

# HUNTLEY'S

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## A Very Merry Huntley 2023 brought out the kid in all of us!

Holiday shopping, train rides, reindeer, cocoa, the lighting of the trees and gazebo in the Town Square, fireworks - and Santa! What a wonderful day of festive community fun. A special thank you to all of the event sponsors! Thank you to the groups, families and organizations that decorated a tree this year. Congrats to the Tree Decorating Contest winner, Girl Scout Troop 73 Cadets. One of the best things about this day - you helped support community members by contributing to the Toys 4 Tots collection, and by participating in the Community Pasta Dinner and the Tree Decorating Contest that raised funds for the Grafton Food Pantry. Every \$1 donated to the Grafton Food Pantry has the buying power of \$8 at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The money donated during the Community Pasta Dinner and Tree Decorating Contest equates to \$11,200 worth of buying power - way to go, Huntley!

### 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 beginning on Tuesday, January 2. 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.

### SHOP HUNTLEY FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The holidays are a great time to support our local businesses and charitable organizations! Pick up a present, treat or gift card from your favorite Huntley restaurant, store or service provider. Our food pantries are accepting donations year-round. Visit [Shop Huntley](http://ShopHuntley.com) on the Village website for an online business directory.

### INDOOR FARMERS MARKET



Shop your favorite homegrown and homemade items all year long at the Village of Huntley Farmers Market. During the colder months, you will find the market indoors on the second Saturday of the month from 9am-1pm in the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall (Church and Main Street).

- THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HUNTLEY'S BUSINESSES! -

# 2023 - A Year in Review

roadway, sidewalk and lighting upgrades, community events and more are among the noteworthy highlights. Your support of the new businesses and your friendly welcoming of our new residents are what makes Huntley home! This year we saw the opening of businesses including Lincoln House & Co. Coffee and Wine Bar and D.C. Cobb's restaurant in downtown Huntley, P-Dubs Pet Hub, Extreme Clean and Tommy's Express car washes, Belle Tire, Gerber Collision and the long anticipated opening of Panera Bread. Thank you to these businesses, and the numerous others, that have chosen Huntley as their home for business! Residential growth continues in the Talamore and Cider Grove subdivisions. Construction has officially begun in the new M/I Homes Fieldstone subdivision. The Cornell Apartments (a redevelopment of the former Catty manufacturing building) and the Coral Street Firehouse Apartments (a redevelopment on the former downtown fire station site), are now fully leased. We look forward to enjoying these enhancements with you while also celebrating new business openings and gathering as a community at the fun events that await in the new year.

## 2023 was an exciting year in the Village of Huntley!

New businesses, new homes, redevelopment projects, downtown parking additions, infrastructure improvements,

## 2023 WEATHER READY NATION AMBASSADOR OF EXCELLENCE

The Village was one of 55 organizations selected from over 13,000 Ambassadors throughout the United States to receive be named a 2023 Weather Ready Nation Ambassador of Excellence by the National Weather Service. Read all about the process of earning this special recognition on the Village [website](#).

## Winter Weather Reminders

### PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR THE WINTER

It is the perfect time to prepare for the upcoming winter months. Consider the following wintertime tips:

- **Make sure pipes are protected.** Disconnect and drain all garden hoses. Make sure all spigots are turned off. Winterize your lawn irrigation system
- **Always turn off the water to your home when leaving for any length of time.**
- **If you plan on being away from your home for more than several days:** Turn off the main shut-off valve for the water (found before the water meter inside your home). *If you have a fire protection sprinkler system, this will become deactivated when you shut off the water.* Set the heat in your home at a minimum 55 degrees. Open cabinet doors to allow heat to reach the pipes under sinks and along exterior walls
- **If you will be leaving town for the winter,** it is recommended that your home be professionally winterized to avoid winter disasters.

### WINTER WEATHER ROADWAY REMINDERS

The Village Public Works team clears snow on approximately 132 centerline miles of roadway and 174 cul-de-sacs or eyebrows. Please help keep the roads free of snow and ice as much as possible by following some simple guidelines.

**Parking:** On-street parking is currently prohibited between the hours of 2am through 6am and at any time within 8 hours after a snowfall of 2 inches or more has occurred.

**Driveways:** Depositing snow from driveways and walkways into the street is prohibited by Village ordinance and creates a traffic hazard by leaving windrows or piles of snow in travel lanes. When clearing driveway aprons, property owners are encouraged to deposit snow in the parkway to the right side of the driveway (as you face the street) and as far away from the curb-line as possible. This will limit the amount of snow that the Village plow deposits into driveways as the streets are cleared.

To learn more, please view the Village of Huntley [Snow and Ice Control Plan](#) or the [Snow Removal Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the village website.

## PREPARE FOR WINTER DRIVING - FROM THE HUNTLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

You never know when you will encounter winter weather or an emergency road closure, so make sure your vehicle is prepared. Consider the following wintertime tips:

- Take your car in now for a tune-up and routine maintenance
- Ensure you have good winter tires (including a spare)
- Keep your gas tank above half full whenever possible
- Have emergency supplies available, such as a cell phone charger/power bank, jumper cables, snow shovel and brush, flashlight, sand or kitty litter, tow rope, first aid kit, water, snacks, warm clothes (including gloves, hat, boots), blankets and flares

It is also helpful to review winter driving skills for when we do encounter snow and ice:

- Watch the weather forecast for changing conditions and only travel if necessary
- Give yourself plenty of time to arrive at your destination
- Slow down and increase the distance from the car in front of you
- Brake early and gently
- Do not use cruise control
- If you do slide, gently steer into the slide and avoid over correcting
- Limit distractions and concentrate on the road
- Buckle up and drive sober for every trip

Finally, always give the plows and salt trucks plenty of room to do their job during and after any storm to ensure they can clear the roads effectively and safely.

