

HUNTLEY'S

Village Journal

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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

JANUARY 17
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

FEBRUARY 12
INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

FEBRUARY 21
PRESIDENTS' DAY
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

MARCH 12
INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

MARCH 13
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

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!

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING



Huntley Park District Tree Recycling: Bring your tree to Sun Valley Farm at Betsey Warrington Park (12201 West Main Street) between December 26 and 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.

Christmas Light Recycling is offered at Ziegler's Ace Hardware in Huntley. Shop local & recycle your lights at the same time! 10420 Route 47, Huntley | 847-669-5222 | zace.net

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.

HUNTLEY FARMERS MARKET

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.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A VERY MERRY HUNTLEY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

HUNTLEY IS A GENEROUS COMMUNITY!

Toys For Tots collected 120 toys through the Village of Huntley sponsored events.

Grafton Food Pantry - The total funds raised by the Christmas Tree Decorating, the Community Pasta Dinner (co-sponsored with Legion Post 673), and by Village Staff was \$1,662. This cash donation along with much needed paper goods will go a long way in supporting our local food pantry. Did you know that for every dollar donated, the Grafton Food Pantry can purchase \$8 of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank? Nice job Huntley!



A VERY MERRY HUNTLEY HOME & BUSINESS DECORATING

CONTEST WINNERS!

Huntley Fire Protection
District Station #1 (business)
and 11808 Mill Street (home)
Congratulations!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA HONORED OUR VETERANS!

Thank you to everyone who made Wreaths Across America a success in the Huntley and St. Mary cemeteries on December 18. Over 340 fresh wreaths were laid on the graves of our local veterans. In all, over 3,000 events took place nationwide and abroad on this date. Thank you to the volunteers, speakers, and spectators that braved the cold - and a very special thank you to Huntley American Legion Post 673 and the Huntley Rotary Club.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CLASS



The Huntley Police Department is excited to partner with the Kane County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management to host an Emergency and Disaster Preparedness class on Thursday, January 27 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Cosman Center (12015 Mill Street). Experienced members of the Kane County Emergency Management Team will provide information on the different types of emergencies and disasters that can occur in our area. Participants will learn how to create a family disaster plan and family emergency communications plan, develop a disaster supply kit and what to do during severe weather. This class is available to people over the age of 18 who reside or work in the Village of Huntley.

This class is free, but registration is required. Please complete the form at bit.ly/HPDprepared to reserve your seat.