kreutzer and Route 47. Car wash construction is slated to begin in 2021.

**Jewel Osco** - Jewel's second Huntley location, located at Reed Road on Route 47, is now open. Visit the new store for your grocery and pharmacy needs. <https://local.jeweloscoco.com/il/huntley>

**Premier Car Wash** - Now open on Vine Street, the car wash features three touchless automatic wash bays and features a bay specifically for larger vehicles. **Facebook:** @Premier-Car-Wash-Huntley

**Rte 47 Liquors** - Now open on Route 47 in Huntley Towers.

**Wendy's** - Locating at the southeast corner of Route 47 and Oak Creek Parkway (in the former Denny's) - opening Spring 2021.

**Hampton Inn** - Construction is underway on Huntley's first hotel, located just east of Route 47 south of Powers Road.

### From the Huntley Police Department - Avoid Coronavirus Scams

Know the difference between a real contact tracer and a scammer. Legitimate tracers need health information, not money or personal financial information.

Don't respond to texts, emails or calls about checks from the government or claiming to be from the CDC or WHO. Use sites like [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov) and [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus) to get the latest information. Never click on links from sources you don't know.

Ignore offers for vaccinations, testing kits and miracle treatments or cures. Scammers are selling products without proof that they work.

Do your homework when it comes to donations. Never donate in cash, by gift card or by wiring money.

Contact local law enforcement if you have additional questions.



### Huntley Farmers Market

Join us on the second Saturday of each month through May and continue enjoying homegrown and homemade items from our local family farms and vendors.



This year, the market is held in the Legion Hall (11712 Coral Street) and outside the building from 9 am to 1 pm. Booths are socially distanced and masks must be worn by all. Curbside delivery is also available. Learn more at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us)

### Congratulations Village of Huntley Public Works



On December 2, 2020, the Village of Huntley received the VUEWORKS Award of Excellence for Environmental/Community Impact. The Village's Public Works and Engineering Team was recognized for innovation in the handling of the Village's Pedestrian Access Route Inspection and Repair Program. This award considers the impacts on citizens and the community involved, environmental factors and profit or value delivered to the community through services or organization. Great work!