

HUNTLEY'S

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Important Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall:
847-515-5200

Water Billing:
847-515-5200

Public Works:
847-515-5222

Development Services:
847-515-5252

Police non-emergency:
847-515-5311

Police emergency dial 911

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 21

PRESIDENTS' DAY

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

MARCH 12

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

MARCH 13

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

MARCH 27

THOMAS STILLWELL HUNTLEY'S
215TH BIRTHDAY EVENT

APRIL 9

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

APRIL 23

GREEN & CLEAN HUNTLEY DAY

BE PREPARED...-freezing temperatures can lead to freezing pipes-

Prolonged cold temperatures like we often experience during Illinois winters can potentially cause water in pipes and water meters to freeze and burst in areas of your home that are unprotected and/or unheated. A burst water pipe or frozen service line can cause considerable property damage resulting in costly repairs and interruptions to your home's water service.

Tips to help prevent freezing water lines can be found on the Public Works & Engineering Water Division page at huntley.il.us.

A few suggestions include:

- Seal cracks in doors, windows and foundations. Small openings concentrate cold air creating a cold pocket that can quickly freeze pipes.
- Open cabinets and closets that contain water lines to allow warm air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Allow cold water to drip through faucets. Running or dripping water can help prevent water lines from freezing; however, even running water can freeze in sub-zero temperatures.
- If you're going away for an extended period, keep the heat on inside the house. Even a low thermostat heat setting helps protect the pipes in the event the outside temperature drops.

If a resident experiences a water outage caused by freezing pipes, they should contact the Public Works Department by calling 847-515-5222. Be safe and keep warm!

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Village offers a number of convenient payment options for water and sewer utility bills. Please call 847-515-5200 if you would like assistance determining which of the following payment options works best for your household or if you have questions concerning your bill.

- **In Person** - Visit us at Village Hall (10987 Main Street) Monday-Friday between the hours of 8am-5pm to pay via cash, check or credit card.
- **Drop Box** - Place the payment in an envelope and deposit it in the drop box located outside the Village of Huntley Municipal Complex (10987 Main Street)
- **Mail** - Village Hall, 10987 Main Street, Huntley, IL 60142

Visit the Village of Huntley Finance Department page on www.huntley.il.us to select one of the options listed below:

- **eUtility** - This online billing service allows you to view and pay a water/sewer bill online, anytime, anywhere via credit card. Please have your account number handy to register.
- **Auto Debit** - Download an [auto debit form](#) to have the utility bill balance drafted from a designated checking or savings account.

SAVE THE DATE FOR...**THOMAS STILLWELL HUNTLEY'S BIRTHDAY - MARCH 27**

Stay tuned for details of a community birthday celebration honoring the 215th birthday of Huntley's founding father, Thomas Stillwell Huntley (March 27, 1807 – May 21, 1894).

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET - MARCH 12, APRIL 9, MAY 14

Join us the second Saturday of each month through May from 9am-1pm in the Legion Hall (some vendors may be outdoors if weather permits). Shop your favorite vendors for homemade and homegrown items. Visit huntley.il.us for upcoming dates and vendor details. Thank you for supporting our local family farmers and businesses! The weekly Farmers Market returns on Saturday, May 28 for outdoor shopping on Coral Street.

GREEN & CLEAN HUNTLEY DAY - APRIL 23

It is almost time for Spring Cleaning! Mark your calendars for the Village's annual recycling event. Visit the Special Events page on the Village website for event details and a list of acceptable items.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING - APRIL 29

Did you know that Huntley is recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation? Join us as we plant trees together in celebration of Arbor Day. Details will be available on the Special Events page at huntley.il.us as the date nears. Visit celebratearborday.com for additional ways to take part in this day dedicated to trees.

VISIT THE SPECIAL EVENTS PAGE ON HUNTLEY.IL.US FOR DETAILS ON THESE EVENTS AND MORE!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Are you interested in learning how your police department operates? The Citizen Police Academy is a 12-week course that meets Wednesdays (March 16-June 1) from 6:30-9pm. The course consists of a series of presentations and discussions with different employees of the Huntley Police Department. The program covers various areas of policing, including patrol operations, neighborhood crime prevention, domestic violence, juvenile interactions, DUI, evidence collection and investigations.

Learn more about the program and sign up on the Village of Huntley Police Department page.

2022 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED

In accordance with Illinois State Statute and direction received from the Village Board of Trustees, the 2022 Annual Operating and Capital Budget was approved on December 9. Through the budget preparation and review process, operational and capital projects goals were identified for completion in 2022. Goals were approved in support of the mission, vision and statement of strategic intent of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. The 2022 Fiscal Year (FY22) Operating and Capital Budget totals \$44,792,073 in expenditures for all funds. The proposed budget is the largest in the Village's history, is proactive in meeting current and future operational and infrastructure needs and, perhaps most importantly, is reflective of a healthy and growing local economy.

The increase in expenditures from FY21 to FY22 is directly attributable to the following:

Re-engaging in Downtown Revitalization and Redevelopment (26% of increase)

The Village's downtown revitalization efforts have stagnated since 2018. This budget proposes over \$5 million in expenditures for parking, stormwater, streetscape and other infrastructure improvements associated with advancing overall downtown revitalization, redevelopment of the Catty and Fire Station #1 properties and the Main Street Shops/Incubator Business Expansion Program.

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Maintenance and Expansion Projects (24% of increase) The Village is committed to regularly assessing the condition of its water and wastewater system. As a part of the assessment process, this budget proposes over \$5 million in expenditures for the engineering of a new water well and treatment facility, Route 47 and Dean Street water main replacement project, the Eakin Creek gravity Sanitary Sewer project, and improvements to the East Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection System.

Annual Street/Right-of-Way Improvement Program and Kreutzer Road Widening (23% of increase) The Village is committed to monitoring the condition of roadway pavement and assets in the public right-of-way and making strategic roadway expansions. This budget proposes over \$6 million to maintain and expand the most important arterials in the Village's transportation network. Reed Road, Haligus Road and Ruth Road are proposed to be repaved. In addition, funding is included for Phase II engineering of the Kreutzer Road widening project east of Route 47 to Haligus Road. The total estimated cost for this project is approximately \$12 million.

Village Workforce Investment and Expansion (17% of increase) The Village's estimated population is just short of 30,000 residents and growing. This budget increases the total number of employees by four with a continued emphasis on providing the highest levels of customer service.

In accordance with Village financial and budget policies, the proposed budget for the General Operating Fund is balanced with \$14,899,221 in revenues and expenditures.