

# HUNTLEYS

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# 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 25**  
QPR SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING  
**FEBRUARY 11**  
INDOOR FARMERS MARKET  
**FEBRUARY 20**  
PRESIDENT'S DAY  
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED  
**MARCH 11**  
INDOOR FARMERS MARKET  
**MARCH 12**  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING

**Huntley Park District Tree Recycling:** Bring your tree to Sun Valley Farm at Betsey Warrington Park (12201 West Main Street) until January 31. The trees will be used as mulch in our beautiful parks so please remove tinsel and decorations. Free for residents.

**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.

## HUNTLEY INDOOR FARMERS MARKET



Join us on the second Saturday of each month from 9am-1pm at the indoor Farmers Market. This winter the market is in a new larger location within the Fellowship Hall at the First Congregational Church on Church/Main Street. Shop local and support small businesses and farmers. Visit [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) for more information.

## FREEZING TEMPS CAN LEAD TO FREEZING PIPES - BE PREPARED

Prolonged cold temperatures 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](http://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 subzero 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!

2023 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED

In accordance with Illinois State Statute and direction received from the Village Board of Trustees, the 2023 Annual Operating and Capital Budget was approved on December 8. Through the budget preparation and review process, operational and capital projects goals were identified for completion in 2023. Goals were approved in support of the mission, vision and statement of strategic intent of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. The 2023 Fiscal Year (FY23) Operating and Capital Budget totals \$51,627,506 in expenditures for all funds. The proposed budget is the largest in the Village's history and is reflective of and focused on the Village's vision of being the premier location in the region offering a healthy, well-balanced, prosperous, safe and friendly community for all.

Compared to the FY22 Budget, the FY23 Budget proposes \$7,438,375 (17%) more in total expenditures. The FY23 General Fund expenditures are \$17,182,012 or 33% of the total budget for all funds. Of the other major funds, the proposed expenditures and percentages of the overall budget are as follows:

- Water Capital Improvement and Equipment Fund \$8,794,000 (17%)
- Street Improvement and Road & Bridge Fund \$7,457,493 (14%)
- Water Operating Fund \$2,870,803 (6%)
- Wastewater Operating Fund \$2,859,643 (5%)

The Priority Expenditures in the FY23 Budget are:

New Water Production Facility

The Village is committed to regularly assessing the condition of its water and wastewater system and making improvements for the future. To that end, this budget proposes over \$7.9 million in expenditures for the engineering and construction of a new water well and treatment facility south of Kreutzer Road and just north of Regency Parkway extended east from Route

47 with completion scheduled to be finished by the end of 2024. Upon completion, the Village's overall water production capacity will increase from 5.1 million gallons per day to 6.2 million gallons per day.

Street Improvement Program and Kreutzer Road Widening

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 \$10.4 million to maintain existing roads. Roads to be repaved in FY23 include: a section of Dhamer Drive immediately west of Route 47; Neighborhoods 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9 in Sun City, as well as collector roads including Cold Springs Drive, Farmhill Drive, Hemmer Road, Stonewater Crossing, and Wildrose Drive; and Manning Road. This is the Village's most aggressive annual pavement management program to date with approximately 9.5 miles of roadway proposed to be resurfaced in 2023. 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

The Village's estimated population is 28,268 residents and growing. The Village's residential growth combined with hundreds of new employees from recently completed economic development projects creates additional demand for Village services. This budget proposes increases in wages and benefits to keep the Village competitive in a tight local labor market and increases the total number of employees by five with a continued emphasis on providing the highest levels of customer service.

The FY23 Budget is available for review on the Village website at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us).

FROM THE HUNTLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT - BEWARE OF TAXPAYER SCAMS

With the new tax season starting this month, please be aware that criminals continue to make aggressive calls posing as IRS agents in hopes of stealing taxpayer money or personal information.

The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
- Demand that taxes be paid without giving taxpayers the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Call unexpectedly about a tax refund.
- Initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.

If you receive this type of phone call, record the number and then hang up the phone immediately. Never provide information if you notice any of the red flags mentioned above. If you receive an IRS impersonation call, you can also report the phone number through [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) or by calling 800-366-4484.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A Very Merry Huntley THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

A Very Merry Huntley brought out the kid in all of us with shopping, fun activities, the Town Square lighting, cocoa, a pasta dinner, fireworks - and Santa! What a wonderful day of festive community excitement! Generous donations raised from the tree decorating contest, the community pasta dinner and a portion of the event sales donated by The Glow Zone totaled \$1,920.06! Every \$1 donated to the Grafton Food Pantry has the buying power of \$8 at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This donation equates to \$15,360.48 worth of buying power for the Grafton Food Pantry. Way to go Huntley! The local food pantries appreciate donations all year round, and thank you for helping to support our neighbors and organizations.



Congratulations to the winner of the 2022 Tree Decorating Contest, The Hounds of Huntley.